



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

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Our Lady's School

We welcome Mrs McCool, Staff and Pupils from Our Lady's School who are joining us today to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Parish and School.

8th January 2017

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Psalter Week 1

"We saw his star and have come to do the king homage."

In the East, this Season of Christmas is called the 'Time of Manifestation', or Showing. Today is the 'Feast of the Manifestation', or the Showing of the Saviour to the whole world, to all nations. In the wise men who travel from the East, we see all the nations other than the people of Israel being welcomed at the New Temple of the New Covenant - the new born child in the manger. A look at the Psalm response shows this: "All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord." The same is true of the key word in the second reading: "Revelation". Remember that for the people of Israel this was to be their Messiah, come to restore their fortunes. By this feast, we proclaim God's plan was to extend his salvation to men and women of every nation, of every time and every place - including us. In many ways this is our Christmas Feast, when we celebrate the Good News of the Saviour's birth revealed at last to us.

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 to the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds.
The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him.
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.

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer: Mon, Tues & Wed at 9.10am

Evening Prayer: Fri at 4.40pm

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| Saturday | 4.30pm 6.00pm | St David's Our Lady's | Stephen Healy (MH) <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> The People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 9.30am 11.15am | Our Lady's St David's | Kathleen Powell: Christopher Drury (K&DP) Blodwin and Stanley Mills (S&RM) |
| Monday | 9.30am | Our Lady's | Kath Crowley (PL) <i>Baptism of the Lord</i> |

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tues: St David's
No Adoration on
10th January
Fri: Our Lady's:
9.30am-5.00pm

ORDINARY TIME –YEAR 1, WEEK 1

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| Tuesday | 9.30am 10.30am | St David's St David's | Anthony Webb (JC) Funeral Service for Baby Simon Michael Godfrey |
| Wednesday | 11.00am | Our Lady's | Srs Damian, Mary Francis & David Lewis (Sr S&MJ) |
| Thursday | 9.30am | St David's | Itns Larkin Family (AL) |
| Friday | 9.30am | Our Lady's | Alan Sullivan (AS) |
| Saturday | 4.30pm 6.00pm | St David's Our Lady's | Francis Connolly (R&RH): Joe Lynch Ints of Mark Riddell (B&JS): Kathleen & Michael Murphy |
| Sunday | 9.30am 11.15am | Our Lady's St David's | Ints Jo & Rees Parlow (AH): Ints Our Lady's School (SVP) The People of the Parish. <i>2nd Sunday Ordinary Time</i> |

RECONCILIATION

Our Lady's
Sat 12.00-12.30pm
St David's
Sat 3.45-4.15pm

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

Your giving to your Parish: Many Thanks

| | 18th Dec | 1st Jan |
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| Gift Aid: | £387.50 | £349.80 |
| Non Gift Aid: | £713.56 | £617.78 |
| Gift Aid Standing Order: | £184.73 | £184.73 |
| Total giving: | £1,285.79 | £1,152.31 |
| Mass Count : | 450 | 347 |

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 & all who care for them

THANK YOU!

A huge THANK YOU from us all to all who prepared and celebrated Christmas: - The church Cleaners and Flower arrangers; Musicians and Singers; the Welcomers and Altar Servers; Sacristans and linen-washers; Ministers of the Word and of Communion; and all who in many ways prepared, participated, and joyfully celebrated the Feast **Thank you** also from Canon John to all the regular Parishioners for the very generous Christmas offerings, and the numerous gifts, Christmas cards and kind wishes.

A big thanks from your SVP

As a result of your kindness and generosity, prior to Christmas the SVP were able to deliver £600 worth of food vouchers, 12 large food hampers and over £200 worth of cakes and biscuits to members of our parish and people in need. Your kindness has brightened up Christmas for numerous families. Don't forget if you know of anyone who would benefit from a weekly visit or is taken into hospital please let us know. We wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year. Your SVP

"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's something for everyone even refreshments! Put the date in your diary and keep watching this space.

Pilgrimage Prayer Intention 7th/8th January

Saint David's Cathedral with Saint Cuthbert, Cardiff Bay
Revd. Canon Peter Collins. University of Cardiff Catholic Chaplaincy (Chaplain: Revd. Gareth Jones)

SPUC White Flower Appeal

The Appeal will take place on 21st/22 January

One hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the parish of Our Lady of the Angels, Cwmbran.

In 1864, the Franciscan priests in Pontypool agreed to say mass in Cwmbran, where there were about 380 Catholics, most of them working in the furnaces. The only space available was the upstairs club house of the Forge Hammer Inn. Access to this room was by a ladder to a room over a stable housing a family of pigs. It soon became clear that a better room had to be found and in 1866 it was decided that a church should be built.

Eventually, a plot of land was leased to the community. On January 1st 1867 the School-Chapel, on the site of the present church, was dedicated to "Our Lady of the Angels" and solemnly blessed and opened by the Very Rev R Vaughan, Prior of Belmont Abbey. The land had been cleared for the church by parishioners who raised most of the money for the building. A large sum of money had been given by an unknown benefactor. The building was made of corrugated iron with wood interior and could house 250 people.

Mass was celebrated in the church every morning, then a partition was pulled across and school started.

This marked the beginning of our parish and school.

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 Gwent:- 07805696474 or Sr Bernadette 01633 858539. The Royal Glamorgan:- 02920 883192. For Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr please ring Canon John Kelly 02920 883192. Nevill Hall – Sr Josephine 01873 853320 and for all 'cottage hospitals' first try the Parish the hospital is in, 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.

Requiescant in Pace

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of Canon John O'Regan, Baby Simon Michael Godfrey and Edward Ralph. We offer our deepest sympathy to their families. Please remember them in your prayers.