



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID

CWMBRAN

(Registered Charity No. 242380)

BAPTISM 9.30am 11/12/16

We welcome into our Parish family Tommy Gerard Jones and congratulate his family as he begins his Faith journey

THE LIGHT IS ON

We welcome Fr John Kelly to the Parish on Wednesday 7th December for confessions from 6pm-7pm. Fr Bernard Sixtus will be here on 14th December.

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4th December 2016

2nd Week of Advent Year A

Psalter Week 2

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand

Throughout the first three weeks of Advent our focus is very clearly on the End of Time, and the Second Coming of the Lord - not on the run up to Christmas (that only comes in the last week). If we view Advent as a Season preparing for Christmas these readings will make little sense - and neither will the figure of John the Baptist who appears today: if it was about the preparation for Christmas, then John the Baptist, preaching after Jesus was born, becomes a confusing figure: his role is to preach to us, as he did of old, and to prepare us for the (second) coming of the Lord. Everything gets more specific today: what is being preached is not an event, but a person: Isaiah promises him, John welcomes him, Paul invites us to imitate him. We have here a thumbnail portrait of the Messiah – useful to refer to when we get to Christmas and he is revealed as a child in a manger!

PSALM

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice,
That he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement.
In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds.
For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor.
May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name

FOOD BANK COLLECTION TODAY

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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

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| Saturday | 4.30pm | St David's | Private Intentions (MA) 2nd Sunday of Advent Year A |
| | 6.00pm | Our Lady's | Sheila Jones (VL) |
| Sunday | 9.30am | Our Lady's | Ruby and David Williams (VW) |
| | 11.15am | St David's | The People of the Parish |
| Monday | 9.30am | Our Lady's | Patrick Devlin (PL) |
| Tuesday | 9.30am | St David's | Joe Lynch (BB) |
| Wednesday | 11.00am | Our Lady's | Elizabeth Howells (J&KD) St Ambrose, Bishop |
| Thursday | 9.30am | St David's | The Immaculate Conception of the BVM (Solemnity) |
| | 12noon | St David's | Funeral Mass for Marie Hall |
| Friday | 9.30am | Our Lady's | Sue Jenkins (PJ) |
| | 11.00am | Our Lady's | Funeral Service for Mrs Birch |
| Saturday | 4.30pm | St David's | Michael Bradley, Son & Family |
| | 6.00pm | Our Lady's | Stella Smith (GS) 3rd Sunday of Advent Year A |
| Sunday | 9.30am | Our Lady's | Elsie & William Desmond (FJ) : Ints Angela Hanlon (J&RP) |
| | 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

Your giving to your Parish: Many Thanks

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| Gift Aid: | £475.00 |
| Non Gift Aid: | £660.79 |
| Gift Aid Standing Order: | £184.73 |
| Total giving: | £1320.52 |
| Mass Count : | |
| SVP Collection: | 434 |
| | £969.75 |

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, Debbie Davies & all who care for them.

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 3rd/4th December

This week we pray for the Parish of Saint Alban, Splott and Revd. Philip Scanlan, I.C. (Rosminian Fathers)

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)

A big thank you from the SVP for your generous response to their annual collection last weekend.

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

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.

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.

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

Advent Leading to Christmas

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve: St David's 6pm

Our Lady's 9pm

Christmas Day: Our Lady's 9am

St David's 10.30am

Requiescant in Pace

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of Marie Hall and Vera Olive Birch who died recently. Our deepest sympathy to their family and friends.

**Second Collection next week is for
Christmas Flowers**

UCM Christmas Prize Draw

