



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

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

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12th March 2017 *2nd SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A* Psalter Week 2

Lent is a Season of preparation for the whole Paschal Triduum, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday: not just a time to reflect on the Cross. Often our Lenten devotions can focus exclusively on the Cross, and the idea of Baptism can be lost. This is why the Church invites us to join the disciples in looking beyond the cross this Sunday: we see the glory of Easter, the glory of the resurrection and the glory of the baptised. We see all this in the Transfiguration: we are invited to recognise who Jesus is. It is the glorified Jesus, whom we will celebrate at Easter, who calls us to journey through Lent, just as God called Abram to journey far from his home. So the readings lead us to acknowledge that Lent is a very special calling, to follow the Lord of glory to the renewal of baptismal purity.

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Paddy & Una Tracey (MJ): Francis Connelly (S&SM)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Catherine & John Williams 2nd Sunday of Lent
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Jackie McInnes (AB): Ints Angela Hanlon (CM)
	11.15am	St David's	Frank Walsh (P&LM)
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Breda Harrigan (JM): Sr Philamena (AW)
Wednesday	7.00pm	Ebbw Vale	Deanery Station Mass at All Saints, Ebbw Vale
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Tony Webb (E&SG): Bridie Rainsford (BB)
Friday	10.30am	Our Lady's	Patrick Devlin (OLA S) : Ints Sr Mary Conlon (E&SG) <i>St Patrick, Bishop</i>
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Marian & Gerard Rosser (P&ML) 3rd Sunday of Lent
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Barbara Stephens (SA): Fr Rutko & Ron Fisher (SF)
	11.15am	St David's	Robert Peacock (MP)

***Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament***

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Stations of the Cross

Our Lady's: Friday BEFORE Mass at 9.45am (17th March)
St David's: Thursday after Mass

Lenten Talks from 6th March 2017

Mondays at 2.30pm in St Anne's room

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS
WEEKEND IS FOR CAFOD.
Gift Aid envelopes are
available from the church
porches**

***Your giving to your Parish: many
thanks***

Gift Aid: £475.00
Non Gift Aid: £762.18
Gift Aid Standing Order £168.13
Total giving this week £1405.31
Mass Count: 443

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 Holy Communion

The first meeting takes on **Monday 27th March at 5.30pm** in St Anne's room for parents and children

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation will be celebrated in the parish on Sunday **11th June 2017 at 9.30am in Our Lady's**. Candidates for confirmation should be year 8 (12) or older. There will be a meeting for candidates and their parents on **Tuesday 21st March at 6pm** in Our Lady's Church.

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
Tues	10am	St David's	Divine Mercy Group
	2pm	OLA	Social Club
Wed	11.30am	OLA	UCM Meeting
	7pm	OLA	RCIA Course
Thurs	10.00am	St David's	Stations of the Cross
Friday	9.45am	OLA	Stations of the Cross

Deanery Station Mass

Will be celebrated on Wednesday 15th 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 **The coach is now full, cost per person is £6**

Piety Shop

There is a new stock of St Patrick's day cards, Mothering Sunday cards and Easter cards now on sale.

LENT 2017

Monday 13th March at 2.30pm in St Anne's Room

Lenten Talks with Sr Bridget SSJ

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

Youth 2000

will host their fifth annual retreat in the Archdiocese this March 17-19 at St David's Catholic Sixth Form College. This is a donation-only event and booking forms can be found at 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 18th March 2017 at 2.30pm in Llantarnam Abbey**. Let us come together and pray for all who experience the effects of Dementia.

***THE BIRTH OF JESUS TO THE LAST
AMEN***

On **Saturday 25th March** Alan de Ste Croix will lead us through the entire New Testament exploring the stories of the major characters and why they are still relevant to us today. We will meet in St Dyfrig's Church Hall, Broadway, Treforest, Pontypridd, CF37 1DB at 10am until 3pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided but please bring your own packed lunch.

www.catholic-bible-school.org/south-wales-events/mar17 or email catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com.

***Wales and the Marches Catholic History
Society***

Our next talk will be at St. David's Catholic Sixth Form College on Sunday March 5th 2017 at 3 pm.

Title "Historic Churches in Gwent" speaker Dr. Edith Evans, the Heritage and Outreach Manager for the Glamorgan-Gwent Archaeological Trust.

SVP Shop Newport

Volunteers urgently required to help at the St Vincent Community Shop, Commercial Road, Newport. Even if you can only spend a couple of hours a week this would be really useful. Various jobs required to be undertaken including- sorting stock, steaming clothes and assisting in the shop. Please contact the shop directly on 01633 843550 and request to speak with the duty manager. Thank you for your support.

Are You A Winner?

Check your raffle tickets for the recent UCM draw, there are still some unclaimed prizes. See notice board for ticket numbers