



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID

CWMBRAN

(Registered Charity No. 242380)

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

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

PSALTER WEEK 1

It may seem strange, but this is a Christmas Feast. Not if we think of Christmas only in terms of the Baby in Bethlehem, but if we have followed the ideas of the Feasts of Holy Family and especially Epiphany, and have seen the Season in terms of the growing manifestation or appearing of the Son of God: first to the shepherds and then to the wise men from the East. Now in the River Jordan, Jesus, Son of Mary, is revealed to all as the fullness of all God's promises: "This is my Son, the Beloved. On this day we stand before the revelation of God's love for us, such that he would send his only Son into the world. Christmas without the Baptism of the Lord, and the words that are spoken from heaven, would be incomplete, since it is only in them that we fully see the wonder of what happened in Bethlehem. As we come to the end of Christmas today, and look forward to hearing the Gospels in Ordinary Time, we do so having been shown who it is we listen to: the only Son of God, the Beloved.

PSALM 1ST READING ISAIAH 40: 1-5, 9-11; 2ND READING TITUS 2:11-14, 3: 4-7; GOSPEL LUKE 3: 15-16, 21-22

Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe! You stretch out the heavens like a tent. Above the rains you build your dwelling. You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants. How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting living things great and small. All these look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up: you open your hand, they have their fill. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth.

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer: Mon, Tues & Thurs 9.10am

Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Tom & Doreen Probert (J&VA)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Christopher Drury (K&DF): The Lloyd and Williams Family (VL)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish The Baptism of the Lord
	11.15am	St David's	Gittings and Cullen Family (JC)
1st WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME			
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Ints Sr Susan (J&RP)
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Jose Simms (KB)
Wednesday	2.00pm	Our Lady's	Phillip Hayton (S&EG)
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Norah Davies
Friday	9.00am	Our Lady's	Marie McLaren (D&MP)
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	May and Vincent Armstrong (J&VA)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Mary Crescenzi (Regan F)
	9.30am	Our Lady's	May and Reg Phillips (JW) 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C
Sunday	11.15am	St David's	William and Rose McCormack (P&LM)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tues: St David's
10am – 11.30am
Fri: Our Lady's:
9.30am-5.00pm

RECONCILIATION

No confessions in Our Lady's on Sat 16th January
St David's
Sat 3.45-4.15pm

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.

Baptism Course

The course commences on Wednesday 13th January in St Anne's room at Our Lady's at 6pm

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK FOR THE WHITE FLOWER APPEAL (SPUC)

Baptism at Our Lady's 9.30am Mass
We welcome Seren Rose Heath into our parish family and congratulate her parents as she begins her Faith Journey

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

	20 th Dec	25 th	27 th Dec	3 rd Jan
Gift Aid	459.70		226.00	491.00
Non Gift Aid	826.77		467.34	603.17
Gift Aid Standing Order	148.96		148.96	148.96
Total giving this week	1435.43		842.30	1094.17
Mass Count:	503	915	368	364
CAFOD COLLECTION (Carol Service)	191.35			

Christmas Flowers Collection 251.24 at OLA: 241.10 at St David's. Thank you for your generous donations

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, Rev Anthony Tumulty O.S.B. Fr Michael Cronin, Sr Thecla, Pat Mulligan, Lynda Davis, Paddy Tracey, Ann Fish, Richard and Thelma Bartel and all who care for them.

Catholic Bible School

Their Story is Our Story: An Introduction to the Old Testament

Our first Scripture Saturday of 2016 will be on Saturday 23rd January at St Philip Evans in Cardiff. The day will be led by Kate Duffin, Chaplain of Cardinal Newman Catholic High School in Rhydyfelin.

The day is entitled 'Our Story is Their Story: An Introduction to the Old Testament.' We will meet on Saturday 23rd January at 10am to 3pm in St Philip Evans, Llanedeyrn Drive, Cardiff, CF23 9UL. Please bring a packed lunch. Suggested donation £10. For more information see <http://www.catholic-bible-school.org/event> or email catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com

Christmas Raffle Prizes (UCM)

Please collect your prizes from St Anne's room

What's on in the Parish

Tuesday	10am	Divine Mercy Group in St David's
Tuesday	2pm	Social Club in Our Lady's
Wednesday	10am	Choir Practice in St David's
Wednesday	2.30	UCM in Our Lady's

Cycle of Prayer Winter Season of Ordinary Time

We are invited to pray for these intentions: Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; Victims of Human Trafficking and Those Who Work To Combat It; The Sick and Those Who Care For Them; Students and Teachers; The Unemployed

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Mon 18 th Jan	12pm	Richmond Rd Baptist Church
Tues 19 th Jan	7pm	St Gabriel's
Wed 20 th Jan	12pm	Fairhill Methodist
Thurs 21 st Jan	7pm	Siloam Baptist
Fri 22 nd Jan	12pm	Salvation Army
Sat 23 rd Jan	8am	Cwmbran URC Prayer Walk
	9am	Breakfast at Cwmbran URC
Sun 24 th Jan	6pm	United Service, Our Lady's

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YEAR OF MERCY PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,

You have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.

Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.