

# Parish of Our Lady and St David, Cwmbran

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SUNDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2015

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

PSALTER WEEK 2

**"The leprosy left him at once and he was cured."**

Thankfully, we do not encounter leprosy in our culture. It can therefore be difficult to enter into the real depth of today's readings. We have to understand that leprosy meant exclusion, rejection and the end of "normal" life. For your leprosy to be cured would be like being given a second chance at life. What is the cause of exclusion and rejection in our society – or even in the Church? Who are those who must "live apart"? And how can we put into effect in our day those most touching of the words of Jesus, when asked if he wants to cure the leper: "Of course I want to!"? Contemplating exclusion and rejection in our world can be hard work: Saint Paul guides the way: the Christian path is not to work "for my own advantage, but for the advantage of everybody else".

1<sup>st</sup> Reading : Lev. 13:1-2,44-46

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Cor 10: 31- 11:1

Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 40-45

## Psalm

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted.  
O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide. I said: "I will confess my offence to the Lord." And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart.

## 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	£468.20
Non Gift Aid	£684.90
Gift Aid Standing Order	£121.73
Total giving this week	£1274.83
Mass Count: 446	

## PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer: Mon, Wed and Thurs 9.10am

Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

Saturday	St David's	4.30pm	Intentions of Katie Price (MP)	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
	Our Lady's	6.00pm	Deacon Peter and Marie's Ints (AW)	
Sunday	Our Lady's	9.30am	Christopher Corner (M&AC)	
	St David's	11.15am	Danny Aherne (MB)	
Monday	Our Lady's	9.30am	Ints of Mrs Keating (PJK)	
Tuesday	<b>Our Lady's</b>	<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>Mass for the Sick</b> Bridget Smith (CJG)	Our Lady of Lourdes

## THE SEASON OF LENT

Wednesday	<b>Our Lady's</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday:</b> The People of the Parish	
	<b>St David's</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Ints Marion Richardson (JJC)	
Thursday	St David's	9.30am	Sue Jenkins (PJ)	
Friday	Our Lady's	9.00am	Ida Lanza (V&MN)	
Saturday	St David's	4.30pm	Francesca & Rosemary Spiteri	
	Our Lady's	6.00pm	Michael Bradley (V W)	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent Year A</b>
Sunday	Our Lady's	9.30am	Mary Power (PM)	
	St David's	11.15am	Jim Sheehy's Ints (90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday): Sheehy & Florence Families (JS)	

**Our Lady's: Church Cleaning will take place after Mass (Ash Wednesday) on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February**

**Today we welcome Fr Jim Fleming from the Missionary Society of St Columban.**

**The second collection is for the work of the Society of St Columban**

**Parish Diary this Week**

Tues	10.00am	St David's: Divine Mercy Group
	2.00pm	<b>Our Lady's: Mass for the Sick</b>
	10.00am	St David's: Choir Practice
Wed	2.00pm	Our Lady's: UCM
Thurs	10.00am	<b>St David's: Stations of the Cross</b>
	7.00pm	Our Lady's: RCIA Course's
Fri	9.30am	<b>Our Lady's: Stations of the Cross</b>

**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. Transport will be arranged for those who need it.

**Ash Wednesday**

**Mass today are at**

**Our Lady's : 9.30 and St David's:7.00pm**

**First Sunday of Lent**

Two adults, Tammy Hale and Kirsty Kennedy, from the parish RCIA Programme will be attending the Rite of Election in St David's Cathedral Cardiff at 3pm and will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil

**Lenten Devotions**

**Stations of the Cross:**

**St David's: Thursdays at 10.00am**

**Our Lady's: Fridays at 9.30am**

**Lent Bible Studies 2015**

This year's theme is **"When Love Speaks"** "words from the Cross.

All studies at 11am at Cwmbran URC except for 13<sup>th</sup> March which will be at Our Lady's. Lunch after each study, Soup and a Roll 12noon at The Salvation and Army, Wesley Street. See poster for details

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**Catechesis**

**First Confession and Holy Communion Programme.**

The course continues on Monday 23rd February at 5pm in St Anne's room at Our Lady's.



**Columban Family**

**The Columban Fathers were founded in Ireland in 1916. Their first mission was in China. The Columban Sisters were founded in 1924 and have missionaries in many countries where the Columban Fathers are present. Columban Lay Missionaries have for many years ministered alongside Priests and Sisters throughout the world. Columban missionary work of evangelisation includes outreach to poor marginalised peoples, building bridges between faiths and cultures and supporting emerging local Churches. See notice for further information.**

**Ladies Lunch**

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

**SPUC Youth Conference 2015**

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children's Youth Conference 2015 promises to be the best yet with excellent speakers on topics which will help young people ages 16 upwards in the ongoing fight against abortion, euthanasia and other ant-life practices. Make sure young people you know are informed and up-to-date by attending this exciting event, which is flourishing year after year. The conference is from 6-8 March 2015, at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, Southport. Contact [conference@spuc.org.uk](mailto:conference@spuc.org.uk) for more details or contact Molly Macdonald on 01495 758284

**Early Morning Mass for Lent**

Every Wednesday in Lent, commencing with Ash Wednesday on 18<sup>th</sup> February, an additional Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's Church, Stow Hill, Newport NP20 1TP, at 7.30am

**Adoration for the victims of abortion**

**Adoration is on Thursday 19th Feb all day at the cathedral as usual ending with Benediction at 5.30pm.**

**Notices for Readers and Choirs**

**Next weekend the readings and the psalm are from the First Sunday of Lent Year A this is because the Scrutinies and Rite of Election takes place for the adults on the RCIA course.**

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