



**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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5<sup>th</sup> March 2017 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A Psalter Week 1

In the Cycle of Sunday Readings, the oldest are those of Year A in Lent these Gospels have accompanied the Church for many centuries. We must realise why: Lent was originally the time of immediate preparation of candidates for Baptism at Easter (something which has been reintroduced to the Church by RCIA): those already baptised used it as a time to prepare for the renewal of Baptismal promises. This is why so much of the Scripture in Lent is about Baptism, New Life and Salvation. What is the new life of Baptism? What are we set free from? What is sin? We begin Lent by hearing about sin and temptation; the Gospel will tell us of Jesus own temptations, something he shares with us, though he did not sin. The other Scripture readings prepare us for the Gospel, in which Jesus, the new Adam, triumphs over temptation.

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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

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| <b>Saturday</b>  | 4.30pm         | St David's         | Breda Hartigan(MH): Ashley Jones (TH)                            | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>        |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 6.00pm         | Our Lady's         | Ints Margaret & John Kane: Ints Margaret & Michael Wicketts (PG) | The People of the Parish                    |
|                  | 9.30am         | Our Lady's         |  |   |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 11.15am        | St David's         | Ken and Diane Webb (AW): J&A Mulgrew (JS)                        | Ints Mark Riddell (B&JS): Gerald Price (PP) |
|                  | 9.30am         | Our Lady's         |  |   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 9.30am         | St David's         | Tony Webb (OW): Rabaiotti Family (PR)                            | <i>Sts Perpetua &amp; Felicity</i>          |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>10.00am</b> | <b>Crematorium</b> | <b>Funeral Service for Jack Lee</b>                              |   |
|                  | <b>11.00am</b> | Our Lady's         | Laurie Cooper (Srs S&MJ): Peggy Wells (SVP)                      | <i>St John of God</i>                       |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 9.30am         | St David's         | Bridie Rainsford (BB)  | <i>St Frances of Rome</i>                   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 9.30am         | Our Lady's         | Jackie and Les Bowditch (E&SG)                                   |   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 4.30pm         | St David's         | Paddy & Una Tracey (MJ): Francis Connelly (S&SM)                 | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>        |
|                  | 6.00pm         | Our Lady's         | Catherine & John Williams  |   |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9.30am         | Our Lady's         | Jackie McInnes (AB): Ints Angela Hanlon (CM)                     |   |
|                  | 11.15am        | St David's         | Frank Walsh (P&LM)   |   |

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| <u>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</u>                        | <u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u>                      |
| St David's Tuesday 10am-11.30am<br>Our Lady's Friday 10.00-5.00pm | Our Lady's: 12noon-12.30pm<br>St David's: 3.45pm-4.15pm |

Stations of the Cross

Our Lady's: Friday after Mass St David's: Thursday after Mass

Lenten Talks from 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
Mondays at 2.30pm in St Anne's room

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

**Gift Aid: £403.00**  
**Non Gift Aid: £671.80**  
**Gift Aid Standing Order £168.13**  
**Total giving this week £12 42.93**  
**Mass Count: 417**

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, Sr Mary James, Jean Crowley, Angela Hanlon, Pat Henderson & all who care for them.

CATECHESIS

**First Reconciliation**  
The course continues on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March** at **5.30pm** in St Anne's room.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March**  
Next Friday Canon John will be joined by Canon John Kelly and Fr Liam Hennessey for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. Could the parents of the children please make every attempt to celebrate this Sacrament with their children

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

**Children's Liturgy**  
OLA 9.30 Mass and St David's 11.15am Mass

What's on This Week

|        |         |            |                                 |
|--------|---------|------------|---------------------------------|
| Mon    | 2.30pm  | OLA        | Lenten Talk                     |
|        | 5.30pm  | OLA        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Class |
| Tues   | 10am    | St David's | Divine Mercy Group              |
|        | 2pm     | OLA        | Social Club                     |
| Wed    | 11.30am | OLA        | UCM Meeting                     |
|        | 7pm     | OLA        | RCIA Course                     |
| Friday | 5.30pm  | OLA        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation  |

Deanery Station Mass

Will be celebrated on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in All Saints Church, Ebbw Vale. Archbishop George Stack will be the main celebrant. The coach will leave Our Lady's at 6pm and St David's at 6.15pm. Parishioners will be advised of the cost next weekend.

LENT 2017

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March: in St Anne's Room**  
Lenten Talks at Our Lady of the Angels and St David's Parish

Almost 800 years ago Thomas Aquinas said that a mistake in our understanding of creation will necessarily cause a mistake in our understanding of God. What we understand of the universe (Creation) has undergone a revolution in our life time and maybe we need to rethink and reshape our relationship with God and the whole of creation in a way that makes links with the new scientific discoveries. These discoveries tell us so much more about who we are and who God is. They begin to answer the questions, "Who am I and why am I here?" Sister Bridget will give a series of talks/presentations/reflections to look at the question..."Who do we think we are?" This will be in the context of Laudato Si. In this letter Pope Francis calls us to look at things in a new way using all the means available to us so that we can relate in a healthier way to the whole of creation. This new way is full of hope for a bright future

**3<sup>rd</sup> March – 7<sup>th</sup> April:** Lenten Talks and soup lunch every Friday at the Salvation Army. Soup served from 12noon - 1.15pm

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March: CAFOD Lent Fast Day**  
Please support this Lent Fast Day.

St David's Cathedral, Cardiff

**THE RITE OF ELECTION**

Please join us to welcome those Adult Catechumens to be baptised at the Easter Vigil and those to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 3.00pm** Followed by refreshments in The Cornerstone, Charles Street, Cardiff. Please pray for Nicola Jo Bowen, Gemma Horsell and Kevin James, our parishioners, who are being received into the Church during the Easter Vigil.

Youth 2000

will host their fifth annual retreat in the Archdiocese this March 17-19 at St David's Catholic Sixth Form College. Fantastic talks and workshops by visiting speakers and a Saturday evening of reconciliation and healing, offer an opportunity to find faith for the first time, or dive deeper than ever before. This is a donation-only event and booking forms can be found at [youth2000.org](http://youth2000.org). You're so welcome to join us for all, or any of the weekend, please do extend this invitation to young people you know and meet.

**Week of Prayer and Awareness for Dementia**

Annual Archdiocesan Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick for Dementia Suffers and their Carers on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 2.30pm in Llantarnam Abbey**. Let us come together and pray for all who experience the effects of Dementia.