



**PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID**  
**CWMBRAN**  
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**SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2016**

**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**PSALTER WEEK 1**

**"They left everything and followed him."**

We hear the call of another prophet this week - Isaiah. This introduces the Gospel, where we see Jesus calling his first disciples to follow him. Notice that the initiative is Jesus' there is no application process or interview procedure! Notice also the way that Jesus calls his disciples in this account - not with words, but with a miracle that is also a parable. It is, in a way, a miraculous "job description": if the disciple trusts completely in the one who calls, then the result will be truly amazing - a huge catch of men and women hungry for God. Simon's simple words "if you say so" give us an example of Christian discipleship: we should leave our own concerns behind, and simply follow the Lord with great trust.

**PSALM**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increase the strength of my soul. All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways: "How great is the glory of the Lord!" You stretch out your right hand and save me. Your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hand.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Cor 15:1-11**

**Gospel: Luke 5:1-11**

**PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK**

**Morning Prayer: Mon & Wed 9.10am**

**Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm**

<b>Saturday</b>	4.30pm	<b>St David's</b>	Dorrie & Derek Crimmons
	6.00pm	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Barbara McAllister (B&JS)
<b>Sunday</b>	9.30am	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Michael McClenchy (PL)
	11.15am	<b>St David's</b>	The People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	9.30am	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Gerald Price
	4.00pm	<b>Our Lady's</b>	<b>Vigil for Derek Jones</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10.15am</b>	<b>Our Lady's</b>	<b>Funeral Mass for Derek Jones</b>
			<b><u>Season of Lent</u></b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Paddy Tracey (SVP)
	7.00pm	<b>St David's</b>	The People of the Parish
<b>Thursday</b>	2.00pm	<b>St David's</b>	Sick and Housebound: John Burnett (AB)
<b>Friday</b>	9.00am	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Gerry Harper (MH): Sinead McDonnell (P&MM)
<b>Saturday</b>	4.30pm	<b>St David's</b>	Sts Pio and Anthony (AD)
	6.00pm	<b>Our Lady's</b>	John Carlson
	9.30am	<b>Our Lady's</b>	The People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	11.15am	<b>St David's</b>	Elizabeth Howells (J&KD)

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**No Exposition in St David's this week**  
**Fri: Our Lady's:**  
**9.30am-5.00pm**

**RECONCILIATION**

**Our Lady's**  
**Sat 12 – 12.30pm**  
**St David's**  
**Sat 3.45-4.15pm**

**Mass of Reconciliation for the First Holy Communicants: 9.30am**

Today, we welcome the children of our parish with their catechists and families for this Mass of Reconciliation.

**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. Canon John will be administering the Sacrament of the Sick during the Mass. Everyone is invited especially the housebound and sick. Light refreshments will be served in St Non's room after the Mass

### **Baptism 9.30am Mass at Our Lady's**

Today we welcome Monty James Quick into our parish family and congratulate his parents as he begins his Faith Journey.

We also congratulate and welcome into our parish family Evan Alex Skuse , Robbie Alex Skuse ,Rhiannon Abbie Skuse and Chloe Alicia Simone Rowlands who were baptised last Sunday

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

**Gift Aid:** £314.50  
**Non Gift Aid:** £631.09  
**Gift Aid Standing Order** £148.96  
**Total giving this week** £1094.55  
**Mass Count:** 419

#### **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, and all who care for them.

#### **Catechesis**

##### **First Confession and Holy Communion Programme**

The course continues on 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Hospital Chaplains**

In the event of a parishioner being admitted to hospital, please make a note of the following information:-

**Royal Gwent Hospital:** contact Fr Mike Evans, St Mary's Newport 01633 265533 or 07805696474

**Panteg Hospital:** contact Fr David Hayman, St Albans's Pontypool. 01495 762280

**Nevill Hall Hospital:** Fr James Norris, Our Lady and St Michael, Abergavenny 01873 851051 or Sr Josephine DHS, 01873 853320

#### **Lenten Talks**

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 24<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30pm in St Anne's room. The guest speaker is Fr Nick James, St Mary's, Monmouth

#### **"24 Hours with the Lord"**

The Holy Father has invited parishes to organise "24 Hours with the Lord" on Friday/Saturday 4/5 March. This will not be unlike the 40 Hours devotion with overnight Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers, devotion and silence with Confession being available at different times of the day. More details to follow.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **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

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