



# Parish of Our Lady and St David, Cwmbran

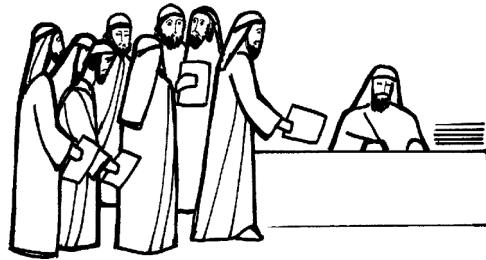
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Sunday 22nd September

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

Psalter week 1



*You cannot be the slave both of God and money.*

How easy to take the words of Jesus out of context: “Use money to win you friends,” is one of those lines that sounds strange to us outside the context of the parable and the teaching in today’s Gospel. Even the parable itself can seem a little strange – is Jesus really recommending that we act like dishonest stewards? No, of course not! The point that reveals this is hidden half way down: “The children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind...” Jesus in a way praises the effort of the dishonest steward, but wishes that it was directed less to worldly things, but to the things of heaven. And this is the message that we are to take: where do we direct our energies – to making money, fame, fortune and success, or to finding “friends in heaven”?

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Res: Praise the Lord, who raises the poor

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

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

BAPTISM AND WEDDING APPOINTMENTS

Please contact Canon John on 01633482346 or email [cwmbranparish@virginmedia.com](mailto:cwmbranparish@virginmedia.com)

## Our Parish Liturgy and Devotions

### Monday Mass will be celebrated at Llantarnam Abbey at 9.30am

Morning Prayer – Tues and Thurs 9.10am Evening Prayer – Wed 7.10pm, & Fri 6.40am

#### Mass Times and Intentions this week:-

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4.30pm</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	<b>St David's</b> <b>Our Lady's</b>	Kenneth Harnett (LA) Joseph Smith (JM)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>11.15am</b>	<b>Our Lady's</b> <b>St David's</b>	Peggy Clack (CM) Margaret Gale (BD)
<b>Monday</b>	9.30am	<b>Abbey</b>	Maureen and Harold Pritchard <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30am	<b>St David's</b>	Marshall and Joseph Desmond
<b>Wednesday</b>	7.30pm	<b>Our Lady's</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Thursday</b>	9.30am	<b>St David's</b>	Sr Rose Nallon, Christopher Gormley, Anthony Gillespie
<b>Friday</b>	8am-7pm <b>10.00am</b>	<b>Our Lady's</b> <b>Our Lady's</b>	Sinead McDonnell (L&PMc)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12-12.30pm</b> <b>3.45 – 4.15</b> <b>4.30pm</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Our Lady's</b> <b>St David's</b> <b>St David's</b> <b>Our Lady's</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Veronica Kent (MK) Eve Healey (M&J)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>11.15am</b>	<b>Our Lady's</b> <b>St David's</b>	Tom Jordan (BM) Kathleen Stroud (DS)

### Would you like to be better able to share your faith?

So often we hear that people lack the confidence to talk about Jesus and their faith, because they struggle to express what they believe. For many Catholics, knowledge of our faith is limited to what we learnt at school, and the Sunday homily. We all know that sharing our faith can be a lot more complicated than this prepares us for.

If you relate to this, why not join us for a series of evening talks by Fr. Gareth Leyshon at the Cornerstone at St David's Cathedral for a top-up in understanding your faith?

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Mon 7 Oct	19:00	<b><i>We Believe in a God Who Speaks</i></b> – Catholics, Tradition and the Bible
Mon 14 Oct	19:00	<b><i>We Believe in a Virgin Mother</i></b> – Mary, the mother of Jesus
Mon 21 Oct	19:00	<b><i>We Believe in a Suffering Saviour</i></b> – Why did Jesus have to die?
Mon 28 Oct	19:00	<b><i>A Question of Faith: God</i></b> – challenge our panel to answer any of your questions about God
Mon 4 Nov	19:00	<b><i>We Believe in the Resurrection of the Body</i></b> – what will happen to us when we die?
Mon 11 Nov	19:00	<b><i>A Question of Faith: Church</i></b> – challenge our panel to answer your questions about the Church
Mon 18 Nov	19:00	<b><i>We Believe in the Holy Spirit</i></b> – who is the mysterious "Third Person within God"?
Mon 25 Nov	19:00	<b><i>We Believe in One Church of Christ</i></b> – how does the Catholic Church relate to other faiths?

### **What's on this week at Our Lady's**

Tuesday: 2pm Social Club

Wednesday: 8pm UCM

8pm Choir Practice

### **Interested in Becoming a Catholic?**

There will be a meeting in St Non's room St David's Church on Thursday 26th September at 8.00pm for anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church. If you know anyone who may be interested please invite them to come along.

### **Harvest Supper Churches Together**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September at the Salvation Army at 6.30pm. See poster for further details

### **S.P.U.C.**

From this Sunday, there will be petitions to sign in the porch opposing the proposal to promote pornography lessons in the class room. We urge as many people as possible to sign regarding this very disturbing situation.

### **Collections 15th September: many thanks**

Gift Aid	£433.10
Non Gift Aid	£710.56
Gift Aid Standing Order	£117.12
Fund Raising (St David Quiz)	£226.50

**St David's – APF BOXES (RED MISSION BOXES)** are due to be emptied. Please leave them in the Piety Stall, and please take a Missio Magazine

### **Holy Father's Intentions for September**

**Value of Silence.** That people today, often overwhelmed by noise, may rediscover the value of silence and listen to the voice of God and their brothers and sisters.

**Persecuted Christians.** That Christians suffering persecution in many parts of the world may by their witness be prophets of Christ's love

### **What's on this week at St David's**

Tuesday: 10am Divine Mercy Devotions

Wednesday: 10am Choir Practice

Thursday: 10am Legion of Mary

### **Baptism Course**

The next Baptism course takes place in St. Anne's room on the following dates 26th Sept and October 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. If anyone would like their baby baptised, please complete the Baptismal enrolment form a.s.a.p. Time 7.00pm

### **St David's School - Evacuation Day**

Dear parishioners,

As part of our World War 2 study we are 'evacuating' the children to the church hall for the day. We would like to invite you to share any experiences of World War 2 you may have had with the children. If you would like to join us we will be there on Tuesday 24th September from 9.30-2.30 and we would love to hear your stories. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together with the parish and in return we invite you into school for the children to help answer any questions/problems you may have with computers or mobile phones. We look forwards to sharing tea, biscuits and tales with you on Tuesday. If you know anyone else who would like to share their stories please invite them along.

Many thanks,

Alison Baillon-Jones

Year six teacher at St David's

### **40 Days for Life**

From 25<sup>th</sup> September until 3<sup>rd</sup> November, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil opposite the British pregnancy Advisory Clinic 106 St. Mary's street Cardiff 8am-8pm and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you would like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact:

Clare email [clare40dfl@gmail.com](mailto:clare40dfl@gmail.com)

Tel. 07580275698

Or visit [www.40daysforlife.com/cardiff](http://www.40daysforlife.com/cardiff)

**CARDIFF METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL OF SAINT**

**DAVID**

**Charles Street, Cardiff CF10 2SF**

CELEBRATION OF SUNG EVENSONG  
AT 4.00 PM ~ SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2013  
See poster for details

**A Week of Accompanied Prayer**

**Date: November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> 2013**

**Venue: The Retreat launch and closure will be held at the Ty Croeso Centre. Llantarnam Abbey**

The retreat begins on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 3pm

With a session for all those taking part.

Individual daily sessions will take place each day from Monday to Friday at a suitable time and location arranged with your director.

The retreat finishes on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> at 11am with a closing session for all those taking part.

Cost: a donation of at least £10 is suggested to cover the cost of photocopying etc.

Number of places available 25

See poster for details and application forms

**29<sup>th</sup> September: St David's Church 11.15am**

Welcome Mass with St David's School

**13<sup>th</sup> October: Our Lady of the Angels 9.30am**

Harvest Festival Mass

**NEWSLETTER**

**All items for inclusion should be emailed or posted through the presbytery letterbox no later than Wednesday evening please**

**Parish Directory**

**Parish Priest: Reverend Canon John Griffiths**

**Parish Deacon: Reverend Peter McLaren 01633 770754**

**Parish Sister: Sister Thecla SSJ Tel: 01633 483232**

**PAC Chairman: Mrs. Paddy Landers 01633 868352**

**Head teacher: Mrs. Sheelagh McCool**

**Head teacher: Mr. John Healey**

**Our Lady of the Angels School Tel: 01633 484673**

**St David's School Tel: 01633 482580**

**Safeguarding: Paul Williams 01633 770349**

**John Metcalfe 07977108478**

**Friends of Saint David Lewis**

The next meeting of Friends of Saint David Lewis will be held in Saint Anne's Room, at Our Lady of the Angels, at 2:00pm Thursday 26th September.

Also...The 5th Annual Pilgrimage to Saint Michael's Mount and Abergavenny, Saturday 28th September. Details are in the porch at Our Lady's and St David's.

**Operation Christmas Child 2013**

I am running this campaign again this year and would love to have your support. Operation Christmas Child is a campaign organised by Samaritan's Purse who are a Christian Charity bringing joy to disadvantaged children all over the world. Getting involved is really easy. There are three ways in which you can help: purchase a Christmas Shoe Box from Sheila Spokes (St. David's parish) for just 50 pence and fill it with the items set out in the leaflet provided, or, bring items on the list (provided in the leaflet) and place in the boxes provided at the rear of both churches, alternatively, you can fill your own empty shoebox (it must be wrapped in Christmas paper with the lid covered separately from the box as it needs to be opened for customs purposes), with items listed in the leaflet. Each box filled will require a donation of £3.00 towards postage and transportation. If you do not wish to fill a box, you can donate money to help with costs.

If you require any further information, please feel free to contact Sheila Spokes on 07817 544036 or 01633 489122.

Thank you in anticipation of your generous support.

**OUR PARISH DAY OF REFLECTION**

will take place on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at Llantarnam Abbey 10am-3pm. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee provided. Everyone is invited.