



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID

CWMBRAN

(Registered Charity No. 242380)

THE LIGHT IS ON
 We welcome Fr Bernard Sixtus to the Parish on Wednesday 7th December for confessions at 7pm, while Canon John is in Usk for confessions there.

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27th November 2016

1st Week of Advent Year A

Psalter Week 1

Advent opens with a great promise: "In the days to come the hope of a people who need God. "The master is coming is also a promise, not a threat to breed fear, but to answer our cry. So Advent begins, not with thoughts of the past, with the coming of the Lord we celebrate at Christmas, but with the future, and the promise that He is coming back. We are encouraged to stay awake, and treat every day as the day the Lord will come; we do not do this out of fear for a Master who beats his servants, but out of love of a Master who always treats us with mercy. Nevertheless we must always be watchful, because we can grow sleepy and complacent, saying that we can leave this prayer or that confession or the other change in the way we live to tomorrow. Even as we look forward to the tomorrow of the Lord's coming, we must remember that it might be today!

PSALM

I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house."
 And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
 It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.
 For Israel's law it is there to praise the Lord's name.
 There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David.
 For the peace of Jerusalem pray: "Peace be to your homes!
 May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!
 For love of my brethren and friends I say: "Peace upon you!"
 For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good.

1st Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5

2nd Reading: Romans 13: 11-14

Gospel Reading Matthew 24: 37-44

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer: Mon,Tues 9.10am / Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Francis Connelly (M&PL)	1st Sunday of Advent Year A
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Maldwyn Lloyd (VL)	
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	May & Reg Phillips	
	11.15am	St David's	Ints Fr Michael Cronin (M&CM)	
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish	
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Thanksgiving to Patron Saints (K)	
Wednesday	11.00am	Our Lady's	Jack & Olwyn Reynolds (S&EG) <i>St Andrew, Apostle</i>	
Thursday	10.15am	St David's	Funeral Mass for Anthony Gerard Webb	
Friday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Michael Kopec (B&KL)	
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Private Intentions (MA)	2nd Sunday of Advent Year A
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Sheila Jones (VW)	
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Ruby and David Williams (VW)	
	11.15am	St David's	The People of the Parish	

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St David's: Tues
10.am -11.30am

Our Lady's: Fri
10.00am – 5.00pm

Confessions: Sat
Our Lady's
12noon – 12.30pm

St David's
3.45pm – 4.15pm

2nd Collection today is for: Our Lady & St David's Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) Cwmbran

Making a donation, however small, will enable the SVP to make a difference to the lives of people in real need, and facing many forms of disadvantages.

Your giving to your Parish: Many Thanks

Gift Aid:	£474.00
Non Gift Aid:	£722.23
Gift Aid Standing Order:	£184.73
Total giving:	£1380.96
Mass Count :	572

CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION

Will take place on 10th/11th December in both churches. Please support this collection to make our churches look beautiful for the celebration of the birth of our Lord.

Sick List

Please pray for the sick and housebound especially Mostyn Crowley, Joyce Thomas, Tom and Hazel McCarthy, John Kane, Jean Olearczyk, Goff & Rose James, Mary Reilly, Bill Gale, Margaret Gallagher, Doreen Hayton, Pauline Duval, Barbara Berger, Megan Donnelly, Peggy Wickett, Kathleen Eyre, George Powell, Trevor Jenkins, Patricia Robins, Mavis Thomas, Mel Pearce, Ian Werrett, Michael Williams, Pat Mulligan, Violet Thomas, Frances Brown, Rev Anthony Tumulty O.S.B. Fr Michael Cronin, Betty Lake, Derek Miller, John and Bridie Rainsford, Sean Gilgunn, Barbara Pold, Eileen Dickens, Peggy Wells, Anne Savoury, Mary Ralph, Pat Parfitt, Sr Celsus, Carolyn Gallagher, John Broadribb & all who care for them.

Baptism Course

The next Baptism course continues on Wednesday 30th November at 6pm in the Presbytery office

Nativity Movie

Please join the Catechumens following the RCIA, on Wednesday 30th November at 6pm, in St Anne's room, to watch a screening of The Nativity. Please bring a plate of food to share."

Operation Christmas Child

This campaign is running again this year. A list of what you should collect is available in both churches. For further information please go to: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> or contact - Sheila Spokes 07817544036

Walk With Me 2016, 'Advent – Season of Love'

'The threefold seasons of Advent-Christmas-Epiphany are a joyous reminder of the underlying framework of the spiritual life. The seasons remind us of the virtue of waiting in hope, of the necessity of living by faith, of the need for reconciliation and forgiveness.' Booklet cost £1

Pilgrimage Prayer Intention 26th/27th November

This week we pray for the Ukranian Greek Catholic Church, the Docks and Revd. James Siemens

UCM

Many thanks to all who supported the Coffee Morning, we raised £325.60 for Huntingdon's Disease

UCM Christmas Prize Draw

The draw will take place on Sunday 11th December; first prize is a Samsung Galaxy 4 Tablet. The UCM are asking each family to take an envelope containing 5 tickets, £1 per ticket, to sell to family and friends. The envelopes are available from this weekend. Please return the counterfoils, monies and unsold tickets by 4th December. All proceeds to the Parish.

Food Bank

The organisers of the Torfaen Food Bank are very appreciative and grateful for the donations from parishioners throughout the year. They are anticipating high demands on their resources over Christmas so please be a generous as you can for the next collection on 3rd / 4th December.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Thursday 8th December

Sung Mass at St. David's Cathedral on Thursday 8 December at 7pm in honour of Our Lady on the feast of her Immaculate Conception. As patroness of the Archdiocese of Cardiff, it is fitting to honour her in this way, as celebrations marking the Centenary of the Archdiocese draw to a close. It will also be good at the conclusion of the Year of Mercy to intercede with Our Lady of Mercy during this celebration.

Exhibition of Paintings by Kevin Sinnott

Exhibition of his paintings on religious subjects will take place from Sunday 27th November to Saturday 3rd December. Kevin Sinnott will speak in the Cathedral on 26th November and 3rd December at 12 noon.

Christmas Event – Ty Croeso (Llantarnam Abbey)

Saturday 3rd December from 11.30am to 2.30pm. There will be mince pies and coffee available. An indoor tour of the Abbey will be conducted. Adult: £3.00 Child: £1.00

Methodist Church Fairhill: Nativity in a Box

They will supply a box you can supply the nativity scene using any craft you like. See poster for details

***Tea, coffee & a chat in St Anne's Room
after Mass every Sunday***

