

Parish of Our Lady and St David, Cwmbran

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Sunday 23rd February 2014

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

Psalter Week 3

"Love your enemies."

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2.17-18
Res: The Lord is compassion and love



Second Reading: 1 Cor 3:16-23
Gospel Reading: Matt.5: 38-48

"Love your neighbour as yourself." These are words we associate so clearly with the teaching of Jesus and the way of life the Gospel calls us to. But it may be a surprise to some people to hear that these words come first from the Old Testament, in the mouth of Moses himself. Moses was speaking the Lord God's instruction for the community – the community of the people of Israel in flight from Egypt in their long sojourn in the wilderness. God's instructions were about how that community had to work – without grudges, resentment or vengeance, but with love and forgiveness and tolerance. When Jesus comes with the message of the Kingdom of heaven, it is the same – instruction for a perfect, God-guided society, which depends on how each of us lives with others. The "wisdom of this world", which Saint Paul mentions in the Second Reading, will not teach us this: the world will believe in vengeance, and friendship only for your friends. Each of us must ask how we can embrace the apparent folly of Jesus' teaching: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you

Our Liturgy and Devotions for this week:

Morning Prayer: Tues 9.10am, Fri 9.40am

Evening prayer: Fri 4.40pm

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

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	Josie Scully - sick (GS)
	11.15am	St David's	Luiga & Bice Bragazza (MB)
Monday	9.30am	Abbey	People of the Parish
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Lee Davies (AD)
Wednesday	2.00pm	Our Lady's	Tom Forward (PP)
	4.00pm	Our Lady's	Vigil for Sybil Anne Ponting
Thursday	12.15pm	Our Lady's	Funeral Mass for Sybil Anne Ponting
Friday	10.00am	Our Lady's	Thanksgiving (JA)
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Diane Banner (M&PL)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Alan Sullivan (AS)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Lucia Basini Gazzzi (TC)
	11.15am	St David's	Mary and Fred Strutt (MM)

Baptism
at St David's 11.15am
Mass we welcome Caleb
Mark Gibbs into our
parish family and
congratulate his parents

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

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 7.pm.

A Sacristan is required at Our Lady of the Angels Church to cover for illness. Please contact Canon John for details.

Eastern Valley Food Bank (Trussell Trust Food Bank)

We have received a message of thanks from the Food Bank Manager for the donations we have made during the last twelve months. They have given out a total of 43,730 meals feeding 2720 adults and 1653 children. This equates to a total of 32.6 tonnes of food. Our next collection will be next weekend.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

24th October 2015 -31st October 2015

Itinerary and booking forms are available from the Admin office. Cost per person sharing is £1175 and for a single room per person is £1425. Deposit £200 per person or if paid before 31st May £150 per person. 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 2.30pm UCM

St David's

Tuesday: 10am Divine Mercy Devotions

Wednesday: 10am Choir Practice

Thursday: 10am Legion of Mary

Saturday: 7.00pm Cwmbran Male Voice Concert

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid	£540.00
Non Gift Aid	£687.66
Gift Aid Standing Order	£117.12
Total giving this week	£1344.78
Mass Count: 551	

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 from Carole Morgan and Olwyn Szmanski

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.

The Joy of the Gospel

Join us on Tuesday at the Cornerstone at St. David's Cathedral from 13:45 to 15:15

Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat

will be held on Saturday, 15th March 2014 at St David's Cathedral, Cardiff. See poster in the porch for further 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.

Wales and the Marches Catholic History Society

"The Wales National Great Irish Famine Memorial"
A talk by Barry Tobin on Sunday March 2nd at 3pm
Venue: St. David's Sixth Form College, Tygwyn Rd. Cardiff. All are welcome to this free talk

Further information: Tricia Coulthard. 02920595899
Also our website: <http://www.wamchs.btck.co.uk>

Pastoral Care Project: Week of Prayer & Awareness of Dementia 12-19th March

Please show your support for your Brothers and Sisters by praying for all those who experience the effects of Dementia. Resources for Prayer Groups etc are available to download from the Pastoral Care Project website: - www.pastoralcareproject.org.uk

40 Days for Life

From March 5 through April 13, you are invited to join other Christians for **40 Days for Life** – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil which is taking place opposite the BPAS clinic St. Mary street Cardiff from 8am-8pm daily. If you would like more information – and especially if you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Clare Jackson 07580275698 clare40daysforlife@gmail.com or visit the website www.40daysforlife.com/cardiff

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