

Parish of Our Lady and St David, Cwmbran

(Registered Charity No. 242380)

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Sunday 16th February 2014

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

Psalter Week 2

Education Sunday

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 15: 16-20
Res: They are happy who follow God's Law!



Second Reading: 1Cor2: 6-10
Gospel Reading: Matthew 5: 17-37

"You have learnt how it was said to your ancestors; but I say this to you."

Back in the 60s some groups "adopted" Jesus Christ as an icon of rebellion, overturning authority and tearing up the rule book – possibly because of the frequent confrontations between Our Lord and the Pharisees. Today's Gospel, however, shows us Jesus not as rule-breaker, but as rule-fulfiller, bringing an even greater depth to the rule that had guided the people of Israel for centuries. Jesus does not throw out the rulebook – or as the first reading says, He does not command us to be godless! He challenges us in this Gospel to see how far our keeping God's Law will go: will it just be about the letter of the Law ("I have never killed anyone"), or will it look deeper ("Have I ever been angry? Have I been violent in my thoughts?"). The challenge of the Kingdom of Heaven is to keep the commandments first and foremost from within, so that our outward behaviour conforms to the requirements of God's Law.

Our Liturgy and Devotions for this week:

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

Evening prayer: Fri 4.40pm

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Vince and May Armstrong (JA)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Frank Carr (MBM)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Cordani Family (TC)
	11.15am	St David's	John Stead (G&CB)
Monday	9.30am	Abbey	People of the Parish
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Lloyd and Williams Family (VL)
Wednesday	7.30pm	Our Lady's	Members of the U.C.M.
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	John Werret (BW)
Friday	10.00am	Our Lady's	Veronica Kent (J&DW)
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Stephen Healey (M&JH)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Geraldine Godwin (C&MB)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Special Intention (GS)
	11.15am	St David's	Luiga & Bice Bragazza (MB)

Baptism

at St David's 11.15am Mass
We welcome Ella Theresa Crane into our parish family and congratulate her parents

TEA, COFFEE, BISCUITS and a CHAT in St Anne's room after 9.30am Mass today and every Sunday

Sacrament of Reconciliation, Saturday

Our Lady's at 12noon-12.30pm
St David's at 3.45pm -4.15pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday: St David's Church 10.00am -12.00pm
Friday: Our Lady's Church 9am -5pm

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CATECHESIS

Baptism Course: 4th, 11th, 18th March 2014

The course begins on Tuesday, 4th March in St Anne's room at Our Lady of the Angels at 7pm.

First Reconciliation on 14th March 2014

Classes are taking place on Mondays in St Anne's room at Our Lady of the Angels Church at 5.30pm.

Confirmation Wednesday, 4th June 2014

The first session will take place on Tuesday, 18th February 2014 at 6.00pm at Our Lady's.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

24th October 2015 -31st October 2015

Itinerary and booking forms are available from the Admin office. Deposits: cheques should be made payable to Our Lady and St David's Parish.

What's on this week in the Parish

Our Lady's

Tuesday: 2pm Social Club

Wednesday: **7.30pm** UCM Quarterly Mass

St David's

Tuesday: 10am Divine Mercy Devotions

Wednesday: 10am Choir Practice

Thursday: 10am Legion of Mary

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid	£418.00
Non Gift Aid	£674.47
Gift Aid Standing Order	£117.12
Total giving this week	£1209.59

Mass Count: 431

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Recovering from Grief

"Moving from grief to growth" 5 weekly sessions held in St Anne's room at Our Lady of the Angels commencing Thursday 13th February from 2.30pm - 3.30pm. These sessions are geared towards a helpful healing process. For more information contact Sr Thecla 01633 483232 or see her after Mass on Sunday

Angels Dining Club

will meet at The Cwrt Henllys Hotel on Tuesday, 25th February 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Menus attached to the list in the church porch, please write your choice on the list with a contact phone number.

St David's Day Concert 1st March 2014

Cwmbran Male Voice Choir will be hosting a concert in St David's Church on Saturday, 1st March at 7pm. Proceeds will be divided between the Parish and Tenovus Cancer Charity. Tickets are £5 each and are now available in both churches

St Vincent de Paul Society

Canon John would like to re-establish the SVP Society in the parish. If anyone is interested in joining the Society please sign the sheet in the church porch.

Teacher Vacancy at OLSM

Our Lady and St Michaels School Abergavenny are looking for a practising Catholic teacher to cover 2 days a week in Year 5 from March 1st to the end of the summer term. Interested? Please phone Head Teacher Rosalind Trigg on 01873735080 for more details

Concert: New Harmony Singers

Our Lady of the Angels Primary School choir will be singing at a Charity concert with New Harmony Singers in the Catholic Hall Cwmbran at 7pm on March 22nd. Money raised will go to St Anne's Hospice, St David's Hospice Care and the Medaille Trust. (Safe housing for trafficked people). Tickets from the school or Paddy Landers tel. 868352.

The Joy of the Gospel

Join us on **Tuesday at the Cornerstone at St. David's Cathedral from 13:45 to 15:15** as we explore the implications of God of becoming human and jumping into messiness of our lives with us. Bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be served.

Come and see what Religious Life is all about:

A day for women who would like to learn more about becoming a Sister. Take time to pray, reflect and ask questions with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Annecy on 8th March 2014 in Newport, Wales. Contact Sr. Marianne for more information at ssjavocations@hotmail.com or 01633 252321

Parish Directory

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