

Parish of Our Lady and St David, Cwmbran

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The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Psalter Week 2



In the East, this Season of Christmas is called the "Time of Manifestation", or Showing. Today is the 'Feast of the Manifestation', or the Showing of the Saviour to the whole world, to all nations. In the wise men who travel from the East, we see all the nations other than the people of Israel being welcomed at the New Temple of the New Covenant - the new born child in the manger. A look at the Psalm response shows this: "All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord." The same is true of the key word in the second reading: "Revelation". Remember that for the people of Israel this was to be their Messiah, come to restore their fortunes. By this feast, we proclaim God's plan was to extend his salvation to men and women of every nation, of every time and every place - including us. In many ways this is our Christmas Feast, when we celebrate the Good News of the Saviour's birth revealed at last to us.

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Res: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2: 1-12

Our Parish Liturgy and Devotions This Week

N.B. There will be no Mass in St David's Church on Tuesday as the Funeral Mass for Fr John Meredith will be celebrated at the Cathedral in Cardiff at 11.00am.

****Change of Mass time on Wednesdays at Our Lady's**

Morning Prayer: Thurs at 9.10am and Fri at 9.10am

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Anne Feeney (MK)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Peggy Clack (OW)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Veronica Kent (AH)
	11.15am	St David's	Bill & Pat Parkyn (TO)
	4.00pm	Our Lady's	Polish Mass
Monday	9.30am	Abbey	Michael Bolan
Wednesday	2.00pm	Our Lady's	Wellbeing of Ann Burnett (PP)
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Jane O'Donnell's intentions (TO)
Friday	10.00am	Our Lady's	Sue Jenkins' Intentions (B)
	12.45pm	St David's	Funeral Service for John Price
Saturday	12-12.30pm	Our Lady's	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	3.45-4.15pm	St David's	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	4.30pm	St David's	James Lennon (ML)
Sunday	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Michael Wood (AR)
	9.30am	Our Lady's	Christopher Drury (K&DF)
	11.15am	St David's	Chris Parker (M&DP)

CRIB OFFERINGS
for Children in the Diocese
who are in Need

Food collection this week

Baptism at St David's
11.15am Mass
We welcome Caia Leigh
Daunter 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

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid £494.50

Gift Aid Standing Order £117.12

Non Gift Aid £639.30

Total giving this week £1250.92

Funeral Arrangements for Father John Meredith

Monday 6th January 6pm: Reception of Body and Mass at Our Lady and St Patrick's Maesteg

Tuesday 7th January 11.00am: Funeral Mass at the Cathedral, Cardiff. **1.30pm Burial:** Porthcawl Cemetery

A Coach has been arranged to take us to the Cathedral for the Funeral Mass and will leave St David's 9.15am prompt and Our Lady's at 9.30am prompt. The fare will be determined by the number of passengers on the coach.

Mrs Myra Meredith can be contacted at the following address: Mrs M Meredith, 43 Suffolk Close, Porthcawl. CF36 3JR

A big thank you to all who participated in making the Churches look beautiful for Christmas, the cleaners and flower arrangers: also to all who put their ministry to great effect, the musicians, choirs, altar servers, readers and Eucharistic ministers over the Christmas Season.

Thank you: To the U.C.M. for a cheque of £1000 and to the St David's Raffle who donated a £1000. Both lots of monies have gone towards paying for the sound systems in both Churches. Thanks also to Angela Hanlon and her gang who make tea and coffee after Sunday Mass for their generous donation of £600, this also went towards paying for the sound systems. The cost of the systems were: St David's £1026.00 and Our Lady's £1710.00

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St David's 10.00am - 1.00pm

This will start on Tuesday, 14th January if there are enough names on the list; we need at least two (2) for each hour. Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

What's on this week at Our Lady's

Wednesday: 2pm UCM

CHORAL EVENING PRAYER

To Celebrate the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** CHORAL EVENING PRAYER will be held at ST DAVID'S CATHEDRAL, Charles Street, Cardiff, CF10 2SF on SUNDAY JANUARY 19th 2014, at 3.00pm.

All are welcome. Come and join in the hymns, prayers and psalms. It will be followed by tea & coffee at 'The Cornerstone'. For further details contact: Canon Peter Collins, Tel. 029 2023 1407

First Reconciliation will be celebrated on 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

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Fr John Meredith, Carmel English, Margaret McGory, John Price and Sr Margaret SSJ who died recently and for their family and friends

What's on this week at St David's

Tuesday: 10am Divine Mercy Devotions

Wednesday: 10am Choir Practice

Thursday: 10am Legion of Mary

SPUC WHITE FLOWER COLLECTION

Although the Torfaen Branch of SPUC has had to close, it is hoped that the presence of the Society will still remain. We will, at least, continue to distribute the Pro-Life Times, take part in the Sponsored Walk and carry out the White Flower Appeal. The next talk for the White Flower Appeal will be on 11th/12th January 2014 and the collection will take place on 18th/19th January.

Christmas Shoe box Appeal of 2013

I would like to thank you all for your generosity in supporting the Christmas Shoe box Appeal of 2013. A total of 87 shoeboxes were filled and sent off and £115.46 was donated to the appeal on behalf of both schools and the parish. You have all been very generous in your support for this worthy cause and I am extremely grateful to you. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year and hope that you will continue to support me in this year's appeal much later in the year. Kind regards, Sheila Spokes

*A Happy and Holy New Year
from
Canon John and Deacon Peter*