



Parish of Our Lady and St David, Cwmbran (Registered Charity No. 242380)

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7th December 2014 2nd Sunday of Advent Year B PSALTER WEEK 2

Throughout the first three weeks of Advent our focus is very clearly on the Second Coming of the Lord - not so much on the run up to Christmas (until the last week). If we view Advent as a preparation for Christmas these readings will make little sense - and neither will the figure of John the Baptist who appears today: if it's about the preparation for Christmas, then John the Baptist, preaching after Jesus was born, is a confusing figure: but his role is to preach to us, as he did of old, and to prepare us for the (second) coming of the Lord. Today we have a very graphic reference to the end of time and the Second Coming in the reading from Saint Peter; it is a frightening picture, and so the first reading offers tender words of comfort to help us understand who is coming, and why we should be ready to meet him.

Advent Hymn (Tune: Away in a Manger)

- 1 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.
- 2 A candle is burning, a candle of PEACE;
 A candle to signal that conflict must cease.
 For Jesus is coming to show us the way;
 A message of Peace humbly laid in the hay

Readings and Psalm

1st Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3: 8-14

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:1-8

Psalm

I will hear what the Lord has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps.

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, & Thurs 9.10am, Tues 9.40am

Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Gina Basini Gazzi (BG)	2 nd Sunday of Advent
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Amanda Whittaker(SW)	
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Megan & Tom Cahill (JD): Carmine Abarno (TF)	School Advent Mass
	11.15am	St David's	The People of the Parish	
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Ints of Angela Hanlon (S&EG) : Margaret Jordan (PP)	<u>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BVM</u>
Tuesday	<u>10.00am</u>	St David's	Ints Of Deacon Peter and Marie McLaren (JC)	
Wednesday	2.00pm	Our Lady's	Ints Alan Cook (P&LM)	
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Parents of the O'Duffy Family (K&PO'D)	
Friday	9.00am	Our Lady's	Rees and Jo Parlow's ints. (MP)	
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Rose and Jack Clifford (MW): Fred and Mary Strutt (MM)	3 rd Sunday in Advent
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish	
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Lucia Basini Gazzi (TC)	
	11.15am	St David's	Teresa Lusardi (BG): Elsie & Jack Coombes & Elizabeth & Joe (RJ&VW)	

Welcome to Mrs Sheelagh McCool, Staff and Children of Our Lady's School who are with us today.

We welcome into our parish family Jasmine Elizabeth Wigg who will be baptised today at 11.15am in St David's and congratulate her parents as she starts her Faith journey

N.B. ON TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER THERE WILL BE NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN ST DAVID'S

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of the Angels Church on Friday 12th December 9.30-5pm

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 13th December, 12noon -12.30pm at Our Lady's, 3.45pm-4.15pm at St David's

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid	£350.90
Non Gift Aid	£682.41
Gift Aid Standing Order	£121.73
Total giving this week	£1155.04
Mass Count: 435	

What's on this week

Tues	10.00am	St David's: Divine Mercy Group
	2.00pm	Our Lady's: Social Club
Wed	10.00am	St David's: Choir Practice
	2.00pm	Our Lady's: UCM
Thurs	10.00am	St David's: Legion of Mary
	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.

St David Church: Christmas Flowers

THERE WILL BE A COLLECTION THIS 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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Tuesday 16th December at St David's Church 10am-11am and Friday 19th December at Our Lady's Church 10am - 11am (N.B. these days and times are subject to change in the event of a funeral taking place) as well as the usual Saturday times.

Advent to Christmas

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

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

St David's Church: THANK YOU

A big thank you to the anonymous donor of the Monstrance for the Church and to the Szymanski family who donated the new Baptismal font in memory of Olwyn.

St David's Church Cleaning

This will take place on Tuesday 16th December at 12noon

Altar Servers

There will be a training session for the Altar Servers on Saturday 13th December 2014 at 2.45pm, for approximately 45 minutes. This training will be led by Canon John at Our Lady of the Angels Church. Please note that as part of this session we will be checking the fit of the new albs recently purchased for Altar Servers. Please make every effort to ensure that your child attends.

Prayer for Discernment

God our Father, You have a plan for each one of us, You hold out to us a future full of hope. Give us the wisdom of Your Spirit so that we can see the shape of Your plan in the gifts You have given us, and in the circumstances of our daily lives. Give us the freedom of Your Spirit, to seek you with all our hearts, and to choose Your will above all else. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

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