

Parish of Our Lady and St David, Cwmbran

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Sunday 3rd November 2013

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

Psalter week 3



The Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.

The Word This Week

There is a subversive humour in today's Gospel which turns upside down the conventions of everyday life: we see a senior tax official climbing up a tree for a glimpse of Jesus, and the faintly ridiculous scene where Jesus stops, looks into the branches of the sycamore and says, "Zacchaeus, come down!" Did Zacchaeus worry about what people thought? The rest of the story shows that he did not. It would be easy to laugh at little Zacchaeus – and people in the town probably did, in between muttering about his extortionate taxes. And yet he has understood the message of God more clearly than others: he reveals the meaning of the first reading, since he understands that God is gentle, merciful and loving. Jesus corrects him, "little by little...so that he may abstain from evil and trust in the Lord."

First reading: Wisdom 11:22 – 12:2

Res: I will bless your name for ever, O God my king.

Second reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11 – 2:2

Gospel Reading: Luke 19: 1-10

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 cwmbranparish@virginmedia.com

HAVE YOU MISSED OUT ON CONFIRMATION

Are you in school or an adult who has missed out on the Sacrament of Confirmation? A catechist is prepared to help you prepare for this Sacrament. This Sacrament completes the Sacraments of Initiation into the Church. Perhaps you are married, single, interested? Please see Canon John

Our Parish Liturgy and Devotions

Morning Prayer – Tues & Thurs 9.10am, Fri 9.40am

Evening Prayer – Wed 7.10pm. Fri 4.40pm

Saturday	4.30pm 6.00pm	St David's Our Lady's	Peggy Clack (BW) Tom Jordan (DA)
Sunday	9.30am 11.15am	Our Lady's St David's	The Pinky Family (AP) Cecil Magness (JC)
Monday	9.30am	Abbey	People of the Parish <i>St Charles Borromeo, Bishop</i>
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Diane Roberts (HW)
Wednesday	7.30pm	Our Lady's	Veronica Kent (E&SG) <i>St Illtud, Abbot</i>
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Holy Souls
Friday	9am-5pm 10.00am	Our Lady's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Gwyn Griffiths <i>All Saints of Wales</i>
Saturday	12-12.30pm 3.45 – 4.15 4.30pm 6.00pm	Our Lady's St David's St David's Our Lady's	Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Gareth Heard (JT&VRH) Michael McAllister (B&JS)
Sunday	9.30am 11.15am	Our Lady's St David's	Fred & Violet Faulkner (PT) For the Dead of the Wars

N.B. From Friday 8th November Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place between the hours of 9am and 5pm

MINISTRIES

Tuesday 5th November at 7pm at Our Lady's: Deacon Peter McLaren will give a talk on taking Holy Communion to the housebound

READING MINISTRY: Please contact Mary Peacock, St David's or Vince Barry, Our Lady's to be included on the readers' rota

Church Cleaning – St David's: For all who put their names down for church cleaning there will be a meeting at St David's on Tuesday, 5th November at 10.15am in the Crying Room

Baptism Course

The next baptism course will take place in St Anne's room at Our Lady of the Angels Church at 7pm on the following dates: Tuesday 5th November, Tuesday 12th November, Tuesday 26th November



What's on this week at Our Lady's

Tuesday: 2pm Social Club
Wednesday: 8pm UCM
8pm Choir Practice

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

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid	£389.00
Non Gift Aid	£607.91
Gift Aid Standing Order	£117.12

Holy Father's Intentions for November

Suffering Priests. That priests who experience difficulties may find comfort in their suffering, support in their doubts, and confirmation in their fidelity.

Latin American Church. That as fruit of the continental mission, Latin American Churches may send missionaries to other Churches

Piety Stalls at Our Lady's and St David's **Christmas cards and calendars are now on sale**

1000 Voice Youth Choir Concert

8th November at the Motorpoint Arena Cardiff.
All proceeds go the BBC Children In Need.
See poster for details.

Helping to build confidence to share our faith

Remember to join us for a series of evening talks by Fr. Gareth Leyshon at the Cornerstone at St David's Cathedral for a top-up in understanding our faith. Monday 4th – Monday 28th November at 7pm

What's on this week at St David's

Tuesday: 10am Divine Mercy Devotions
Wednesday: 10am Choir Practice
Thursday: 10am Legion of Mary

Operation Christmas Child 2013

I am running this campaign again this year and would love to have your support. Operation Christmas Child is a campaign organised by Samaritan's Purse who are a Christian Charity bringing joy to disadvantaged children all over the world. Getting involved is really easy. There are three ways in which you can help: purchase a Christmas Shoe Box from Sheila Spokes (Our Lady and St David's parish) for just 50 pence and fill it with the items set out in the leaflet provided, or, bring items on the list (provided in the leaflet) and place in the boxes provided at the rear of both churches, alternatively, you can fill your own empty shoebox (it must be wrapped in Christmas paper with the lid covered separately from the box as it needs to be opened for customs purposes), with items listed in the leaflet. Each box filled will require a donation of £3.00 towards postage and transportation. If you do not wish to fill a box, you can donate money to help with costs. If you require any further information, please feel free to contact Sheila Spokes on 07817 544036 or 01633 489122.

Thank you in anticipation of your generous support

PARISH DAY OF REFLECTION

Will take place on Saturday, 16th November at Llantarnam Abbey 10am-3pm. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. This day is especially for Eucharistic Ministers, who promised on Holy Thursday when they renewed their promises to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to attend a day of reflection. Unfortunately, there is not enough room for everyone, but the day is also open for those involved in ministry in the Church.

Churches Together

a Puddings evening to be hosted by Richmond Rd Baptist Church on Friday 22 November. Any proceeds will be given to Cwmbran Street Pastors. See poster in the porch for further details

Service of Memories

**At Our Lady of the Angels Church,
on Wednesday, 13th November 2013 at 7:00pm**

This service is for all those parishioners who have suffered the pain of bereavement especially in the last year. However the service is open to all those Parishioners who would like to come and remember their loved ones who have gone before them.

The Family Life Commission & Parenting Support

Worker Present

Archdiocesan Advent Adventure;

Saturday November 30th 2013 from 3pm

All Hallows Parish Centre, Miskin, Cardiff, CF72 8PG

The 'Triple A' Family Fun Event! This event is intended to be an afternoon of free flow craft activities and ideas for celebrating Advent as a family, parish or individually - Something for ALL ages! It is hoped that families will then join us for vigil Mass at 6.30pm - including the blessing of our Advent wreaths and presentation of symbols for the Jesse tree, and round the day off with a light supper in the hall after mass!

Joanne White – PARENTING SUPPORT

Healing Service

Friday 15th November 2013; 7pm Start at St David's Cathedral , 38 Charles Street , Cardiff City Centre CF10 2SF

Please See Poster on the Notice Board for more or go to www.sdcrf.org.uk

Mass for the Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese

Will be held on Wednesday, 20th November in St David's Cathedral, Charles Street Cardiff at 3pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be Eucharistic Adoration for the unborn and their families from 9am – 6pm in St. David's Cathedral Cardiff on Monday 4th November finishing with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome.

Aid to the Church in Need

Deacon Richard Withers will visit our parish this week-end to appeal on behalf of Aid to the Church in Need

All items for inclusion should be emailed or posted through the presbytery letterbox no later than Wednesday evening please

Parish Directory

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