



**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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26th FEBRUARY 2017 ***EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A***
Psalter Week 4

"Do not worry about tomorrow."

In these weeks, as we follow the Sermon on the Mount in Saint Matthew's Gospel, it can feel as though we are dealing with some very obvious and familiar teachings. Last week we had "Love your neighbour, and this week the extremely simple message that God loves and cares for us. This is because the Sermon on the Mount is a great summary of the most basic teachings of our faith, and we should take this opportunity to renew within ourselves our awareness of these teachings. After a simple, yet beautiful image in the first reading, Jesus elaborates on the idea of the constant care of God for us with some more beautiful images: he invites us to look at the birds and the flowers, which do not have money, mortgages, computers, cars or so many of the things we have and worry about, and yet manage to be beautiful and happy in what God provides. The message is simple, and is expressed right at the beginning of the Gospel: trust God; be the servant of God, relying on God for everything, not on money or the other things of this world.

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri

Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

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| Saturday | 4.30pm | St David's | Lee Davies : Ints Michael Loughlin: Francesco & Rosemary Spiteri |
| | 6.00pm | Our Lady's | The King Family 8th Sunday Ordinary Time |
| Sunday | 9.30am | Our Lady's | Patrick Sheehy (PP): Stan Berger & George Epler (BB&DH) |
| | 11.15am | St David's | The People of the Parish |
| Monday | 9.30am | Our Lady's | Norah Rogers (PP) |
| Tuesday | 9.30am | St David's | Stephen Healey (M&JH) St David's, Patron of Wales |
| | 11.00am | Our Lady's | Edward Ralph (UCM) |
| Wednesday | 10.00am | Our Lady's | The People of the Parish ASH WEDNESDAY |
| | 7.00pm | St David's | Jackie McKinnes (CB) |
| Thursday | 9.30am | St David's | Sr Alphonse (Srs S&MJ) |
| | 2.30pm | Our Lady's | Funeral Service for William Joseph Fitzsimmons |
| Friday | 9.30am | Our Lady's | Lucia Basini Gazza (TC) |
| Saturday | 4.30pm | St David's | Breda Hartigan(MH): Ashley Jones (TH) 1st Sunday of Lent |
| | 6.00pm | Our Lady's | Ints Margaret & John Kane: Ints Margaret & Michael Wicketts (PG) |
| Sunday | 9.30am | Our Lady's | The People of the Parish |
| | 11.15am | St David's | Ken and Diane Webb (AW) |

***Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament***

**St David's Tuesday 10am-11.30am
Our Lady's Friday 10.00-5.00pm**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Our Lady's: 12noon-12.30pm
St David's: 3.45pm-4.15pm**

ASH WEDNESDAY IS A DAY OF PENANCE MARKED BY FASTING AND ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid: £ 451.50
Non Gift Aid: £ 734.36
Gift Aid Standing Order £168.13
Total giving this week £1353.99
Mass Count: 431

Sick List

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

CATECHESIS

First Reconciliation

The course continues after half term on **Monday 27th February at 5.30pm** in St Anne's room.

RCIA Course

The course continues on Wednesdays at 7pm in St Anne's room.

Children's Liturgy

Continues after half term

What's on This Week

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| Mon | 5.30pm | OLA | 1 st Communion Class |
| Tues | 10am | St David's | Divine Mercy Group |
| | 2pm | OLA | Social Club |
| Wed | 11am | OLA | UCM Meeting |
| | 7pm | OLA | RCIA Course |

The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, and Relics of Blessed Jacinta and Francisco will be travelling around the country, visiting various Cathedrals abbeys and churches this year, 2017, which is the Centenary year of the Fatima message, which was given by the Blessed Virgin between May and October 1917. The Statue will be visiting the Archdiocese of Cardiff on 6/7 May.

UCM RAFFLE

The UCM are selling raffle tickets this weekend and next. The draw will take place on Sunday 26th February

LENT 2017

Ash Wednesday this year falls on 1 March. This means **the feast of St. David** will be celebrated in the Diocese on **Tuesday 28th February**.

28th February: St David's Day Mass Times

9.30am St David's
11.00am Our Lady's

1st March: Ash Wednesday Mass times

10am Our Lady's
7.00pm St David's
3rd March – 7th April: Lenten Talks and soup lunch every Friday at the Salvation Army. Soup served from 12noon - 1.15pm

Friday 3rd March: Women's World Day of Prayer at Holy Trinity Church, Pontnewydd at 7pm

Friday 10th March: CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

ST. DAVID'S CATHEDRAL

LENTEN FASTING LUNCH (Bread and Soup)
IN SUPPORT OF THE SYRIAN FAMILY REFUGEE PROJECT
EACH FRIDAY OF LENT AT 1.30PM (following the 12.45 Mass) AT THE CORNERSTONE (During lunch, 15 minute Lenten Meditation will be given by Archbishop George)

***ST. DAVID'S CATHEDRAL
CARDIFF***

**Please join us for
THE RITE OF ELECTION**

To welcome those Adult Catechumens to be baptised at the Easter Vigil and those to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church.
Sunday 5 March at 3.00pm Followed by refreshment in The Cornerstone, Charles Street, Cardiff

A WARM WELCOME FOR A SYRIAN FAMILY IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CARDIFF

The Archdiocese of Cardiff is able to make available an unoccupied presbytery to house a refugee family from Syria. The family to be resettled is part of the quota of 20,000 refugees that the UK Government is committed to welcoming between 2015-2020. Unlike most who have already arrived having fled their countries and making long and dangerous journeys, the journey of this family will be carefully planned for them. Before leaving Syria, they will have been identified as needing Humanitarian Protection. Their past experiences will undoubtedly have been traumatic, but they will be assured of a warm welcome and secure environment in which to rebuild their lives. They will travel safely and be met on arrival. They will have the right to work in the UK and, as refugees, will have the same entitlements as UK citizens. This important initiative has been dealt with by Sr. Ruth O'Neill on behalf of the Diocese. Sr. Ruth is member of the Daughters of Charity living in Ely.