



## PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID

### CWMBRAN

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**SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2016**

**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**PSALTER WEEK 4**

**"Like Elijah and Elisha, Jesus is not sent to the Jews only."**

Last week, when Jesus spoke in the synagogue, his words pleased the crowd - as we hear at the beginning of today's Gospel. How quickly the mood changes! This story shows very clearly that Jesus was not a "crowd-pleaser" - he wasn't interested in saying the right things to be popular or accepted. He was interested in the truth - which is the basic definition of a prophet - whatever the personal cost. So today, when Jesus points out that salvation is not just for the Jews, or even just the people of Nazareth, they reject the message and the messenger. Just like Jeremiah, when he was called to be a prophet (first reading), Jesus has to confront the land: they will fight with him, but not overcome him

#### PSALM

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, free me: pay heed to me and save me. Be a rock where I can take refuge, a mighty stronghold to save me; for you are my rock, my stronghold. Free me from the hand of the wicked. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, my trust, O Lord, since my youth. On you I have leaned from my birth, from my mother's womb you have been my help. My lips will tell of your justice and day by day of your help. O God, you have taught me from my youth and I proclaim your wonders still.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jer. 1:4-5,17-19**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Cor 12: 31-13:13**

**Gospel: Luke 4: 21-30**

#### **PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK**

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

**Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm**

<b>Saturday</b>	4.30pm	<b>St David's</b>	Charles Cadogan (JC): Dan Cambridge (L&SR)
	6.00pm	<b>Our Lady's</b>	The People of the Parish <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	9.30am	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Ints Angela Hanlon (R&JP)
	11.15am	<b>St David's</b>	Sheila Morgan (AW)
<b>Monday</b>	9.30am	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Kathleen and Patrick Sheehy (PP)
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30am	<b>St David's</b>	Kath Bagshaw (VW) <i>Presentation of the Lord</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Ints. Sr Connla (E&SG): Phillip Richards (TS) <i>St Blaise</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	9.30am	<b>St David's</b>	Marie McLaren (J&M): Fr G Cullen (JP)
<b>Friday</b>	9.00am	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Ida Lanza and Franceschina Natale (V&MN) <i>St Agnes</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	4.30pm	<b>St David's</b>	Dorrie and Derek Crimmons
	6.00pm	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Barbara McAllister (B&JS) <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</b>
	9.30am	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Michael McLenchy (PL)
<b>Sunday</b>	11.15am	<b>St David's</b>	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 – 12.30pm**

**St David's  
Sat 3.45-4.15pm**

#### **Day of Reflection for Parish Ministries**

The Day of Reflection for Parish Ministries will be held in Ty Croeso, Llantarnam Abbey on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February from 10.30am -2.30pm. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. N.B. The costs of the day will be paid by the parish.

#### **P.A.C.**

**The PAC will meet on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> February in St Non's room, St David's at 7pm**

#### **PARISH MASS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

A Mass for the Sick will be celebrated at St David's Church at 2pm on Thursday 11th February. Everyone is invited especially the housebound and sick. Transport will be arranged for those who need it. Light refreshments will be served in St Non's room after the Mass

**Your giving to your Parish: many thanks**

**Gift Aid:** £394.50  
**Non Gift Aid:** £686.69  
**Gift Aid Standing Order** £148.96  
**Total giving this week** £1230.15  
**Mass Count:** 503

**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, Mel Pearce, Molly McDonald, Ian Werrett, Josie Mahoney, John and Beryl James, Michael Williams, Pat Mulligan, Lynda Davis, Violet Thomas, Frances Brown, Mary Evans Rev Anthony Tumulty O.S.B. Fr Michael Cronin, Sr Thecla, and all who care for them.

**Catechesis**

**First Confession and Holy Communion Programme**

The course continues on 1st February at 5pm in St Anne's room at Our Lady's.

**Please note change of date: the meeting scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> February will take place on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 5pm**

**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

A day of Recollection for Ministers of Communion, Communion Catechists, and all involved in Celebrating, Sharing, Receiving, and Building up the Body of Christ in the Parish will be held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February, 10.30 – 3.30. For further details of the day and a booking form, please contact Peter Olearczyk (OLA) Shelagh Mills (St D) or the parish office. Please return completed forms to the parish office, the cost of the day will be paid by the parish.

**CAFOD**

**Pope Francis - Caring for our Common Home – talk on the new Environmental Encyclical**

Please join us for an exciting and engaging overview of what Pope Francis says in his new Papal Encyclical on the environment - *Laudato Si'*, led by Kieran O'Brien from CAFOD Wales. This will be an opportunity to explore some of the key themes raised in the encyclical, as well as a chance to reflect on how we can respond to the challenges Pope Francis presents us. Join us at 10:00 – 12:00pm on Sat 13 Feb at Ty Croeso, Llantarnam Abbey, Cwmbran NP44 3YJ. Contact CAFOD South Wales for further details on 029 20 344 882. All welcome.

**Thank You**

Bernadette Davies would like to thank the couple who helped her after her fall last Saturday evening at St David's Church.

**40 Days for Life vigil in Cardiff**

**Where?** St Mary Street, Cardiff, outside opposite Elgin House, on the pavement in front of the abortion facility.

**When?** 10<sup>th</sup> Feb. (Ash Wednesday) until 20<sup>th</sup> March (Palm Sunday). I am asking for volunteers for AN HOUR between 11.00 a.m. to 4.00p.m.

**Contact** Janet on [jelthomas@btinternet.com](mailto:jelthomas@btinternet.com) or 07901713077

**HOLY DOOR - ST. MARY'S NEWPORT**

The Door of Mercy reflection card at St. Mary's Newport is entitled 'The Hour of Mercy'. The people and clergy of All Saints Newport invite you to a Holy Hour with Divine Mercy prayers every Friday between 2pm - 3pm during the Holy Year. A great opportunity to make pilgrimage through the Holy Door and spend the hour up to the time of Our Lord's death on the cross (The Hour of Mercy) with him. All are welcome.

**Welsh National Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

Invite you to Mass on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2016 at 3pm in Our Lady of Margam Church Port Talbot. See poster in the porch for further details.

**Welsh National pilgrimage 2016**

From 24<sup>th</sup> July - 29<sup>th</sup> July 216 by air from Cardiff  
Enquiries: Joe Walsh Tours Tel: 02920003865  
See poster for more details

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**Ash Wednesday 10th February 2016 Mass Times**

**Our Lady's : 9.30 and St David's:7.00pm**

**Week of Prayer and Awareness for Dementia**

In this Year of Mercy the Annual Mass for people with Dementia and those who care for and minister to them will be celebrated by Archbishop George Stack on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> March at 12noon in St Mary's Catholic Church, Ewenny Road, Bridgend.. See poster in porch for further details

**Marriage Care**

Marriage Care are advertising for volunteers. Please see poster for details.

**Parish Directory**

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