

PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID CWMBRAN

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20th February 2022

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Saturday: Votive Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday	9.10am 9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer Mass: The People of the Parish Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, <i>until 11.15am</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 11:15am</i>
Saturday/Sunday 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time	4.15pm 5.00pm 6.30pm 9.30am 11.15am 1:30pm	St David's St David's Our Lady's Our Lady's St David's Our Lady's	Sacrament of reconciliation, <i>until 4.45pm</i> Mass: + Margaret Burton (PC) Mass: + Sue Rees (M&MW) Mass: The Wellbeing of Bernadette Davies (PT) <i>After Mass:</i> Coffee Morning (St. Anne's Room) Mass: + John Werrett (BW) Baptism: Hollie Su-Yen Moss
Monday:	9.10am 9.30am	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer Mass: + Jack Sheehy (PP)
Tuesday: The Chair of St Peter the Apostle. Feast	7:30am 9.10am 9.30am 10:00am	Our Lady's St David's	Mass: + Ints Nan Kelly and Family (AH) <i>Followed by Breakfast (St. Anne's Room)</i> Morning Prayer Mass: + Vincent James Williams (DS) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, <i>until 11.00am</i>
Thursday:	9.10am 9.30am 6.00pm 7.45pm	St David's Our Lady's	Morning Prayer Mass: + Terry Crowley (MC) R.C.I.A. (St. Anne's Room) Parish Prayer Group (St. Anne's Room)
Friday:	11.00am	Our Lady's	Requiem Mass: + Kathleen Palmer
Saturday: Votive Memorial of Our Lady	9.10am 9.30am 10.00am 10.30am 1.00pm	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer Mass: Bereavement Mass Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, <i>until 11.30am</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 11:30am</i> Baptism: Jaxx Daniel Morgan
Saturday/Sunday 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time	4.15pm 5.00pm 6.30pm 9.30am 11.15am	St David's St David's Our Lady's Our Lady's St David's	Sacrament of reconciliation, <i>until 4.45pm</i> Mass: + Lee Davies (AD) Mass: + Shannon McAllister (B&JS) Mass: + Patricia McGrath (PL) <i>After Mass:</i> Coffee Morning (St. Anne's Room) Mass: + Mr & Mrs J Mulgrew and T. Powell-Hill (JS)

BAPTISM: We welcome into our parish family Hollie Su-Yen Moss and Jaxx Daniel Morgan who are being baptised this week and congratulate their families as the children begin their Faith journeys.

Bereavement Mass.

On Saturday 26th February at 9.30am a Bereavement Mass will be celebrated in Our Lady of the Angels Church, for parishioners and friends who have died. A special invitation is being extended to those parishioners and friends who have experienced the pain of bereavement during October – December 2021. If you have a relative or friend who has died and you would like them included in the Mass please give their names to the parish office, Tel: 01633 482346 or 07925813174 Email: cwmbbran@rcadc.org

Prayer & Worship

Parish Sick

We pray for the sick and housebound of our parish and for those who care for them and for those who have asked for our prayers, especially: **Bernadette Davies, Keri Williams, Mrs Kopec, Ann Pitchforth, Tina Cordani, Joyce Coughlan, Tommy Harris, Iverna Ward, Michael Evans, Philip Short, Chris Mulcahy, Sean Gilgunn, Brenda Bold, Hazel McCarthy, Fr Kevin Paine and Caroline Paine, Imelda Smith, Malcolm and Cecelia Williams, Sam McCausland, Terry Mahoney, Shelagh & Ray Mills, Jill Hudd, Shaun Worsfold, Michael Barry, Diane Pearce, Margaret Lennon, Goff James, John Cullen, Paul Taylor, Rachael James, Michael Keohane and David MacDonald.**

Requiescant in Pace

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Eleanor Williams, Kathleen Palmer and Teresa Ellen Wisniewski and for all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Celebrating St. David

Here in the parish we are privileged to have two patron saints, interceding for us before the throne of Almighty God – Our Lady, and St. David. This means that the parish has a double opportunity to seek the intercession of our patron saints throughout the year.

Novena to St. David

The parish novena to St. David will begin on Sunday, 20th February. During the novena, we seek the intercession of St. David for those people close to your heart, and for a renewal of zeal for the faith in our land.

Novena Prayer:

O great St. David,
 you are an apostle and patron for the people of Wales.
 Grant, we implore, that through your prayers,
 your people will be enlightened by the truth
 which you taught,
 and obtain everlasting life.
 Heavenly Father, you know all things,
 and nothing is hidden from you.
 We turn to you in confidence.
 In your kindness come to the aid of your people
 as we seek your intercession
 for the people of Wales.
 Amen.

St. David's Day – 1st March

The parish Mass for St. David's Day will take place at **9:30am** at St. David's. I am looking forward to being able to welcome Reception & Year 6 from St. David's to Mass. Both of our Primary School communities will watch and pray the Mass with us via the St. David's live-stream.

Mass will be followed by a festive Coffee Morning in the St. Non's Room.

Parish Prayer

Come Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with wisdom, love and courage, make us more like Christ in our works and actions.

Bless the work of your Church. Renew us all in the desire to make Christ known and loved in the world today.
 Bless the work of our Parish. Guide all that we do so that our church is a place of mercy and service for all who are seeking you

Deepen our love For the Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and guide us in prayer and action as we journey towards Discipleship to become the Church you are calling us to be.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Stewardship & Formation



Celebrating the Sacraments –

Confirmation

Thank you to the younger members of our parish who have offered themselves for the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is a significant moment in your journey of faith. Pope Francis refers to Confirmation as the Sacrament which "strengthens our relationship with the Church and [...] gives us a special strength from the Holy Spirit to defend the faith and confess the name of Christ".

I would like to invite those preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation to begin their preparation on **Thursday, 3rd March 2022** at **6:00pm** at **St. David's Church, Pontnewydd**. An email has gone out to the families of those who have already registered.

Please pray every day for our young people as they make this significant commitment.

Confirmation Catechists

In order to prepare to welcome our *Confirmandi*, I would be grateful if I could meet with the Confirmation catechists via Zoom this **Monday, 21st February** at **6:30pm**. I will email out the Meeting ID directly. If you would like to help guide our young parishioners during this significant stage of their faith journey, please email or telephone me directly.

Synod Conversations

The Synod conversations which have taken place around the parish have been enlightening. Please continue to share your thoughts on these above general questions. Here are some of the big questions for us to consider:

What is the Church/Parish doing well?

What is the Church/Parish doing less well?

What can the Church/Parish do to help fulfil its mission?

Your reflections and can either be sent into the Parish Office or placed into the box at the back of the church. Questionnaires are still available to pick up. You can also complete the questionnaire online via the parish website.

Alpha

The first Alpha course to be held in the parish has just been completed, and the participants have now entered a time of discernment on the RCIA programme, with a view to be received into the Church at Easter. Please pray for them. There have been several enquiries throughout the parish from parishioners who would like to participate. This will begin at the end of **April** and will take place on Mondays in the St. Non's Room of St. David's Church. Registration is now open through the parish website. I have put more information, and the registration form, can be found on the website: www.ourladyoftheangels.org.uk/alpha.

Social & Fundraising

Tuesday Club

On Tuesday, 1st March, the Tuesday Club have arranged Afternoon Tea at Trio's in Pontnewydd (£10 per person). If you would like to attend this, please contact Paddy Landers directly ASAP

Food Bank Collections – Change of Week

Please make a note that the Food Bank collections will now place on the **second** weekend of each month. **The next collection is on 12/13th March.** Thank you for your continued support.

SVP

The next meeting of the SVP will be held this Thursday 24th February in St Non's room at St David's Church at 6pm. New members welcome.

Lent 2022

On Wednesday, 2nd March, we begin the season of Lent. Lent is a time of grace for the Church, during which we are invited to prepare ourselves to celebrate the salvific actions of Christ, His Passion, His death, and His Resurrection. During the forty days of Lent we enter the desert. The desert is a time of solitude, a time of taking that step back, a time of silence, and the attentive listening so as to be able to hear the voice of the Father speak directly to our heart. Learning to live in a post-pandemic world has given us a lot of things to process: the events and consequences of the pandemic itself, the questions and issues which have arisen as a result of the various lockdowns, not being able to mourn the loss of a loved one, having to face the various demons which lie beneath the service. This year's Lent in particular offers us an opportunity to break through the deafening barrier of silence, to that place of intimate encounter. Pope Francis last year, reflected: *"[Jesus] taught us how to seek the Father who speaks to us in silence. And it is not easy to be silent in the heart because we always try to talk a little, to be with others"*.

Ash Wednesday

Holy Mass for Ash Wednesday, including the Distribution of Ashes, will take place at the following times:

Morning Prayer (OLA): 9:10am

Holy Mass (OLA): 9:30am

Holy Mass (SD): 6:00pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Leaning on the Breast of the Lord

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is such a treasure for us in the parish, and we are graced that there are several opportunities to encounter the Lord each week:

Tuesdays (SD): *after Mass, until 11:00am*

Fridays (OLA): *after Mass, until 11:30am*

Saturdays (OLA): *after Mass, until 11:15am*

During this precious time of encounter, we reflect something of the intimacy between the Beloved Disciple and Our Lord, when the Beloved Disciple leans on the breast of the Lord. This Lent gives us an opportunity to rediscover this intimacy during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; a moment when we can lean on the breast of the Lord, and allow heart to speak unto heart. This time of Adoration is also live-streamed.

Quote from Pope Benedict XVI: *"In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering"*.

The Rite of Election

The Rite of Election Service will be held at St. David's Cathedral, Cardiff on **Sunday 6th March 2022** at **3:00pm**. Those who are to be received into full communion will be presented to the Archbishop, and their names enrolled in the Book of Elect.

The Chrism Mass

Archbishop George Stack will preside at the Chrism Mass on **Tuesday, 12th April**, beginning at **11:30am**. This will be the first time in two years where the priests have been able to gather with the Archbishop to renew their priestly commitments and to bless the oils which will be used for the various sacraments throughout the coming year.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be prayed during Lent at the following times:

Mondays (OLA): *after the morning Mass*

Thursdays (SD): *after the morning Mass*