



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID

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SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2015

32nd SUNDAY YEAR B

PSALTER WEEK 4

"This poor widow has put in more than all."

God does not have favourites", Saint Paul tells us, but God always makes a special place for the poor, and those whom society would push into second place. In the traditions of Israel God invited the people to have special care for the "widows and orphans" - so the story we hear in today's Gospel would have a particular resonance. The paradox of Christian faith is this: in giving, we receive. Christ gave everything, sacrificing his very life, and in return received a new and unending life. The widow in the first reading gave her last food for the prophet Elijah, and in return received an endless supply. This is a challenge to us in our turn: what are we invited or asked to give, and in what spirit will we do so, and what will be our reward?

PSALM

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel Reading: Mark 12:38-44

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer: Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs 9.10am

Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Paddy O'Donovan	
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Rosemary Brannigan (JM)	32nd Sunday Year B
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Mass for the Dead of War	
	11.15am	St David's	Jimmy Meaney (L&PM): Gwyn Griffiths (CJG)	
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Holy Souls	<i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Deceased Priests of the A'Diocese	<i>St Leo the Great, Pope</i>
Wednesday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Nicola Lavallo (MN): Marie McLaren (JC)	<i>St Martin of Tours,</i>
	7.00pm	Our Lady's	SERVICE OF MEMORIES	
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Allan Cook (CG): Vito Tomasulo (BD)	<i>St Josaphat,</i>
Friday	9.00am	Our Lady's	John & Cath Desmond (BD)	
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Hugh Williams (P&ML)	
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Thanksgiving (CG)	33rd Sunday Year B
	9.30am	Our Lady's	Longina Narzabal (BD)	
Sunday	11.15am	St David's	The People of the Parish	

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

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

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE CLERGY RETIREMENT FUND

Service of Memories:

Wednesday 11th November at 7pm in Our Lady's Church. We remember especially at this service parishioners who have died during the past year, and if you are a parishioner who has suffered from a bereavement in the past 12 months and the deceased lives outside of the parish please give their names to Beth Smith or the parish office (01633 482346). Everyone welcome

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS (UCM)

The UCM are holding a cake, jam and pickle stall on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th November. Donations of cakes will be gratefully accepted.

Please keep **Deacon Peter** in your prayers, he is having a knee replacement operation next weekend and will be on sick leave for a while.

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid £509.00
Non Gift Aid £583.84
Gift Aid Standing Order £148.96
Total giving this week £1241.80
Mass Count: 361

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, Phillip & 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. Fr Gerry Cullen and all who care for them.

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

CATECHESIS: Baptism Course

The next Baptism course will commence on Wednesday 18th November in St Anne's room at 6pm

Marriage Care

the largest provider of marriage preparation services for the Catholic Church in England and Wales are looking for volunteers in our area.

For more information, without any commitment, or to apply visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

"Welcoming Refugees –

How Should Churches Respond" with Canon Aled Edwards (Cytun) and Chloe Marong (Trinity Centre, Cardiff). See posters in the church porches.

Eucharistic Adoration

There will be Eucharistic Adoration for the unborn at the Cathedral 12th November 9-6pm, with Mass at 12.45 pm and Benediction at 5.30pm. All are welcome

Friends of St David Lewis

The 7th Annual Spreading of Soil Service will take place at approximately 2:30pm Saturday 14th November at the Shrine Llantarnam. Members may meet at 2:00pm (If you wish) in Saint Anne's Room at our lady's.

How great is God's love for us?

The Catholic Bible School's final event in Wales for 2105 will be on Saturday 28th November in St Dyfrig's Church, Treforest. It will be led by Gemma Wildsmith, who will be looking at the theme "Christ our Bridegroom", Please see poster for details

Archdiocesan Family Support Project

Family Advent Day!

This year on Saturday 28th November in OLA parish Hall Cwmbran. It is hoped that families will then join us for vigil Mass at 4.30pm in St David's Cwmbran- including the blessing of our Advent wreaths and presentation of symbols for the Jesse tree, and round the day off with a mince pie and a 'cuppa' in the meeting room at St David's after mass! There is no fee for this event but we are asking that people bring a food item for the food banks and there will also be a raffle!

Operation-Christmas-Child

I will be collecting shoe boxes again this year for children who are victims of war and famine. Unfortunately, due to high demand, the template boxes are unavailable this year and so I ask that you cover a shoe box with Christmas Paper (this needs to be done separately so that contents can be checked) and fill with suitable items.

A list of items will be available at the rear of both churches. Alternatively, you can check out their website at: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

The last date for collection is Sunday 15th November.

Further information is available from Sheila Spokes 07817544036

Gen Verde:

Lucy Williams will tell us more about this project after Mass this weekend.

Gen Verde is an international performing Arts Group touring Great Britain and coming to South Wales in November. Their 'Start Now' Project is offered to young people of all abilities, cultural and social backgrounds to promote a culture of peace and solidarity in which every person is valued. This unique project is coming to Torfaen and the group will be working with Students St Alban's, West Mon and Croesyceiliog secondary schools who will be taking part in 3 days of workshops culminating in a 2 hour performance with the Group

Date: November 12th Time: 7:30

Venue The Newport Centre.

Please take a flyer from the back of the Church for information about tickets. All are welcome



Holy Land Reunion

Will take place on Friday 20th November in OLA School hall at 7pm. Please give your meal order of cod 'n chips, pie 'n chips or chicken 'n chips to Carole Morgan by Tuesday 17th November.

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