

Parish of Our Lady and St David, Cwmbran

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Sunday 16th March 2014

Second Sunday of Lent Year A

Psalter Week 2

His face shone like the sun

First reading:

Genesis 12:1-4.

Response: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.



Second Reading:

1 Timothy 1:8-10

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 17 :1-9

Lent is a Season of preparation for the whole Paschal Triduum – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday: not just a time to reflect on the Cross. Often our Lenten devotions can focus exclusively on the Cross, and the idea of Baptism can be lost. This is why the Church invites us to join the disciples in looking beyond the cross this Sunday: we see the glory of Easter, the glory of the resurrection and the glory of the baptised. We see all this in the Transfiguration: we are invited to recognise who Jesus is. It is the glorified Jesus, whom we will celebrate at Easter, who calls us to journey through Lent, just as God called Abram to journey far from his home. So the readings lead to us acknowledge that Lent is a very special ‘calling’, to follow the Lord of glory to the renewal of baptismal purity.

Our Liturgy and Devotions for this week:

Morning Prayer: Tues & Thurs 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	Simon & Terry Tun (MT)
	6.00pm	Our Lady’s	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady’s	Jo Parlow’s intentions (PP)
	11.15am	St David’s	Nuala Rose Dovey (PT)
Monday	9.30am	Abbey	Pat Jones Intentions (AB)
Tuesday	9.30am	St David’s	Mary Lee (P&JM)
Wednesday	2.00pm	Our Lady’s	James Lennon (ML)
Thursday	9.30am	St David’s	Barbara Stephens (VW)
Friday	10.00am	Our Lady’s	Fr J Meredith (P&MM)
Saturday	4.30pm	St David’s	Thomas Family (M)
	6.00pm	Our Lady’s	John Stead (B&JS)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady’s	Jim Desmond (FD)
	11.15am	St David’s	Kath Bown’s Intentions

CAFOD LENT Family Fast Day

The second collection this weekend will be for **CAFOD**.

The Light is on for YOU

between 7 and 8 p.m. at Our Lady’s this Wednesday to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Fr Kevin Paine will be the visiting priest.

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:

The course continues on Tuesday, 18th March in St Anne's room at Our Lady of the Angels at 7pm.

Confirmation Programme

continues on Tuesday 18th March at Our Lady's at 6pm

St Vincent de Paul Society

A meeting will take place on Monday, 24th March in St Anne's room at Our Lady's at 7pm

Catholicism

The Fr Robert Barron DVDs will be shown every Monday afternoon in Lent in St Anne's room, Our Lady's Church at 2.30pm

Walking Through Lent with Pope Francis

(lectio divina)

continues on Thursday at 2.30pm in St Non's room, St David's Church reflecting on the gospel for next Sunday, Third Sunday of Lent, The Woman at the Well

Stations of the Cross

Our Lady's: Wednesday at 2.30pm

St David's: Thursday at 10.00am

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 and if paid by 31st May £50 will be deducted from the outstanding balance. Cheques should be made payable to Our Lady and St David's Parish.

What's on this week in the Parish

Our Lady's

Monday: 2.30pm Catholicism

Tuesday: 2.00pm Social Club

Wednesday: 2.30pm UCM

2.30pm Stations of the Cross

St David's

Tuesday: 10am Divine Mercy Devotions

Wednesday: 10am Choir Practice

Thursday: 10am Legion of Mary

10.00am Stations of the Cross

2.30pm Walk through Lent

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid £441.50

Non Gift Aid £679.77

Gift Aid Standing Order £117.12

Total giving this week £1238.39

Mass Count: 450

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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.

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

The Archdiocese of Cardiff are supporting the Pastoral Care Project Week of Prayer & Awareness of Dementia 12-19th March.

Archbishop George Stack will concelebrate Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick on **Wednesday 19th March 2014** at 12:00 Noon in All Hallows Church, Miskin, CF72 8PG. All who experience the effects of Dementia especially sufferers and their carers are most welcome. There will be an opportunity to remember sufferers and carers who have died during the past year

Churches Together

Lenten Studies and Lunches continue on Friday 21st March. Lunches will be served at The Salvation Army See poster for details of venues for the studies.

Older People's Commissioner for Wales

Lynne Neagle AM and Sarah Rochira, Older People's Commissioner for Wales will be holding a coffee morning on Friday, 28th March at St James' Hall, Hanbury Road, Pontypool between 10am -11.30am. For further details please see poster.

Deanery Lenten Station Mass

Will be held in All Saints Church, Ebbw Vale on Tuesday, 1st April at 7pm. Archbishop George Stack will be the principal celebrant. A list for names will be available next week.

Chrism Mass

will be celebrated on **Wednesday, 16th April** at 11.30am in St David's Cathedral, Charles St Cardiff.

Lent leading to The Easter Triduum

HolyThursday	7.30pm	Our Lady's
Good Friday	3.00pm	O.L.A. and St David's
Holy Saturday	7.30pm	Our Lady's
Easter Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's
	11.15am	St David's

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