

Parish of Our Lady and St David, Cwmbran

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SUNDAY 1st MARCH 2015

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

PSALTER WEEK 2

Lent is a Season of preparation for the whole Paschal Triduum – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday: not just a time to reflect on the Cross. Often our Lenten devotions can focus exclusively on the Cross, and the idea of Baptism can be lost. This is why the Church invites us to join the disciples in looking beyond the cross this Sunday: we see the glory of Easter, the glory of the resurrection and the glory of the baptised. We see all this in the Transfiguration: we are invited to recognise who Jesus is. It is the glorified Jesus, whom we will celebrate at Easter, who calls us to journey through Lent, just as God called Abram to journey far from his home. So the readings lead to us acknowledges that Lent is a very special ‘calling’, to follow the Lord of glory to the renewal of baptismal purity.

1st Reading : Genesis 12:1-4

2nd Reading: Timothy 1: 8-10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

SUNDAY READINGS **DURING LENT ARE** **FROM YEAR A**

Psalm

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.
The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all hope in you.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St David's : Tuesday 10.00am -11.30am

Our Lady's: Friday 9.30am-5.00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Our Lady's: 12noon -12.30pm

St David's: 3.45pm-4.15pm

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid	£366.10
Non Gift Aid	£705.53
Gift Aid Standing Order	£121.73
Total giving this week	£1193.36
Mass Count: 432	

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer: Mon, Tues and Thurs 9.10am

Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Olwyn Szymanski: Ints Joan Gallagher (MB)	<u>2ND Sunday of Lent Year A</u>
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Thanksgiving (AH)	
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Eileen McClenchy (PL)	
	11.15am	St David's	The People of the Parish	<i>St David, Bishop and Patron of Wales</i>
	4.00pm	Our Lady's	Polish Mass	
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Lucia Basini Gazzzi (TC)	
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Maureen James (KB)	<u>3rd Sunday of Lent Year A</u>
Wednesday	2.00pm	Our Lady's	Cecilia Waters (W.Fam)	
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Deceased Jones Family: Stephen Thomas (JT)	
Friday	9.00am	Our Lady's	Jem Gannon (DO'B)	
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Kathleen Rabaioiti (B.Fam)	
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Danny Aherne (M&JH)	
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Fred and Violet Faulkner (PT)	
	11.15am	St David's	The People of the Parish	

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

FOOD BANK COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

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

Parish Diary this Week

Tues	10.00am 2.00pm	St David's: Divine Mercy Group Our Lady's: Social Club
Wed	2.00pm	Our Lady's: UCM
Thurs	10.00am 10.00am 7.00pm	St David's: Choir Practice St David's: Stations of the Cross Our Lady's: RCIA Course's
Fri	9.30am	Our Lady's: Stations of the Cross

Catechesis

First Confession and Holy Communion Programme.

The course continues on Monday 2nd March at 5pm in St Anne's room at Our Lady's. **It is expected that parents bring their children to Mass.**

Lenten Devotions

Stations of the Cross:

St David's: Thursdays at 10.00am

Our Lady's: Fridays at 9.30am

Lent Bible Studies 2015

This year's theme is **"When Love Speaks"** "words from the Cross.

All studies at 11am at Cwmbran URC except for 13th March which will be at Our Lady's.

Lunch after each study, Soup and a Roll 12noon at The Salvation and Army, Wesley Street. See poster for details

THANK YOU

Thanks to Angela Hanlon and her gang who make tea and coffee after Sunday Mass and to everyone who supports it for their generous donation of £500

Deanery Lenten Mass

The Lenten Mass for the our Deanery will be celebrated on Monday 16th March at Our Lady's and St Michael Church in Abergavenny at 7pm. If you want to reserve a seat on the coach please put your name and contact number on the list in the porch.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day Collection

CAFOD's Lent Fast Day Collection will take place this weekend. Your contributions this year will be doubled by the UK Government, and will ensure that we can help even more of our sisters and brothers deal with the devastating impact of extreme weather, including storms, droughts and floods. Thank you for your generous compassion for those living in poverty.

The Call, the Journey and the Mission

Ahead of the forthcoming Ordinary Synod on the Family in October 2015, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, has asked us to reflect with 'true spiritual discernment' on the themes relating to marriage and family life that emerged from the Extraordinary meeting of Bishops held in Rome in October 2014. **A meeting will be held on 9th March at 7pm in St Anne's room at Our Lady's.**

St David's Church: Missio Red Boxes

The Red Boxes are due to be emptied. Please leave them in the Piety stall.

WOMEN'S WORLD OF PRAYER

Women's World Day of Prayer will be held in Richmond Road Baptist Church on Friday, 6th March at 7pm. Theme: Praying for the Bahamas. All welcome

SPUC Youth Conference 2015

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children's Youth Conference 2015 promises to be the best yet with excellent speakers on topics which will help young people ages 16 upwards in the ongoing fight against abortion, euthanasia and other ant-life practices. Make sure young people you know are informed and up-to-date by attending this exciting event, which is flourishing year after year. The conference is from 6-8 March 2015, at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, Southport. Financial help available if required. Contact conference@spuc.org.uk for more details or contact Molly Macdonald on 01495 758284

Week of Prayer & Awareness for Dementia:

12th March to 19th March 2015

The Annual Archdiocesan Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick for Dementia Suffers and their Carers, will be celebrated on Thursday 19th March at 12:00 Noon in All Hallows Church, Miskin, CF72 8PG. Please come together and pray for all who experience the effects of Dementia.

Wales and the Marches Catholic History Society
Seán Cleary - "Bute, Llanisien and the Early Nineteenth Century Irish"

When: 3pm on Sunday March 8th

Where: St. David's Catholic Sixth Form College in Tygwyn Rd., Cardiff. All are very welcome to attend
Further information: Tricia Coulthard 02920 595899

Parish Directory

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God has created me to do him some definite service; he has committed some work to me which he has committed no other. I have my mission... I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons, he has not created me for naught.

