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



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**SUNDAY 25th JANUARY 2015** 

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

**PSALTER WEEK 3** 

# Repent, and believe the Good News

Where does Jesus begin his ministry? Where John the Baptist left off - preaching a message of repentance, of change, to welcome the new Kingdom of God. There is a simplicity about this message, which is not compromised by anything - today's Gospel has these simple words from Jesus, and then the story of his calling more disciples to follow him and share in the work of spreading this message. Repentance has had something of a bad press - we tend to think of it as an old-fashioned concept. But every age needs to hear this call: to look at what we do and say and assume, and realise that there are such things as right and wrong, and that sometimes we follow the wrong path. To follow Jesus, and to accept the Kingdom of God, demands that we make a radical choice, which might well change our lives

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jonah 3:1-5,10 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Cor 7: 29-31 Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 14-20

**Psalm** 

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor.

#### **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: Saturday 12noon-12.30pm St David's: Saturday 3.45-4.15pm

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

Gift Aid £390.00 Non Gift Aid £615.50 Gift Aid Standing Order £121.73 Total giving this week £1127.23 Mass Count: 444

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer: Mon, Tues, Wed and Thurs 9.10am

Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

TEA, COFFEE AND A CHAT IN ST ANNE'S ROOM AFTER 9.30AM MASS				
Saturday	St David's	4.30pm	Laura & Tom Loughlin (P&M): Joan Gallagher (Cl	P) <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>
	Our Lady's	6.00pm	John Sweeney (MBM): Deceased Aherne Family	(DA)
Sunday	day Our Lady's 9.30am Brian Draisey (RD): Ints Sr Mary James & Sr Susan (DD)		n (DD)	
	St David's	11.15am	The People of the Parish	
Monday	Our Lady's	9.30am	K P Medley (MO)	St Timothy & Titus, Bishops
Tuesday	St David's	9.30am	Olwyn Szymanski (M&DM)	
Wednesday	Our Lady's	9.30am	Michael Bradley (MB)	St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor
Thursday	St David's	9.30am	Nellie Whelan (CG)	
Friday	Our Lady's	9.00am	Charles Cadogan (JC)	
Saturday	St David's	4.30pm	Malcom & Veronica Southwood (LR)	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time
	Our Lady's	6.00pm	Christopher Harrigan (DA)	<b>Education Sunday</b>
Sunday	Our Lady's	9.30am	Michael McClenchy (PL): Peter Patchett (UR)	
	St David's	11.15am	Mary & Thomas Morris (BB)	

Second collection this week: White Flower Appeal

Second Collection next week: Catholic Education Service

Parish Diary this Week				
Mon	<u>7.00pm</u>	Our Lady's: Parish Council		
Tues	10.00am	St David's: Divine Mercy Group		
	2.00pm	Our Lady's: Social Club		
	6.30pm	St David's: SVP		
Wed	10.00am	St David's: Choir Practice		
	2.00pm	Our Lady's: UCM		
Thurs	2.00pm	Our Lady's: St David Lewis		
	4.30pm	Our Lady's: Choir Practice		
	7.00pm	Our Lady's: RCIA Course		

#### PARISH MASS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Mass for the Sick will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Angels Church at 2pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February. Everyone is invited especially the housebound and sick. Would the SVP and Eucharistic Ministers and all who visit the housebound take a letter of invitation to those they visit. Transport will be arranged for those who need it. Light refreshments will be served in St Anne's room after the Mass.

#### Catechesis

# First Confession and Holy Communion Programme.

The course continues on Monday 26th January at 5pm in St Anne's room at Our Lady's for children only.

# **Baptism Course**

The next baptism course will commence on Tuesday, 3rd February 2015 in St Anne's room at Our Lady's.

# WHITE FLOWER APPEAL (SPUC)

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal this weekend. In common with the Catholic Church, SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. The Society's work covers a wide spectrum of pro-life issues. It seeks to protect unborn children from abortion and defends the disabled, elderly and incapacitated from euthanasia and assisted suicide. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

#### A BIG THANK YOU

Many thanks to the UCM for their generous donation of £1250 and for all the work they do and thank you to the parishioners who support their fund raising events

# **Education Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

Education Sunday is an opportunity for schools and parishes to come together to celebrate and give thanks for all the students, staff and parents who work so hard in and for Catholic schools. It is also a chance for us to reflect upon the contribution that Catholic education makes to our communities. We will be joined by the staff and children of Our Lady of the Angels School for the celebration of Mass at 9.30am. There will be a second collection after Mass for the Catholic Education Service.

# **FCJ VOCATIONS WEEKEND**

23<sup>rd</sup> January – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2015. See poster for further details

# St Alban's School Production

From Feb 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> 7pm, at the school 'Children of Eden' written by Stephen Schwartz. It's a beautifully written musical based loosely around the stories of Adam and Eve and Noah's flood. Tickets are £7 each and are available via the school on: 01495 765800.

#### **St David Lewis**

The next meeting of Friends of Saint David Lewis will be held at Our Lady of the Angels, at 2pm on Thursday 29th January 2015. Please bring a friend, ALL WELCOME.

#### **ACTA- A Call to Action**

is a national group of clergy and laity who have come together to discuss the future of the Church.

[Website: www.acalltoaction.org.uk/]

There is an active group in most of the dioceses in England and Wales, An inaugural meeting for a group in the Archdiocese of Cardiff is to meet at **St Brigid's Parish Hall, Crystal Glen, Cardiff CF14 5QN** on **Monday 2nd February 2015** starting at **7.00pm. All are welcome** Further details from Frank Callus <a href="fbcallus@aol.com">-fbcallus@aol.com</a> or Mobile -07956005459

## **BUILDING MISSIONARY PARISHES' Proclaim '15**

On 11 July next summer, invited representatives of all the dioceses in Wales and England will gather in Birmingham for a national convention on how we can best spread our Catholic Faith among those who do not yet share it. We are encouraged to hold local events that same evening, to pray for the national event and for God's blessing on our local efforts to share our faith. A diocesan PROCLAIM convention will follow later in the year, on Saturday 10 October 2015.

# World Youth Day in Krakow 2016.

Full information can be found on the diocese's WYD website - <a href="www.Cardiff2Krakow.org">www.Cardiff2Krakow.org</a> . If you are interested in going please give your name to Canon John ASAP.

#### WELSH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2015

The Welsh National Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 26-31 July 2015 and will be organised by Joe Walsh Tours with return flights from Cardiff airport. The cost will be £689. Pilgrims are invited to join in parish groups or individually. Further details may be obtained from Fr. Kevin Paine at Newbridge (01495 243304). Bookings can be made through:

Joe Walsh Tours, 143 Lower Baggot Street
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