

PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID, CWMBRAN

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8th December 2013

Second Sunday in Advent Year A

Psalter Week 2

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand



Throughout the first three weeks of Advent our focus is very clearly on the End of Time, and the Second Coming of the Lord - not on the run up to Christmas (that only comes in the last week). If we view Advent as a Season preparing for Christmas these readings will make little sense - and neither will the figure of John the Baptist who appears today: if it was about the preparation for Christmas, then John the Baptist, preaching after Jesus was born, becomes a confusing figure: his role is to preach to us, as he did of old, and to prepare us for the (second) coming of the Lord. Everything gets more specific today: what is being preached is not an event, but a person: Isaiah promises him, John welcomes him, Paul invites us to imitate him. We have here a thumbnail portrait of the Messiah – useful to refer to when we get to Christmas and he is revealed as a child in a manger!

Our Parish Liturgy and Devotions This Week

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

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Res: In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails

Second Reading: Romans 15: 4-9

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Francesco and Rosemary Spiteri
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Amanda Whittaker (SW)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Denis Sheehy (E&SG)
	11.15am	St David's	Rhys Parker (M&DP)
Monday	9.30am	Abbey	People of the Parish
	4.00pm	Our Lady's	Vigil for Geraldine Godwin
Tuesday	12.15pm	Our Lady's	Funeral Mass For Geraldine Godwin
Wednesday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Thanksgiving (VL)
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	John Tiepney (EY)
	4.00pm	St David's	Vigil for Clare Cole
Friday	9am -5pm	Our Lady's	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00am	St David's	Funeral Mass for Clare Cole
Saturday	12-12.30	Our Lady's	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	3.45-4.15	St David's	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	4.30pm	St David's	Rose and Jack Clifford (MW)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Settimio (Tom) Tritardli
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Thanksgiving Golden Wedding
	11.15am	St David's	Denis Donoghue (VD)

Parish Advisory Council

Will meet at 7pm on Thursday
12th December in St Non's

BAPTISM AND WEDDING APPOINTMENTS

Please contact Canon John on
01633482346 or email
cwmbbranparish@virginmedia.com

UCM Annual Cake Sale after Mass on Saturday
7th and Sunday 8th December at
Our Lady's

Advent: Sacrament of Reconciliation

On Wednesday 11th and 18th December from 7pm-8pm Father Kevin Paine will be at Our Lady's Church to hear confessions

What's on this week at Our Lady's

Tuesday: 2pm Social Club

Wednesday: 8pm UCM

8pm Choir Practice

Sunday 15th December: 9.30 Family Mass with Our

Lady's School

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid £489.10

Non Gift Aid £694.10

Gift Aid Standing Order £117.12

Total giving this week £1300.32

Emergency CAFOD Appeal £2087.93

WALK WITH ME Booklet £1.00

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."

Directory & Year Books £2.60

The Archdiocesan directory and year books are now available.

Parish Diaries. £1.00

Available from the back of the Church

First Reconciliation will be celebrated on 14th March 2014

The first class for parents and children will take place on Monday, 27th 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, 24th 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, 10th May 2014 at 10am and at St David's on Saturday, 17th 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!

What's on this week at St David's

Tuesday: 10am Divine Mercy Devotions

Wednesday: 10am Choir Practice

Thursday: 10am Legion of Mary

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 Alban's RC High School

50th Anniversary celebrations! Letters with further details are available from the church porch.

Youth 2000 New Year Retreat:

Home Coming

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

Network Foodbank - The Trussell Trust

Next collection takes place on Sunday 5th January 2014 and we have been asked to consider supplying instant mash, tinned potatoes, milk, sugar, tinned fruit, fruit juice and sponge puddings. They currently have plenty of baked beans, tomatoes, soup and pasta

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

Christmas cards and calendars are now on sale

PAC Meeting

Thursday 12th December at 7pm at St David's

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Geraldine Godwin, Clare Coles, Lenard Collins and Ruby Williams who died recently and for their family and friends

