



## Parish of Our Lady and St David, Cwmbran

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SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2015

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD YEAR B (FEAST)

PSALTER WEEK 1

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.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-11

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 John 5: 1-9

Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 7-11

### Psalm

Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw the water from the wells of salvation. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy! For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St David's : Tuesday 10.00am -11.30am

Our Lady's: Friday 9.30am-5.00pm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Our Lady's: Saturday 12noon-12.30pm

St David's: Saturday 3.45-4.15pm

### Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid	£540.30
Non Gift Aid	£659.73
Gift Aid Standing Order	£121.73
Total giving this week	£1321.76
Mass Count: 420	

### PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer: Mon, Tues and Thurs 9.10am

Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

### TEA, COFFEE AND A CHAT IN ST ANNE'S ROOM AFTER 9.30AM MASS

Saturday	St David's	4.30pm	Marion & Gerald Rosser (P&ML): Vincent & Mary Armstrong (JA)	<b><i>The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)</i></b>
	Our Lady's	6.00pm	Holy Souls (VL): Margaret King (BS, HG&JF)	
Sunday	Our Lady's	9.30am	John & Peggy Clack (JC): Christopher Drury (K&DF)	
	St David's	11.15am	Cullen and Curtin Families (JC): Robert Peacock (MP)	
<b><u>WEEKDAYS OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR 1 WEEK 1</u></b>				
Monday	Our Lady's	9.30am	The People of the Parish	
Tuesday	St David's	9.30am	Kathleen Scanlon (KB)	
Wednesday	St David's	12.30pm	<b>Funeral Service for Mark Hobin</b>	
	Our Lady's	2.00pm	Ints of Rees and Jo Parlow (AB)	
Thursday	St David's	9.30am	Luiga and Brice Bragazza (MB)	
Friday	Our Lady's	9.00am	Rosaria Lavallo (M&VN)	
Saturday	St David's	4.30pm	Ints of Chris and Pete Searle (HC) : Danny Aherne	<b><i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</i></b>
	Our Lady's	6.00pm	Seamus McGuire (MH): Olwyn Szymanski (CM)	
Sunday	Our Lady's	9.30am	The People of the Parish	
	St David's	11.15am	Norah Davies (C): Jenn Griffiths (DA)	

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY IN THE PRESBYTERY OFFICE AT 7PM**

### St David's Church

#### **Temporary Interruption of Electricity Supply**

Western Power Distribution will be checking their electrical equipment on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January. They will be providing us with a generator to heat the church and provide lighting. **Sunday Mass will be celebrated in the usual way.**

#### Parish Diary this Week

Tues	10.00am	St David's: Divine Mercy Group
	2.00pm	Our Lady's: Social Club
	6.30pm	St David's: SVP Meeting
Wed	10.00am	St David's: Choir Practice
	2.00pm	Our Lady's: UCM
Thurs	4.30pm	Our Lady's: Choir Practice
	7.00pm	Our Lady's: RCIA Course
	7.00pm	OLA Presbytery: Finance Meeting

#### Catechesis

##### **First Confession and Holy Communion Programme.**

The course commences on Monday 12th January and parents are required to attend the first and second meetings with their child. The child must be a Catholic and baptised. It is presumed the parents are practising Catholics. If you wish to enrol your child on the programme please get in touch by telephoning 01633 482346 to make an appointment with the Parish Priest.

#### 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

#### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Sunday 18 January and concludes on 25 January. This year's theme is "The Well is Deep" and is inspired by the encounter between Jesus and the Woman at the Well in Samaria (John:4:7). There will be an ecumenical service in Our Lady's at 6.00pm

#### UCM CHRISTMAS PRIZE DRAW

There are still some unclaimed prizes. Please check your tickets, winning numbers are listed on the notice boards, and collect your prize from St Anne's room if you are a winner. Unclaimed prizes will be redrawn.

#### WELSH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2015

The Welsh National Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 26-31 July 2015 and will be organised by Joe Walsh Tours with return flights from Cardiff airport. The cost will be £689. Pilgrims are invited to join in parish groups or individually. Further details may be obtained from Fr. Kevin Paine at Newbridge (01495 243304). Bookings can be made through:

Joe Walsh Tours, 143 Lower Baggot Street  
Dublin 2 IRELAND Tel: 00 353 1 241 0800

### Catholic Newspapers

The Catholic Times will be on sale from 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday at cost of £1.30 per paper. The Universe is still on sale but the Catholic Herald magazine has been cancelled due to lack of sales.

#### BUILDING MISSIONARY PARISHES' Proclaim '15

On 11 July next summer, invited representatives of all the dioceses in Wales and England will gather in Birmingham for a national convention on how we can best spread our Catholic Faith among those who do not yet share it. We are encouraged to hold local events that same evening, to pray for the national event and for God's blessing on our local efforts to share our faith. A diocesan PROCLAIM convention will follow later in the year, on Saturday 10 October 2015.

#### World Youth Day in Krakow 2016.

Preparation is in full swing, and, after a successful Youth Encounter Retreat at the Cathedral for the Solemnity of Christ the King, the Archbishop has officially launched the Registration for World Youth Day. Full information can be found on the diocese's WYD website - [www.Cardiff2Krakow.org](http://www.Cardiff2Krakow.org) **PLEASE CONTACT CANON JOHN ASAP IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GOING.**

#### FCJ VOCATIONS WEEKEND

23<sup>rd</sup> January – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2015. See poster for further details

#### ACTA- A Call to Action

is a national group of clergy and laity who have come together to discuss the future of the Church.

[Website: [www.acalltoaction.org.uk/](http://www.acalltoaction.org.uk/)]

There is an active group in most of the dioceses in England and Wales, An inaugural meeting for a group in the Archdiocese of Cardiff is to meet at **St Brigid's Parish Hall, Crystal Glen, Cardiff CF14 5QN on Monday 2nd February 2015 starting at 7.00pm. All are welcome** Further details from Frank Callus [-fbcallus@aol.com](mailto:-fbcallus@aol.com) or Mobile -07956005459

#### THANK YOU

**A collection in lieu of flowers was taken at Danny Aherne's funeral which the Family donated to the church. It amounted to £135**

#### Parish Directory

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*And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you"*