

Parish of Our Lady and St David, Cwmbran

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Sunday 12th January 2014

The Baptism of the Lord Year A

Psalter Week 1



First Reading Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

Res: The Lord will bless his people with peace

Second Reading: Acts 10: 34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3: 13-17

It may seem strange, but this is a Christmas Feast. Not if we think of Christmas only in terms of the Baby in Bethlehem, but if we have followed the ideas of the Feasts of Holy Family and especially Epiphany, and have seen the Season in terms of the growing manifestation or appearing of the Son of God: first to the shepherds and then to the wise men from the East. Now in the River Jordan, Jesus, Son of Mary, is revealed to all as the fullness of all God's promises: "This is my Son, the Beloved". On this day we stand before the revelation of God's love for us, such that he would send his only Son into the world. Christmas without the Baptism of the Lord, and the words that are spoken from heaven, would be incomplete, since it is only in them that we fully see the wonder of what happened in Bethlehem, that we fully understand the reason for the joy with which we celebrated Christmas Day. As we come to the end of Christmas today, and look forward to hearing the Gospel in Ordinary Time, we do so having been shown who it is we listen to: the only Son of God, the Beloved.

Our Liturgy and Devotions for this week

Morning Prayer: Tues & Thurs 9.10am 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	James Lennon (ML)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Michael Wood (AR)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Christopher Drury (K&DF)
	11.15am	St David's	Chris Parker (M&DP)
Monday	9.30am	Abbey	People of the Parish
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Jeffrey Desmond (VW)
Wednesday	2.00pm	Our Lady's	William, Rose & Noel McCormack (LM)
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Paddy Tracey Intentions (DMG)
Friday	9.00am	Our Lady's	Intentions Fr K Paine (MP&VW)
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Wilf Higgins (TH)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Rosaleen Murray (B&JS)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Brain Draisey (RD)
	11.15am	St David's	Robert Peacock (MP)

Parish Finance Meeting

In the Presbytery at Our Lady's at 7pm on Tuesday 14th January 2014

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday: Our Lady's Church 9am -5pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

CATECHESIS

Baptism Course: Tuesday, 14th, 21st & 28th January

The course begins this week on Tuesday, 14th January in St Anne's room at Our Lady of the Angels at 7pm. If you would like to have your child baptised before Lent please sign up today. Please note no baptisms will take place during the season of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday, 5th March 2014. Easter falls this year on the 20th April 2014.

First Reconciliation: 14th March 2014

The first class for parents and children will take place on Monday, 27th January 2014 in St Anne's room at Our Lady of the Angels Church at 5.30pm. Forms are available from Our Lady of the Angels School and St David's School and for children who attend Non-Catholic Schools forms are available from Canon John

First Holy Communion

The first class will take place on Monday, 24th March 2014 in St Anne's room, Our Lady of the Angels Church at 5.30pm. First Holy Communion will be celebrated at Our Lady's on Saturday, 10th May 2014 at 10am and at St David's on Saturday, 17th May at 10am

Confirmation Wednesday, 4th June 2014

The meeting for parents and candidates will take place on Tuesday, 11th February 2014 at 6.00pm at Our Lady's.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land **26th October 2015- 2nd November 2015**

If you are interested please put your name on the list in the Church porch. Further details will be announced in the future, we need the minimum of forty (40) names for it to take place. N.B. the dates are in October half-term 2015

SPUC: White Flower Appeal

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal next weekend. In common with the Catholic Church, SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. The Society's work covers a wide spectrum of pro-life, pro-family issues. It seeks to protect unborn children from abortion and defends the disabled, elderly and incapacitated from euthanasia and assisted suicide. SPUC also provides trained speakers for schools and offers pro-life support for teachers, parents, and medical professionals. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **at St David's**

As there is only one name on the list we are unable to start this Tuesday. We need at least two (2) people for each hour. If there are enough names on the list we will start on Tuesday, 28th January. Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

What's on this week in the Parish

Our Lady's

Tuesday: 2pm Social Club
7.00pm Finance Meeting

Wednesday: 2.30pm UCM

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	£496.00
Non Gift Aid	£748.45
Gift Aid Standing Order	£117.12
Total giving this week	£1361.57

Second Collection **next week** is for the White Flower Appeal (SPUC)

Bill Hopper:

will be playing the piano at the Porto Bar next to the Big Sleep, St Mary's Street Cardiff, in aid of Cancer Research. The BBC is sponsoring the event. Entrance is free!

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sunday 19th 6pm Holy Trinity

Monday 20th 12noon Our Lady's

Tuesday 21st 7pm Richmond Road

Wednesday 22nd 12noon Cwmbran URC

Thursday 23rd 7pm Siloam Baptist Church

Friday 24th 12noon Salvation Army

Saturday 25th 8am Walk

9am Breakfast at Llanyrafon Methodist

Parish Directory

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