

PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID

CWMBRAN

(Registered Charity No. 242380)



SUNDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2016

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

PSALTER WEEK 2

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"As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed."

Every year, on the Second Sunday of Lent, we hear about the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain top. Why? Jesus revealed his glory to the three apostles in order to strengthen them for the journey ahead - the journey to Jerusalem, Gethsemane and Golgotha. The same vision is today offered to us, to strengthen us in our Lenten Journey of Faith. Last week we heard about temptation: this week we are driven onwards by a vision of glory that will be ours - the goal of our lives of faith and all that we do as Christians. The transfiguration represents the final destination of our lives, if we are faithful in resisting temptation and living each day as faithful members of Jesus Christ. In our journey of renewal and new commitment through Lent, we are spurred on and encouraged by today's vision to see why the effort is worth it.

PSALM

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: "Seek his face." It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord!

1st Reading: Genesis 15:5-12,17-18

2nd Reading: Phil 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer: Mon, Tues & Wed 9.10am

Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Stephen John Healy (M&JH): Ronald Boucher (TH)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish 2nd Sunday of Lent Year C
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Sr Catherine Cullen
	11.15am	St David's	Francis Tritarelli
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Marie McLaren (UCM) <i>Chair of Peter, Apostle</i>
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Ints Of John and Beryl James (SM&JC)
Wednesday	2.00pm	Our Lady's	Paddy Tracey (D. Mercy)
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Lee Davies (AD)
Friday	9.00am	Our Lady's	Norah Rogers (PP)
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Sheila Riley (JC): Luigi and Bice Bragazza (MB)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Tony Cresci 3rd Sunday of Lent Year C
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish
	11.15am	St David's	Ken and Diane Webb (AW)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Tues: St David's
10.00am -11.30am
Fri: Our Lady's:
10.00am-5.00pm**

**There will be no
Sacrament of
Reconciliation in
either church on
Saturday 27th
February 2016**

THE SECOND COLLECTION TODAY IS FOR CAFOD LENTEN FAMILY FAST DAY

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR HCPT

HCPT is a volunteer-based charitable organisation founded in response to Our Lady's invitation to go on pilgrimage to Lourdes. Its aim is to enable those who may need help, especially the young, to experience pilgrimage, and it does that in small caring groups, seeking to share with joy, the gift of God's love. Every Easter, 1,000 disabled and disadvantaged children and young people enjoy a life changing pilgrimage holiday in Lourdes in the south of France. They are supported by volunteer helpers. This year Deacon Peter, Paul Williams and Rosie O'Donnell will be there as helpers.

Please do not switch off the radiators in either church!

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: St David's: After Mass every Thursday. Our Lady's: After Mass every Friday.

Lent is the traditional season for renewal and penance. Are you`

Making a special effort to participate in Mass during the week

Visiting the Blessed Sacrament

Making the Stations of the Cross

During Lent, as a Lenten exercise, Canon John has invited guest speakers to give talks relating to the "Year of Mercy" The first one will take place on Wednesday 24th February at 2.30pm in St Anne's room. The guest speaker is Fr Nick James parish priest of St Mary's Monmouth. PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF TALK THIS IN YOUR DIARY

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid: £568.30
Non Gift Aid: £762.96
Gift Aid Standing Order £148.96
Total giving this week £1480.22
Mass Count: 458

Sick List

Please pray for the sick and housebound especially
Mostyn Crowley, Joyce Thomas, Tom and Hazel
McCarthy, John Kane, 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, Betty Lake and all who care for them.

Catechesis

First Confession and Holy Communion Programme

The course continues on 22nd February at 5pm in St Anne's room at Our Lady's.

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

Friends of Saint David Lewis

The next meeting of Friends of Saint David Lewis will be held in Saint Anne's Room at Our Lady of the Angels. On Thursday 25th February at 2pm. ALL WELCOME.

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 27th February, 10.30 – 3.30. For further details of the day and a booking form, please collect one from the presbytery. Please return completed forms to the parish office, the cost of the day will be paid by the parish. **Just a reminder - to renew your commitment as a Eucharistic Minister you should have attended a day of reflection/retreat, only 14 people attended the day held at Llantarnam and only 2 people have returned forms to attend the day on 27th February in Cardiff**

FRIDAY: Cwmbran Churches Together Lenten Talks and Lunch are being held in Fairhill Methodist Church

<u>Date</u>	<u>Bible Study Leader</u>	<u>Church Providing Soup at 12noon</u>
26/02/16	Major Stuart Ashman	Cwmbran URC
04/03/16	Deacon Peter McLaren	Salvation Army
11/03/16	Methodist Minister	Richmond Rd Baptist
18/03/16	Rev Harald Thomas	Roman Catholic

TY CROESO CENTRE (Llantarnam Abbey)

"Grant to us O Lord, a heart renewed..."

Reflective Lenten Day: Monday 29th February
10.30 am Cost: £10 (Please bring a packed lunch)

BIG BREW @ Fairhill Methodist Church

Tuesday 1st March 2016
Fairhill Methodist Church will be supporting the Traidcraft Big Brew and helping vulnerable farmers thrive, by holding a BIG BREW at Fairhill Methodist Church on Tuesday 1st March 2016 between 10am and 12 noon. There will be Fairtrade chocolate tasting and homemade cakes for sale. For more information please contact Jan Jackson (01633 864246)

"An Ignation Retreat Day

"An Ignation Retreat Day has been arranged at St David's Catholic College in Cardiff which will be a Lenten preparation towards the joy of Easter. In order to book a place please contact The Retreat Giver, Christian Mahoney on 07764515864. The day is on 27th February 2016 and will start at 10:30 am and finish at 3.00 pm. Full advert can be read on page 2 of The Catholic People."

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