

Parish of Our Lady and St David, Cwmbran

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Sunday 26th January 2014

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Psalter Week 3

First Reading Isaiah 8:23-9:3

Res: the Lord is my light and my help



Second Reading 1 Cor 1:10-13,17

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4: 12-23

We will spend most of the Sundays of the coming year in the company of Saint Matthew. His Gospel (like the others) has its own characteristics. He is writing for a Jewish audience, and so is always at pains to stress one thing: that Jesus of Nazareth was the promised Messiah. He does this by reference to Jesus' teaching and miracles, and very often by quoting the prophecies of the Old Testament to show that Jesus was their fulfilment. Today is a perfect example. "Zebulun and Naphthali" was an old name for the area round Capernaum by the side of the Lake of Galilee, a busy fishing and trading area, with many Gentile towns and settlements: it is here, rather than in the dangerous town of Nazareth, that Jesus "settles" and begins his ministry. This is where the proclamation of the Kingdom of God begins, as was foretold, and the first followers are invited to join Jesus.

Our Liturgy and Devotions for this week

Morning Prayer: Tues & Thurs 9.10am

Evening prayer: Fri 4.40pm

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Tom & Doreen Probert (JA)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	James Lennon (ML)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	John Stead (PJ)
	11.15am	St David's	Wellbeing of Carol Cowhig (St D School)
Monday	9.30am	Abbey	People of the Parish
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Denis Sheehy (CM)
Wednesday	2.00pm	Our Lady's	Val Jones (G&RJ)
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Charles Cadogan (JC)
Friday	9.00am	Our Lady's	Kathleen Kerney (E&SG)
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Stephen Healey (M&JH)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Gerald Dunnion (MBM)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Veronica Kent (VW)
	11.15am	St David's	John Sullivan (BB)

Today we welcome Fr John MacWilliam who will make an appeal on behalf of The Missionaries of Africa (The White Fathers)

Wedding Anniversaries

If any parishioners are celebrating a special wedding anniversary i.e. 25th 40th or 50th please inform Canon John a.s.a.p. so that a papal blessing may be ordered.

Sacrament of Reconciliation, Saturday

Our Lady's at 12noon-12.30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday: St David's Church 10.00am -1.00pm

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

TEA, COFFEE, BISCUITS and a
CHAT in St Anne's room after
9.30am Mass today
and every Sunday

Thank you for your generous response to the white Flower Appeal (SPUC) last week, £1241.28 was realised

Network Foodbank - The Trussell Trust

Please bring your donations next weekend

CATECHESIS

Baptism Course: Tuesday, 28th January

The course continues this week on Tuesday, 28th 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 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

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

The first meeting will take place on Wednesday, 29th January at 7.00 in St Anne's room.

N.B. the dates are in October half-term 2015

What's on this week in the Parish

Our Lady's

Tuesday: 2pm Social Club

Wednesday: 2.30pm UCM

7.00pm Pilgrimage 2015 meeting

Thursday 2.00pm Friends of St David Lewis

St David's

Tuesday: 10am Divine Mercy Devotions

Wednesday: 10am Choir Practice

Thursday: 10am Legion of Mary

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the Les Chittleburgh who died recently and for his family and friends

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid £474.10

Non Gift Aid £700.67

Gift Aid Standing Order £117.12

Total giving this week £1291.89

Mass Count 513

Second Collection **this week** is for the Mission Appeal

Welsh National Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Welsh National Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Sunday 27 July until Friday 1 August.

Further details, booking forms, registration can be made through Fr. Kevin Paine (Tel: 01495 243304).

Come and see what Religious Life is all about:

A day for women who would like to learn more about becoming a Sister. Take time to pray, reflect and ask questions with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Annecy on 8th March 2014 in Newport, Wales. Contact Sr. Marianne for more information at ssjavocations@hotmail.com or 01633 252321

CAFOD school volunteers needed!

CAFOD South Wales is looking for volunteers to work with children and young people in schools and parishes to help them learn and to inspire them to take action with CAFOD. For further information please contact CAFOD South Wales on 02920 344 882, email southwales@cafod.org.uk or visit www.cafodsouthwales.wordpress.com

St David's Day Concert 1st March 2014

Cwmbran Male Voice Choir and guests will be holding a concert in St David's Church on Saturday, 1st March, proceeds will be divided between the parish and Tenovus cancer charity. Tickets will be £5 each and will be available shortly; there is a list in the porch of the Church to order tickets in the meantime. The concert starts at 7.00pm

Parish Directory

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