



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID

CWMBRAN

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

SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER 2015

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

PSALTER WEEK 3

This Sunday is called **Gaudete Sunday**, Rejoice Sunday". This comes from the readings we hear today, and it underlines an important point. In the Gospel, we hear John the Baptist telling different groups what to do - they must repent, and change their lives. We might think of this as a rather joyless thing - something which is hard and unrewarding. The message of this Sunday is that repentance and changing our lives to welcome Jesus is something richly joyful. When we are planning to welcome anyone we love to our homes, we set about cleaning and preparing for their visit with enthusiasm - nothing is too much trouble for someone we care for greatly. Even scrubbing the bath or polishing the furniture can be a happy and joyful thing! The message of this Sunday is that preparing to welcome the Lord - even though it may involve hard work - is something utterly joyful, because of our love for Him, and His love for us.

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 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.

First Reading: Zeph 3:14-18

Second Reading: Phil 4:4-7

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:10-18

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer: Mon, Tues & Thurs 9.10am

Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Olwyn Szymanski (CJ): Danny Ahern (M&J)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Hugh Williams (MW) 3rd Sunday of Advent Year C
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Rose and Jack Clifford (MW) Gaudete Sunday
	11.15am	St David's	Elsie & Jack Coombes, Elizabeth & Joe (RJ)
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish <i>St John of the Cross</i>
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Marie McLaren KB: Hugh Williams (S&EG)
Wednesday	9.00am	Our Lady's	Thanksgiving (EV)
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Brede Strutt (MM): Brennen Family (BB): Ints Denise Wright
Friday	9.00am	Our Lady's	Brian Draisey (RD)
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Sue Jenkins (PJ)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Patricia & Ken Harnett (): Stephen J Healy (M&JH)
	9.30am	Our Lady's	Tom & Megan Cahill (JD): Sidney R Chittleburgh (CC)
Sunday	11.15am	St David's	Robert Peacock (MP) 4th

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

A SECOND COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS WILL BE TAKEN THIS WEEKEND

Catechesis

First Confession and Holy Communion Programme.

The course commences on 11th January at 6pm in St Anne's room at Our Lady's. The first meeting is for parents only. The child must be a baptised Catholic and the parent(s) Catholics also. If you wish to enrol your child on the programme please contact Canon John after the weekend Masses. Enrolment forms should be returned to Canon John ASAP.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St David's on Tuesdays 22nd and 29th December or in Our Lady's on Friday 25th December and Friday 1st January.

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid £411.10
Non Gift Aid £684.57
Gift Aid Standing Order £148.96
Total giving this week £ 1244.63
SVP Collection £997.02
Mass Count: 448

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, Mięczyslan Kopec, George Powell,
Trevor Jenkins, Patricia Robins, Mavis Thomas, Peggy
Wells, Mel Pearce, Molly McDonald, Ian Werrett,
Josie Mahoney, John James, Beryl James, Michael
Williams, Rev Anthony Tumulty O.S.B. Fr Michael
Cronin, Pat Mulligan, Lynda Davis, Ann Fish and all
who care for them.

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.

Advent Leading to Christmas

DEANERY RECONCILIATION TIMES

15th December at 3.00pm in Monmouth
17th December at 3.00pm in Newbridge
18th December at 2.45pm Cwmbran (Our Lady's)

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve: St David's 6pm
Our Lady's 9pm
Christmas Day: Our Lady's 9am
St David's 10.30am

Saturday 26th December: (Boxing Day)

**Feast of St Stephen's, Patron of Altar Servers,
Our Lady's: Mass at 11.30am. New members will be
enrolled in the Guild of St Stephen**

NO EVENING MASSES IN EITHER CHURCH TONIGHT.

Sunday 27th Feast of the Holy Family

**Our Lady's 9.30am
St David's 11.15am**

CHURCH CLEANING FOR CHRISTMAS

**St David's: Thursday 17th December 10am
Our Lady's: Wednesday 23rd December at 9.30am
Volunteers for church cleaning have dwindled in
both churches recently. Can you spare an hour or
two to make our churches look beautiful for
Christmas? Please come along on these days, your
help will be greatly appreciated.**

YEAR OF MERCY

WHICH HOLY DOOR WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO THROUGH?

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

Please take home your Prayer Card for the Year of Mercy

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)

Our Lady and St David's Conference

The SVP like to thank everyone for their generous donations
last weekend. The total collection amounted to £997.02

YEAR BOOKS

Year books are now on sale at £3 each.

Parish Directory

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*"God is so great that he can become small. God is so
powerful that he can make himself vulnerable and come to
us as a defenceless child, so that we can love him.*

Pope Benedict XVI (24/12/05)