

The Advent CandlesTune: *Away in a Manger***First Sunday of Advent**

A candle is burning, a flame warm
and bright;
A candle of *Hope* in December's dark
night.
While angels sing blessings from
heav'n's starry sky
Our hearts we prepare now, for
Jesus is nigh.

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30th November 2014**1st Sunday of Advent Year B****PSALTER WEEK 1****First Reading: Isaiah 63: 16-17, 64: 1, 3-8****Second Reading: 1Cor 1:3-9****Gospel: Mark 13: 33-37****Psalms (All)**

O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth
from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse
up your might, O Lord, come to our help.
God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look
down from heaven and see. Visit this vine
and protect it, the vine your right hand has
planted. May your hand be on the man you
have chosen, the man you have given your
strength. And we shall never forsake you
again: give us life that we may call upon your
name.

Advent opens with a great cry, and a great promise: "Oh that you would tear the heavens open and come down! is the cry, of a people who need God. "...The master is coming is the promise, not to breed fear, but to answer our cry. Advent begins, not with thoughts of the past, with the coming of the Lord we celebrate at Christmas, but with the future, and the promise that He is coming back. We are encouraged to treat every day as the day the Lord will come; we do not do this out of fear for a Master who beats his servants, but out of love of a Master who always treats us with love and mercy. Nevertheless we must always be watchful, because we can grow sleepy and complacent, saying that we can leave this prayer or that confession or the other change in the way we live to tomorrow. Even as we look forward to the tomorrow of the Lord's coming, we must remember that it might be today!

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK**TEA, COFFEE, BISCUITS and a CHAT in St Anne's room after 9.30am Mass today and every Sunday****Morning Prayer: Mon, Tues, & Wed 9.10am, Thurs 9.40am****Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm**

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Tom & Doreen Probert (JA)	<i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Maldwyn Lloyd (VL)	
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish	
	11.15am	St David's	Brennon Family (BB)	<i>St Francis Xavier, Priest</i>
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Brian Draisey (SS)	
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Barry Cadogan (JC)	
Wednesday	<u>9.30am</u>	Our Lady's	Barbara Jolliffe (CM)	
Thursday	<u>10.00am</u>	St David's	Olwyn Szymanski (JC)	
Friday	9.00am	Our Lady's	Ruby and David Williams (VW)	<i>Funeral Service for Kathleen Pask</i>
	9.45am	Our Lady's	Gina Basini Gazzi (BF)	
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Amanda Whittaker (SW)	
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Tom & Megan Cahill (JD): Carmine Abarno (TF)	
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish	
	11.15am	St David's		<i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>

**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION****SATURDAY**

Our Lady's Church
12noon -12.30pm
St David's Church
3.45pm – 4.15pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 10.30am**In Our Lady's on Friday 5th December****Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

St David's: Tuesday 10am -11.30pm
Our Lady's: Friday 10.30am – 5pm

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid	£407.55
Non Gift Aid	£654.91
Gift Aid Standing Order	£121.73
Total giving this week	£1184.19
Mass Count: 517	

What's on this week

Tues	10.00am	St David's: Divine Mercy Group
	2.00pm	Our Lady's: Social Club
	6.30pm	St David's: SVP
Wed	10.00am	St David's: Choir Practice
Thurs	10.00am	St David's: Legion of Mary
	4.30pm	Our Lady's: Choir Practice
	7.00pm	Our Lady's: RCIA Course

Catechesis**First Confession and Holy Communion Programme.**

The course commences on 12 January. The child must be a Catholic and baptised. It is presumed the parents are practising Catholics. If you wish to enrol your child on the programme please get in touch by telephoning 01633 482346 to make an appointment with the Parish Priest.

Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church or do you know anyone who may be interested, please contact Canon John

Piety Stalls at Our Lady's and St David's

Christmas cards, diaries and calendars are now on sale

Reminder for Eucharistic Ministers

Please give Canon John the names and contact numbers of the sick and housebound parishioners you visit.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

We welcome Fr Kevin Paine to our Parish. Fr Kevin will be at St David's Church for confessions this Saturday and next Saturday at 3.45pm.

St David Church: Christmas Flowers

THERE WILL BE A COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND 6/7th TO PURCHASE FRESH FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS PLEASE GIVE WHAT YOU CAN. THANK YOU.

Our Lady of the Angels Church: Christmas Flowers

There will be a collection at Our Lady's on 6/7th December for Christmas Flowers; donations can be given to Eileen Gilgunn or Veronica Williams at any time.

UCM Sale

The UCM are holding a cake, marmalade and pickles sale after Mass on Saturday 13th December and Sunday 14th December.

Christmas Draw

The UCM will be selling raffle tickets on 30th Nov/1st December at £1 per strip for a food hamper and other prizes.

Advent to Christmas

Christmas Eve: St David's 6pm
Our Lady's 9pm

Christmas Day: Our Lady's 9am
St David's 10.30am

Our Lady of the Angels: Church Cleaning

Church cleaning will take place on Wednesday 3rd December at 10.00am. If you can spare an hour please come along.

ADVENT HOMILIES

Fr. Tim McGrath will give the four "Friday Homilies" in preparation for the Sundays of Advent at St. David's Cathedral during the 12.45 Mass.

Bath Christmas Market 6th December

The coach will leave Our Lady's at 9.30am. There are still seats available on the coach. If you are interested please contact Carole Morgan 01633 863048 or cwmbranadmin@virginmedia.com

Food Bank Collection next weekend.**ADVENT**

Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas, when Christ's first coming to us is remembered: and as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation.

The Cycle of Prayer: During Advent and Christmastide, we are invited to pray for Openness to the Word of God, for Migrants and Refugees, and for Expectant Mothers.

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