



**PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID
CWMBRAN
(Registered Charity No. 242380)**

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

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15th January 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Psalter Week 2

Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world.

There is no break between Christmas and Ordinary Time – one flows almost seamlessly into the other through the Baptism of Jesus. We ended our Christmas Season thinking about the “revelation” of the Son of God – people realising who this “Jesus of Nazareth” actually was – and this continues today, as we interject a passage from Saint John before we begin our weekly reading through Saint Matthew’s Gospel. New Year is about beginnings, and as we return to the beginning of Our Lord’s public ministry there is a sense of something exciting about to happen – even though we know the story, we dive into it once more, like returning to a favourite novel or film. So it is with joy that we stand in the country of the river Jordan, and recognise Jesus of Nazareth as the Chosen One of God, who offers himself to do God’s work.

PSALM

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God.
You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I.
In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart.
Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord.

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3,5-6

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer: Mon, Tues & Wed at 9.10am

Evening Prayer: Fri at 4.40pm

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Francis Connolly (R&RH): Joe Lynch
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Ints of Mark Riddell (B&JS): Kathleen & Michael Murphy
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Ints Jo & Rees Parlow (AH): Ints Our Lady's School (SVP)
	11.15am	St David's	The People of the Parish <u>2nd Sunday Ordinary Time</u>
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Deceased Larkin Family (AL) <i>St Anthony, Abbot</i>
	1.45pm	Our Lady's	FUNERAL MASS FOR DONALD ROYSTON GRAVENOR
Wednesday	11.00am	Our Lady's	Francis Connolly (M&CB)
Thursday	10.45am	St David's	FUNERAL MASS FOR EDWARD CHARLES RALPH
Friday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Brian Draisey (Family): Rosaria Lavalle (M&VN)
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Kay Underwood(CG):Vincent & May Armstrong (J&VA)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Sheila Jones (VL) <u>3rd Sunday Ordinary Time</u>
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Peggy & John Clack (J&A): May & Austin Pearse (UR)
	11.15am	St David's	The People of the Parish

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Tues: St David's
10am – 11.30am**

**Fri: Our Lady's:
9.30am-5.00pm**

**RECONCILIATION
Our Lady's
Sat 12.00-12.30pm**

**St David's
Sat 3.45-4.15pm**

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK IS FOR SPUC'S WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th -25th January

The United Service will be held in St David's on Sunday 22nd January at 6pm led by Canon John. Please make a note in your diaries.

Your giving to your Parish: Many Thanks

Gift Aid:	£520.50
Non Gift Aid:	£789.10
Gift Aid Standing Order:	£184.73
Total giving:	£1,494.33
Mass Count :	520

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 Adams & all who care for them.

IN HOSPITAL?

If you know of anyone who is in hospital or about to go into hospital and would like to receive holy communion, or simply a visit from the chaplain while they are there, please contact the 'First Responder' Chaplain: The Heath: Brother Brian, via the Chaplaincy Office, 02920 743230. The Royal Glamorgan: 02920 883192. For Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr please ring Canon John Kelly 02920 883192. The Royal Gwent: 07805696474 or Sr Bernadette 01633 858539. Nevill Hall: Sr Josephine 01873 853320, County Hospital (Panteg) Griffithstown contact Fr David Hayman 01495 762280, always leaving the person's name and if possible the name of the ward. Please remember also that the chaplains and priests do not have access to patient records, and are allowed to visit the patient **only if they are asked** to do so by the patient or by a relation.

First Reconciliation

The first class for parents and children will take place on Monday, 30th January 2017 in St Anne's room at Our Lady of the Angels Church at 5.30pm. Forms are available from the Parish

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL (SPUC)

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children will be holding its annual appeal next weekend. In 2017 SPUC is commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act. Over 8.7 million unborn children have lost their lives due to abortion in the last 50 years. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC and help save mothers and babies from abortion.

FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT"

Are you looking for something for you and your family to do on a Saturday in those dark afternoons after Christmas? Well look no further. On **Saturday 28th January** we will be running an afternoon for all the family. There will be workshops looking at the **Journey from Christmas to Easter with St Matthew**. The afternoon starts at **2pm and ends at 5pm**. There will be sessions for small children up to age 10; youth sessions for young people from 11 to 16 and two separate workshops for adults. There is also a training session for children's liturgists. There's something for everyone even refreshments! Put the date in your diary and keep watching this space. **Oh, and by the way, it's Free!**

Catholic Bible School: Heroes of the Old Testament:

On Saturday 28th January at 10am to 3pm at St David's Priory, Swansea, Alan de Ste Croix will lead us through the entire Old Testament exploring the stories of the major characters and why they are still relevant to us today. This day is Part One of the 'Burning Within Bible' Course. It is a free course but all donations will be gratefully received. Tea, Coffee and biscuits are provided but you will need to bring your own packed lunch. For more information see www.catholic-bible-school.org/south-wales-events or catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com

"DO YOU LOVE ME?"

You are invited on a 'Spiritual Tour' exploring the new book of spiritual reflections called "Do You Love Me?", published by the Bishops of England and Wales as an invitation to all of us to explore the many different kinds and ways of prayer.

Kathryn Turner, one of the authors, will be visiting the Archdiocese in February. She will offer a taster session on how the book can be used to deepen our prayer. She will also show recent research on why committed Catholics become committed Catholics, with suggestions on how this can help shape what we offer our young people; there will also be an invitation to everyone offering spiritual activities in the Archdiocese to come and share something about their work. For dates and details please see the poster in the porch, and then ask Canon John for a booking form.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th -25th January

Wednesday	12 noon	St Mary's Croesyceiliog
Thursday	7pm	Hope Methodist
Friday	12noon	Siloam Baptist
Saturday	9am	Richmond Road Baptist
	10am	Prayer Walk
Sunday	6pm	Unity Service St David's
Monday	7pm	URC, Old Cwmbbran
Tuesday	12noon	Methodist Church
Wednesday	7pm	Salvation Army

See poster on the noticeboard for further information