



## Parish of Our Lady and St David, Cwmbran

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**14th December 2014 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year B (Gaudete Sunday) PSALTER WEEK 3**

So who is coming? This Sunday's readings help to answer that question. John the Baptist is asked about the coming of the Messiah - is it him? He affirms his role as "a witness to speak for the light", by pointing to the one who stands among the crowd unknown to them who is coming after him. This idea is present in the First Reading, where Isaiah proclaims what the "anointed one" ('Messiah' in Hebrew) will do, and the joy that this will bring. It is interesting that the Psalm appointed for this Sunday is the Magnificat - Mary's song of praise at the announcement that the Messiah would be born of her - in which she sings of the works of the coming Messiah. Paul then reminds us that we are still waiting patiently: "God has called you, and he will not fail you." This is why, on this "Gaudete" Sunday, we as God's people rejoice in his care, made visible in his promises, fulfilled in Jesus.

### **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**
- 3 A candle is burning, a candle of JOY  
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.  
Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow  
As JOY brightens winter like sunshine on snow.**

### **Readings and Psalm**

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2.10-11

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel Reading:

#### **Psalm**

**My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God,  
my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her  
nothingness; Henceforth all ages will call me blessed.  
The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy is his name!  
His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him.  
He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich  
away empty. He protects Israel, his servant,  
remembering his mercy.**

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

St David's: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 10-11.30am

Our Lady's: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9.30-5pm

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at St David's 10-11am

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady's 10-11am

### **Saturday 20th December:**

Our Lady's 12noon -12.30pm

St David's: 3.45pm-4.15pm

### **UCM Sale**

The UCM are holding a cake, marmalade and pickles sale after Mass at Our Lady's this weekend

#### **Christmas Draw**

The UCM will be selling raffle tickets today at £1 per strip for a food hamper and other prizes.

### **St David's Church Cleaning**

This will take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 12noon

**Many thanks for the donation of £50 from the recent Sale at St David's.**

## **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, Tues, Wed & Thurs 9.10am,**

**Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm**

Saturday	St David's	4.30pm	Rose & Jack Clifford (MW): Fred & Mary Strutt (MM)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent
	Our Lady's	6.00pm	The People of the Parish	
Sunday	Our Lady's	9.30am	Lucia Basini Gazzì (TC):	
	St David's	11.15am	Teresa Lusardi (BG): Elsie & Jack Coombes, Elizabeth & Joe (VW&RJ)	
Monday	Our Lady's	9.30am	Eucharistic Service	
Tuesday	St David's	9.30am	John McAllister (B&JS)	
Wednesday	Our Lady's	9.30am	Clare Jones (CJG)	
Thursday	St David's	9.30am	Olwyn Szymanski (E&SG)	
Friday	Our Lady's	9.00am	Jennifer Touhig (SB)	
Saturday	St David's	4.30pm	Brian Draisey (D Fam): Patricia & Kenneth Harnett (LA)	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
	Our Lady's	6.00pm	Margaret King (BC)	
Sunday	Our Lady's	9.30am	Gordon Worsfold (SW)	
	St David's	11.15am	Brennen Family (BB)	

**YEAR BOOKS ARE NOW AVAILABLE £2.60 per book**

**Parish Diaries on sale £1.00 each**

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

Gift Aid	£540.30
Non Gift Aid	£659.73
Gift Aid Standing Order	£121.73
Total giving this week	£1321.76
Mass Count: 506	

### **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	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.

#### **Rite of Acceptance (RCIA Course)**

Congratulations to Kirsty Louise Kennedy who was received into the Order of Catechumens through the Rite of Acceptance on Thursday evening.

#### **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

#### **Reminder for Eucharistic Ministers**

Please give Canon John the names and contact numbers of the sick and housebound parishioners you visit.

### **Advent to Christmas**

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

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

### **Christmas Shoe Boxes**

Thanks to the generosity of the parishioners 68 boxes were filled and donations amounting to a total of £113.00 were received.

### **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.**

Preparation is in full swing, and, after a successful Youth Encounter Retreat at the Cathedral for the Solemnity of Christ the King, the Archbishop has officially launched the Registration for World Youth Day. Full information can be found on the diocese's WYD website - [www.Cardiff2Krakow.org](http://www.Cardiff2Krakow.org)

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