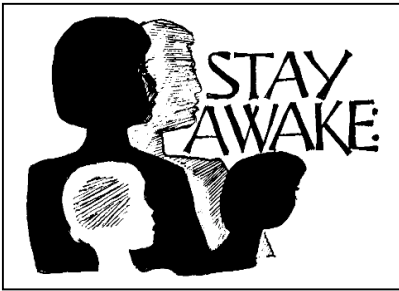


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SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2015

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

PSALTER WEEK 1

"Your liberation is near at hand."

As usual, the great Season of Advent begins, not by talking about Christmas, but about the Second Coming. We've had this theme already for the past two weeks, but there is a slight change of emphasis in the Scripture readings offered for this Sunday: here the tone is positive: it is the promise of what is to come that we contemplate. Even in the Gospel, though it talks of the dreadful signs that mark the end times, we hear of a promise - "liberation. For this we should stand erect and hold our heads high. The central theme is that we welcome the coming of a person - Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah, and this is what links this Sunday to the coming feast of his birth: we are now preparing to celebrate how he once came: may these preparations also help us to prepare for him when he comes again.

PSALM

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant

First Reading: Jer 33:14-16

Second Reading: Thess 3: 12-4:2

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer: Tues & Thurs 9.10am

Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	The People of the Parish	1st Sunday of Advent Year C
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Anne Martin (MBM)	
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Thanksgiving (Fraser)	
	11.15am	St David's	Marie McLaren (SM) : Special Intentions O'Brien Family	2nd Sunday of Advent Year C
	4.00pm	Our Lady's	Vigil for Phillip Hayton	
Monday	10.00am	Our Lady's	Funeral Mass for Phillip Hayton	
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Vito Tomasulo (O&BW)	<i>St Francis Xavier, Priest</i>
Wednesday	9.00am	Our Lady's	Marie McLaren (MW)	
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Hugh Williams	
Friday	9.00am	Our Lady's	Ints Pam Wiles (S&EG)	2nd Sunday of Advent Year C
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Special Intentions (VU)	
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	George Whitfield (SVP)	
	9.30am	Our Lady's	Stella Smith (GS): Paul Daley (PT): Elsie & William Desmond (FJ)	
Sunday	11.15am	St David's	Fr Gerald Cullen (BB)	

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tues: St David's

10am – 11.30am

Fri: Our Lady's:

9.30am-5.00pm

RECONCILIATION

Our Lady's

Sat 12.00-12.30pm

St David's

Sat 3.45-4.15pm

FOOD BANK COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

ADVENT HYMN WEEK 1

1. Light the advent candle one,
Now the waiting has begun,
we have started on our way:
time to think of Christmas day.

Candle, candle, burning bright,
shining in the cold winter night.
Candle, candle, burning bright,
fill our hearts with Christmas light.



Tea, coffee and a
chat in St Anne's
room after Mass
every Sunday

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK END FOR THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP)

Making a donation, however small, will enable the SVP to make a difference to the lives of people in real need, facing many forms of disadvantages.

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid	£333.00
Non Gift Aid	£774.06
Gift Aid Standing Order	£148.96
Total giving this week	£1256.02
Clergy Retirement Fund	£798.05
Mass Count:	390

Sick List

Please pray for the sick and housebound especially
Mostyn Crowley, Joyce Thomas, Tom and Hazel McCarthy, Jean Olearczyk, Goff James, Mary Lee, Peter Lee, Mary Reilly, Bill Gale, Margaret Gallagher, Doreen Hayton, Pauline Duval, Lilian Cody, Barbara Berger, Megan Donnelly, Peggy Wickett, Kathleen Eyre, Doreen Tubb, Mieczyslan Kopec, George Powell, Trevor Jenkins, Patricia Robins, Mavis Thomas, Peggy Wells, Mary Crescenzi, Mel Pearce, Molly McDonald, Ian Werrett, Josie Mahoney, John James, Beryl James, Rev Anthony Tumulty O.S.B. Michael Williams, Pat Mulligan and all who care for them.

Walk With Me: ADVENT 2015

This year 'Walk With Me' contemplates the mercy of God. The daily reflections are rooted in the Gospel and in Pope Francis' vision for the Holy Year. Each day is an opportunity to learn more of God's mercy and love, 'that is a wellspring of joy and serenity and peace.' (Pope Francis) In the introduction we read, 'By God's grace we reach out to others. Don't be afraid to share what Christmas means to you. Why not give a copy of ***Walk With Me*** to a friend, relative or work colleague?' **The booklet costs £1 per copy**

Year of Mercy 2015-16: A Pilgrimage Companion

Booklets are available in the church porch at £1 each

Piety Stalls at Our Lady's and St David's

Christmas cards, diaries and calendars are now on sale

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL!

This event is to be held in the **Ty Croeso centre (Llantarnam Abbey) on Saturday 12th December, between 11.30 am and 2.30 pm.** Coffee and mince pies or soup and roll included in entrance fee: **£2.50 (adult) £1.00 (child).** There will be home produce, toiletries, handcraft and Christmas goods on sale, plus a raffle. A guided tour of the Abbey will also be available. All are welcome.

Father Cullen's Vigil Funeral Mass

My grateful thanks to the Readers, Choir, Servers and Parishioners who came to Fr Cullen's Vigil Funeral Mass on Wednesday evening, Fr Cullen's family were very pleased by the kindness, sympathy and prayers. My gratitude also to the Archbishop, brother Priests and Deacon Patrick for making it a special celebration to remember. Thanks to the SVP for providing refreshments for the clergy. May He Rest In Peace.

8th December 2015 - 20th November 2016

YEAR OF MERCY

Invitation to receive and proclaim God's Love and Mercy

On 8 December 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis will open a Holy Year of Mercy. The Pope desires that the year "will be steeped in mercy, so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God! May the balm of mercy reach everyone, both believers and those far away, as a sign that the Kingdom of God is already present in our midst!" (Bull of Indiction 5)

As the Year of Mercy coincides with the centenary of the Archdiocese, Archbishop George has named **FIVE** churches to house a "Door of Mercy". The locations have been chosen because of their significance to the founding of the Archdiocese of Cardiff:

St David's Cathedral, Cardiff - Mother Church of the Archdiocese

Belmont Abbey - Home to the Benedictine Monks who played a significant role in re-establishing the Faith within this part of Wales and Herefordshire, and pro-cathedral of the Diocese of Newport and Menevia

St. Mary's, Bridgend - One of the first Benedictine foundations in the Diocese

St. Mary's, Merthyr Tydfil - One of the first Benedictine foundations in the Diocese

St. Mary's, Newport - Original Rosminian foundation and intended home for the Bishops of Newport

Works to be performed for the Jubilee Year of Mercy Indulgence

The requirements are as follows:

For able-bodied Catholics

Make a Pilgrimage to one of the Holy Doors within your local area (diocese), or at one of the Papal Basilicas in Rome. Crossing through the Holy Door is a spiritual journey signifying "the deep desire for true conversion".

Go to Confession.

Receive the Holy Eucharist "with a reflection of mercy".

Make a profession of faith.

Pray for the Pope and his intentions.

For the elderly, the confined and the sick

By living their trial in life in a spirit of "faith and joyful hope".

Receiving the Eucharist.

Or by attending Mass or Community Prayer "even through the various means of communication" eg. on TV, radio, Internet

St Alban's R.C. High School Christmas Carol Service.

This year's concert will be held in Our Lady of the Angels Church at 7pm on Tuesday 15th December. Everyone welcome.

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