

PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID

CWMBRAN

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SUNDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2016

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

PSALTER WEEK 3

"Unless you repent you will all perish as they did."

"The man who thinks he is safe must be careful he does not fall." This is the theme of this Sunday: it underlines the need for repentance, which is the focus of our Lenten journey in Year C. Jesus, in the Gospel, uses two recent events in order to illustrate his point about sin and repentance - there is a price to be paid for sin, but there is a way of avoiding it: if we repent, we will have salvation and a new and real freedom. This idea is emphasised in the parable, where we see a tree not being condemned immediately, but given a chance to change and produce fruit. So are we. This links in with the two other readings, which also talk about escape - the escape of Israel from Egypt. This is to be a warning for us, as Saint Paul says: if we are Christians, we must live as Christians, and be aware of the need to watch our lives and the direction they are taking.

PSALM

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being bless his holy name. My soul gives thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him.

1st Reading: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

2nd Reading: 1Cor 10:1-6,10-12

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer: Mon, Tues & Thurs 9.10am

Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Sheila Riley (JC): Luigi and Bice Bragazza (MB)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Tony Cresci
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish
	11.15am	St David's	Ken and Diane Webb (AW)
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Ints Jo Walsh (E&SG)
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Sheila Morgan (D&MP)
Wednesday	2.00pm	Our Lady's	Lucia Basini Gazzi (TC)
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	David Flage (CG)
Friday	9.00am	Our Lady's	William Shea (DO'B)
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Ellen, Pauline & Liam Keating: Francesco & Rosemary Spiteri
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Joseph Boillin (MH)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Gareth Compton & Arthur & Ethel Smith: Rose & Jack Clifford
	11.15am	St David's	The People of the Parish

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday

Our Lady's
12noon-12.30pm
St David's
3.45pm-4.15pm

THANK YOU

A BIG THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS RESPONSE TO CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL
OUR DONATIONS AMOUNTED TO £1427.06

THIS 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.

St David's Church: Missio Red Boxes

The Red Boxes are due to be emptied. Please leave them in the Piety stall.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

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

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

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

During Lent, as a Lenten exercise, Canon John has invited guest speakers to give talks relating to the "Year of Mercy" The next one will take place on Wednesday 2nd March at 2.30pm in St Anne's room. The guest speaker is Joanne White, Family Life Worker, Archdiocesan Family Support Project. **PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THIS TALK IN YOUR DIARY**

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid: £434.50
Non Gift Aid: £707.94
Gift Aid Standing Order £148.96
Total giving this week £1291.40
Mass Count: 455
Cafod family fast day £1427.06

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, 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 **Tuesday 1st March** at 5pm in St Anne's room at Our Lady's. **Please note change of date**

Baptism Course

The next Baptism Course will commence on Wednesday 9th March, 6-7pm in St Anne's room at Our Lady's

Centenary Prayer Intention:

In our prayer pilgrimage around the Diocese for this Centenary Year we remember today the Parish and people of: Our Lady and Saint Patrick, Maesteg with Saint Robert of Newminster, Aberkenfig and Saint Joseph of Arimathea, Pyle with their priest Revd. Timothy McGrath. We also remember their hospital The Princess of Wales Hospital, Chaplain: Revd. Tim McGrath

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)

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, 16th March at 12noon in St Mary's Catholic Church, Ewenny Road, Bridgend. To book a seat on the coach please put your name on the list in the church porch

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</u>
4 th Mar	Deacon Peter McLaren	Soup at 12noon
11 th Mar	Methodist Minister	Salvation Army
18 th Mar	Rev Harald Thomas	Richmond Rd
		Roman Catholic

CAFOD school volunteers needed!

CAFOD is looking for volunteers in this area to work with children and young people in schools and parishes to help them learn about global poverty and to put their faith into action. Could you spare a few hours a month to give a talk or presentation on an aspect of CAFOD's work? Full training and excellent resources are available. For further information please contact CAFOD South Wales on 029 20 344 882, email southwales@cafod.org.uk or visit www.cafodsouthwales.wordpress.com for further information.



Canon John is celebrating his 60th Birthday on Sunday 3rd April and on the following Friday, 8th April, there will be a parish celebration in Our Lady's hall to which everyone is invited. Invitations will be given out after all Masses this weekend, and if you are coming to the party please complete the acceptance card and return it to the church by 21st March. A buffet, tea and coffee will be provided, please feel free to bring your own drinks.

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"God esteems repentance so highly that the slightest repentance in the world, as long as it is genuine, causes him to forget any kind of sin, so that even the devils would have all their sins forgiven, if only they could have remorse. St Francis de Sales (1567-1622)