

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



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SUNDAY 1st FEBRUARY FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR B PSALTER WEEK 4

Where does authority come from? Why is one man regarded as a prophet, and another as a lunatic, and a third as a hypocrite? Jesus startles the crowds with a 'new teaching' today, but what amazes them so much is not the message but the authority behind it: they are convinced because what he does somehow adds credibility to what he says. It's the old situation that we are all familiar with - we look through words to see the actions, which show us the real message. The scribes did not heal or work miracles, but simply talked about God. Jesus talks about the Kingdom of God, but also shows the people what it is - a Kingdom where all that damages human happiness is abolished. The other side to this is that we must listen to a prophet or teacher when they are backed by such authority; we may not "harden our hearts" and ignore the message when we have recognised that the messenger is sent by God. This is the hard part, because it demands that we too show, by our actions, that we have heard.

<p>1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 2nd Reading: 1Cor 7:32-35 Gospel Reading: Mark 1:21-28</p> <p align="center">Psalm</p> <p>Come, ring out our joy to the Lord, hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. Come in; let us kneel and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belongs to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice! "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work."</p>	<p align="center">Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St David's : Tuesday 10.00am -11.30am Our Lady's: Friday 9.30am-5.00pm</p> <p align="center">Sacrament of Reconciliation Our Lady's: Saturday 12noon-12.30pm St David's: Saturday 3.45-4.15pm</p> <p align="center">Your giving to your Parish: many thanks</p> <table> <tr><td>Gift Aid</td><td align="right">£434.60</td></tr> <tr><td>Non Gift Aid</td><td align="right">£653.48</td></tr> <tr><td>Gift Aid Standing Order</td><td align="right">£121.73</td></tr> <tr><td>Total giving this week</td><td align="right">£1209.81</td></tr> <tr><td>Mass Count: 483</td><td></td></tr> </table>	Gift Aid	£434.60	Non Gift Aid	£653.48	Gift Aid Standing Order	£121.73	Total giving this week	£1209.81	Mass Count: 483	
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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	Malcom & Veronica Southwood (LR)	4th Sunday of Ordinary Time
	Our Lady's	6.00pm	Christopher Harrigan (DA)	Education Sunday
Sunday	Our Lady's	9.30am	Michael McClenchy (PL) : Ints of Peter Patchett (UR)	
	St David's	11.15am	Mary & Thomas Morris (BB)	
Monday	Our Lady's	9.30am	The People of the Parish	The Presentation of the Lord (Feast)
Tuesday	St David's	9.30am	Phillip Sean Richards (TS)	<i>St Blaise</i>
Wednesday	Our Lady's	9.30am	Wellbeing of Marion Richardson (J&JC)	
	Our Lady's	2.30pm	Funeral Service for Patricia Mary Murphy	
Thursday	St David's	9.30am	Hugh Williams Ints	<i>St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr</i>
Friday	Our Lady's	9.00am	Cecilia Waters (EG)	<i>St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs</i>
Saturday	St David's	4.30pm	Canon Bill Redmond (PM): Bryan Kennedy (JK)	5th Sunday of Ordinary Time
	Our Lady's	6.00pm	Olwyn Szymanski (A&T)	
Sunday	Our Lady's	9.30am	Special Ints (MH)	
	St David's	11.15am	The People the Parish	

Second Collection this week: Catholic Education Service

Food bank Collection this weekend

We welcome into our parish family Tayla Mae Bush who will be baptised on Saturday during Mass in Our Lady's and congratulate her parents as she starts her Faith journey

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

Parish Diary this Week

Mon	7.00pm	Our Lady's: Parish Council
Tues	10.00am	St David's: Divine Mercy Group
	2.00pm	Our Lady's: Social Club
	10.00am	St David's: Choir Practice
Wed	2.00pm	Our Lady's: UCM
	2.00pm	Our Lady's: St David Lewis
Thurs	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 17th February. Everyone is invited especially the housebound and sick. 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 2nd February at 5pm in St Anne's room at Our Lady's for children only.

Baptism Course

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

Education Sunday 1st 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. There will be a second collection after Mass for the Catholic Education Service.

The Mass in Welsh

On February 22nd, and every Sunday from then on, the Mass will be celebrated in Welsh at 4pm at the chapel of Nazareth House, Colum Road, Cardiff. This is a new opportunity for those learning Welsh and children in Welsh medium education to hear Mass in Welsh – you will be welcome to join the regular congregation or come from time to time. A warm welcome awaits – croeso cynnes i bawb.

St Alban's School Production

From **Feb 11th – 13th** 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.

Ladies Lunch

At The Salvation Army on Saturday 21st February 12.15pm for 12.30pm. **BE CREATIVE** make a hedgehog from a paperback book. Cost £5 See poster for contact detail

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 -fbcallus@aol.com or Mobile -07956005459

New Church For Cwmbran

Many of you will be aware that Cwmbran is changing rapidly and that there are plans to build thousands of homes in the years ahead. Consequently, the Diocese has to be mindful of what impact the various developments will have on Parish of Our Lady's and St David in terms of catering for the provision of religious services for the Catholic community. Undoubtedly, you will already have heard some rumour about proposals to build a new Catholic Church in Cwmbran on a site to be decided. Such a proposal would obviously bring into question the continued viability of the two churches we currently have in the Parish. For your information, the proposal was discussed at a recent meeting of the Parish Council, which was attended by Archbishop George. To allay any concerns, I have to emphasise that **the discussions are at a very early stage and that no decisions have yet been made.** In considering the way forward, the Archbishop has suggested the setting up of a Project Team, consisting of key individuals, who would provide both the technical and other support required to deliver a 'Business Case' for consideration. This would involve a feasibility study, involving such things as: estate rationalisation; demographic research; architectural planning; financial planning; a communications strategy and not least of all a consultation strategy. It may well be that some you will be asked to join the Project Team when it is eventually set up. In the meantime, you can be assured that you will be kept fully informed of developments as they occur and that full consultations will take place, as and when the need dictates.

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