

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 Bernard Sixtus to the Parish on Wednesday 14th December for confessions from 6pm-7pm.

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11th December 2016

3rd Week of Advent Year A

Psalter Week 3

Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?

In many ways the readings this Sunday are simply a continuation of last week – Isaiah gives us more details about the work of the Messiah, and Paul invites us to continue to be patient until the Lord's Coming. What is slightly different is the voice of John the Baptist this week: last week in Matthew 3 he was proclaiming with utter confidence that someone is coming. Now, in Matthew 11, he asks Jesus from prison: "Is it you?" For us, as we listen to these scriptures, we are being offered something very particular the prophecies of Isaiah (and indeed the prophet John the Baptist) are pinned down firmly and securely in the person of Jesus, Son of Mary – in fact, Jesus himself, in his reply to John says as much: "I am the Messiah that Isaiah prophesied." Again we are invited to hold the images of the prophecies in our minds until Christmas, when we can look on the child in the manger and say "We know who this is: it is the promised Messiah God who comes to save us!"

PSALM

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan.

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

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 & Thurs 9.10am / Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Michael Bradley, Son & Family
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Stella Smith (GS) <u>3rd Sunday of Advent Year A</u>
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Elsie & William Desmond(FJ) : Ints Angela Hanlon (J&RP)
	11.15am	St David's	Mary, Brid & Fred Strutt (MM)
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Barbara McAllister (B&JS) Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Special Intention (DS) St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
Wednesday	11.00am	Our Lady's	Ints of Angela Hanlon (CM) St John of the Cross
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Flook Family (SM)
Friday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Blodwin Stanley (R&SM)
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Patricia Harnett (LA&DS)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Rob MacKay (MAH)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Tom & Megan Cahill (JD) Rose & Jack Clifford (MW)
	11.15am	St David's	Louise & Jack James: Elsie, Jack, Elizabeth and Joe (RJ)

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

CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION

The Collections will take place this weekend in both churches. Please support this collection to make our churches look beautiful for the celebration of the birth of our Lord.

Your giving to your Parish: Many Thanks

Gift Aid: £435.00
Non Gift Aid: £644.69
Gift Aid Standing Order: £184.73
Total giving: £1264.42
Mass Count: 445

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.

UCM Christmas Prize Draw

The draw will take place today; first prize is a Samsung Galaxy 4 Tablet. If you haven't bought a ticket there is still time before the draw. All proceeds to the Parish.

Torfaen Food Bank

The organisers of the Torfaen Food bank were overwhelmed by the generosity of our parishioners, this week because of the huge amount of food and some cash donations that we were able to deliver to them. They say that our two churches are the most consistent and reliable supporters of the food bank all through the year. So a big thank-you to all who contributed!

A Big Thank You

Thank you to the volunteers who organise the tea and coffee after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday mornings and to the parishioners who support it. Canon John received a cheque for £750 for Parish funds.

Pilgrimage Prayer Intention 10th/11th December

This week we pray for the parish of Saint Peter, Roath (Rosminian Fathers) Revd. Anthony Furlong I.C. Revd. Michael McCarthy I.C. Revd. James McKnight I.C. and Cardiff Prison.

Advent Leading to Christmas

Confessions

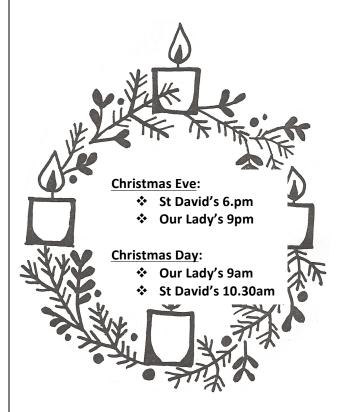
Our Lady's

- ❖ Wednesday 14th 6-7pm
- Saturday 17th 12noon-12.30pm
- Monday 19th 2.30pm-3.30pm

St David's

- ❖ Saturday 17th 3.45-4.15pm
- Tuesday 20th 10-11am

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



YEAR BOOKS (£3)

2017 Year Books are now available in both churches

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