

# PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID, CWMBRAN

(Registered Charity No. 242380)

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1<sup>st</sup> December 2013  
Psalter Week 1

First Sunday in Advent Year A

***Stay awake, so that you may be ready!***

Advent opens with a great promise: "In the days to come..." the hope of a people who need God. "...The master is coming" is also a promise, not a threat to breed fear, but to answer our cry. So 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 stay awake, and 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 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!

## Our Parish Liturgy and Devotions This Week

Morning Prayer: Tues, Wed & Thurs 9.10am, Fri: 9.40am Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

<b>Saturday</b>	4.30pm	St David's	Marian & Gerard Rosser (P&ML)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Thomas McCarthy (BG)
<b>Sunday</b>	9.30am	Our Lady's	Lucia Basini Gazzini (TC)
	11.15am	St David's	Fr Jimmy Morrissey (MJ)
<b>Monday</b>	9.30am	Abbey	People of the Parish
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30am	St David's	Tom Jordan (M&DP) <i>ST Francis Xavier</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<u>9.30am</u>	Our Lady's	Veronica Kent (RD)
<b>Thursday</b>	9.30am	St David's	Cecil Magness (LR)
<b>Friday</b>	9am -5pm	Our Lady's	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.00am	Our Lady's	John De Lacey (B&JS)
<b>Saturday</b>	12-12.30	Our Lady's	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	3.45-4.15	St David's	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	4.30pm	St David's	Francesco and Rosemary Spiteri
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Amanda Whittaker (SW)
<b>Sunday</b>	9.30am	Our Lady's	Denis Sheehy (E&SG)
	11.15am	St David's	Rhys Parker (M&DP)



**TEA, COFFEE, BISCUITS and a  
CHAT in St Anne's room after  
9.30am Mass today and every  
Sunday**

## **BAPTISM AND WEDDING APPOINTMENTS**

**Please contact Canon John on**

**01633482346 or email**

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**First Reading:** Isaiah 2:1-5

**Res:** I rejoiced when I heard them say: "let us go to God's house"

**Second Reading:** Romans 13:11-14

**Gospel:** Matthew 24:37-44

## ***Advent: Sacrament of Reconciliation***

On Wednesdays 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December from 7pm-8pm Father Kevin Paine will be at Our Lady's Church to hear confessions

***UCM Annual Cake Sale will*** be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December after Mass. Tickets for the Christmas raffle will be on sale also.

## *What's on this week at Our Lady's*

Tuesday: 2pm Social Club

Wednesday: 8pm UCM

8pm Choir Practice

## *Your giving to your Parish: many thanks*

Gift Aid	£419.50
Non Gift Aid	£692.56
Gift Aid Standing Order	£117.12
Total giving this week	£1229.18
Emergency CAFOD Appeal	£2017.93

## *WALK WITH ME Booklet*

A Journey of Prayer for Advent and Christmastide 2013 now on sale £1 each. Please buy one for someone you know to be a "Resting Catholic."

## *First Reconciliation will be celebrated on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2014*

The first class for parents and children will take place on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2014 in St Anne's room at Our Lady of the Angels Church at 5.30pm. Forms are available from Our Lady of the Angels School and St David's School and for children who attend Non-Catholic Schools forms are available from Canon John

## *First Holy Communion*

The first class will take place on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2014 in St Anne's room, Our Lady of the Angels Church at 5.30pm. First Holy Communion will be celebrated at Our Lady's on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 10am and at St David's on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> May at 10am

## *Interested in Becoming a Catholic?*

The group continues to meet in St Anne's room at Our Lady's Church on Thursdays at 8.00pm for anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church. Please come along if you want to know more about the Faith

Christmas Prize Draw tickets are on sale this weekend at St David's Church. Lots of prizes including M&S Hampers, champagne, pressure cooker and many more!

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

Christmas cards and calendars are now on sale

## *Right to Life*

A day of fasting and prayer on Friday, 13th December. Please see poster for further details. The organisers would like parishioners to sponsor them for the 24 hours, please see sponsor list for details.

## *What's on this week at St David's*

Tuesday: 10am Divine Mercy Devotions

Wednesday: 10am Choir Practice

Thursday: 10am Legion of Mary

## *CAFOD: Philippines Haiyan Typhoon appeal.*

We are absolutely amazed with the generosity and speed with which the Catholic community in South Wales and Herefordshire has responded to our emergency **Philippines Haiyan Typhoon appeal**. Schools and parishes have been hard at work fundraising over the last few weeks, responding with At the time of writing this e-bulletin, our Philippines Haiyan Typhoon appeal had already reached over £1.6 million, with still many cheques to come in from schools and parishes. These donations are making a huge difference on the ground helping our local Church partners to deliver aid quickly to those who need it most enormous generosity to this unprecedented disaster. A huge **THANK YOU** for all your support to help make this a reality. As a result we have been able to support our partner Caritas Philippines who has provided food packs for 345,000 people across the country.

## *Churches Together, Cwmbran*

Our United Carol Service will be held at 11.30am in Gwent Square on Saturday 7 December 2013.

*Youth 2000 New Year Retreat:*  
*Home Coming*

29<sup>th</sup> Dec 2013 – 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2014. Open to all aged 16-35. See poster for details

*REQUIESCANT IN PACE*

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Valerie Jones, John Stead and Geraldine Godwin who died recently and for their family and friends

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