

Parish of Our Lady and St David, Cwmbran

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23rd NOVEMBER 201 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year A PSALTER WEEK 2

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 Second Reading: 1Cor 15:20-26, 28 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Psalm (All)

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

"Shepherd-King o'er mountain steep, homeward guide thy wand'ring sheep." This hymn which we will probably sing today captures the readings perfectly: our King is not a cruel tyrant or despot, but a shepherd who loves his flock, who would (and did) give his life for them. Love for the flock means that he will have to judge them, separating the sheep from those who do not belong to him. Coming to the end of the Church's year leads us to look to our final ending, the homecoming the hymn speaks of. The judgement of the end of time we do not view as a trial or a terror, but as a coming home: look back to the Isaiah reading on the 28th Sunday to see what a homecoming party is offered. All we do is put our lives in order, living just and holy lives, longing for the day of the lord to come.

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

TEA, COFFEE, BISCUITS and a CHAT in St Anne's room after 9.30am Mass today and every Sunday Morning Prayer: Mon, Tues & Thurs 9.10am Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Ada Ricci (BG)	
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	David Williams (B&JS)	Christ the King
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Gary Compton (AB)	
	11.15am	St David's	Michael Boland (MB)	
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Jim & Fay Desmond (VW): Ints of	of Fr K Paine (VW&MP)
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	The People of the Parish	
Wednesday	2.00pm	Our Lady's	Maldyn Lloyd (VL)	
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Holy Souls	
Friday	9.00am	Our Lady's	Holy Souls	
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Tom & Doreen Probert (JA)	
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Maldwyn Lloyd (VL)	1 st Sunday of Advent
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish	
	11.15am	St David's	Brennon Family (BB)	

<u>Baptism</u>

We welcome into our parish family Oliver Benham, who will be baptised in St David's on Saturday at 4.30pm. Congratulations to his parents.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION SATURDAY

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday: St David's Church 10.am -11.30am

Friday: Our Lady's
Church 9.30am – 5pm

WALK WITH ME

Copies of this pocket-size booklet of prayer and reflections for Advent and Christmas are now on sale for £1 per copy

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks				
Gift Aid	£372.00			
Non Gift Aid	£792.40			
Gift Aid Standing Order	£121.73			
Total giving this week	£1286.13			
Mass Count: 693				

What's on this week

Tues	10.00am	St David's: Divine Mercy Group
	2.00pm	Our Lady's: Social Club
Wed	10.00am	St David's: Choir Practice
Thurs	10.00am	St David's: Legion of Mary
	7.00pm	Our Lady's: RCIA Course

Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church or do you know anyone who may be interested, please contact Canon John

NOVEMBER – THE MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

Envelopes for the November Dead lists are available in the church porch

Piety Stalls at Our Lady's and St David's

Christmas cards, diaries and calendars are now on sale

Walk with Me

This year "Walk with Me" speaks of the *kerygma*, the message of God's saving love. In the introduction to the booklet we read, "The Christmas *kerygma* reminds us of the true meaning of Christmas. God sent his Son Jesus, born of the Virgin. Born in a stable, wrapped in swaddling clothes. He died on the cross for us. Raised from the dead he sent the Holy Spirit to be with us always"

Reminder for Eucharistic Ministers

<u>Please give Canon John the names and contact numbers</u> of the sick and housebound parishioners you visit.

Sale to be held in St Non's room, St David's Church on

Saturday, 29 November 2014 at 1.00 pm Partial House contents which includes painting, hats, very good quality clothes etc. Proceeds will be shared with the parish

St David's: Missio Red Boxes

Christmas Calendars for Missio Red Box holders are at the back of the church. Please take one.

HCPT Group 97

HCPT Group 97 has been working throughout the Newport and Cwmbran area for 40 years. We have one purpose: to give children we take a week that they will cherish for the rest of their lives. Over the next couple of weeks we will be selling raffle tickets for the HCPT Grand Draw. Your support is greatly appreciated

UCM Sale

The UCM are holding a cake, marmalade and pickles sale after Mass on Saturday 13th December and Sunday 14th December.

Christmas Draw

The UCM will be selling raffle tickets on 30th Nov/1st December at £1 per strip for a food hamper and other prizes.

Our Lady of the Angels: Church Cleaning

Church cleaning will take place on Wednesday 3rd December at 9.00am. If you can spare an hour please come along.

HOLY MASS at TINTERN ABBEY

Saturday 6th December 2014 at 10am followed in Tintern Village Hall by 11.30am Refreshments 12noon Talk by Fr Thomas Dunton CSJ See poster for details.

Wales and the Marches Catholic History Society Autumn talks

"The history of the Cornerstone Campus & its future development"

Speaker: Canon Peter Collins, cathedral Dean St. David's Cathedral Cardiff Where: St. David's Catholic Sixth Form College Cardiff When: Sunday November 23rd Time: 3pm All are most welcome

Bath Christmas Market 6th December

There are still seats available on the coach. If you are interested please contact Carole Morgan 01633 863048 or cwmbranadmin@virginmedia.com

Pope Francis' intentions for November

Lonely people. That all who suffer loneliness may experience the closeness of God and the support of others.

Mentors of seminarians and religious. That young seminarians and religious may have wise and well-formed mentors.

"There are many paths of prayer. Some people follow only one, while others walk along all of them. There are moments of lively certainty: Christ is there, speaking inside us. In other moments he is the silent one, a distant stranger... For everyone prayer remains, in its infinite variations, a passageway to a life that does not come from ourselves but from somewhere else.

Br Roger Schutz

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