



**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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26<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A**

Psalter Week 4

*He went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored*

When we get to Easter, there are two symbols of the resurrection that we use in Church: fire and light (the Easter Candle) and water (the Font). Last week we reflected on water, and this week there are passages all about light – true light, that defeats the blindness of sin. Again, this would have been offered to those preparing for Baptism, but speaks to all of us who have been baptised, inviting us to be renewed in the light of Christ at Easter. Remember that one of the oldest titles of the newly baptised was “neophyte”, which means “newly enlightened”. There is a subtle link between the readings on this Sunday: in the first reading, David is anointed, and the Spirit of the Lord seizes on him. This anointing lights him along the right path - ‘no evil would I fear’ as the Psalm says. Then Paul tells us more about this light: it is Christ shining on us, calling us to live as children of light. All this is summed up in the Gospel, the marvellous story of the healing (by being ‘anointed’ with spittle) of the man born blind. Jesus is the light of the world.

***PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK***

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

Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Rose and Herbert Williams (JK): John Bellew (TH)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Danny Harrington (SC) : Elizabeth Murray (GS)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Barbara Stephens (SA): Fr Rytko & Ron Fisher (SF)
	11.15am	St David's	Robert Peacock (MP) <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Ints of Sr Mary James (J&RP)
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Bridie Rainsford (MB)
Wednesday	11.00am	Our Lady's	Ron Jones (LWJ)
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Ints of Robert Jones (MM)
Friday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Ints of Sr Michael LD (DO'B)
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Keating Family (PK): Philomena Rooney (MH)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Ints of Desmond and Jeremiah Family (FJ) Megan Donnelly (PP)
	11.15am	St David's	Sheehy and Florence Family (JS)

***Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament***

St David's: Tuesday 10am-11.30am  
Our Lady's: Friday 10.30am-5.00pm

***Sacrament of Reconciliation***

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

***Parish Finance Meeting***

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in St Anne's room

***Food Bank Collection***

Takes place next weekend. The organisers of the Food Bank wish to express their thanks for our continual support in helping the people of Torfaen

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND IS FOR EASTER FLOWERS.**

**Please Can You Help?** Flowers arrangers are needed in Our Lady's Church especially for decorating our church for Easter, training can be given if required. Please come and help to make the church beautiful for this special feast.

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

Gift Aid: £485.00  
Non Gift Aid: £660.70  
Gift Aid Standing Order £168.13  
Total giving this week £1313.83  
CAFOD LENT £1914.73  
Mass Count: 414

***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 place on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 **11<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 9.30am in Our Lady's**. Candidates for confirmation should be year 8 (12) or older. Confirmation classes for candidates continue on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm** in St Anne's room.

***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	10am	St David's	Stations of the Cross
Friday	10am	OLA	Stations of the Cross

***Walsingham Way - a weekend retreat for those considering their vocation***

Young Catholics aged 18-30 are invited to come to the ancient pilgrim site at Walsingham in Norfolk to pray and to discern God's calling in their life. The event takes on **30 June - 2<sup>nd</sup> July**. Further details can be found on the website [www.ukvocations.org](http://www.ukvocations.org)

***LENT 2017***

***Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm in St Anne's Room***

Lenten Talks with Sr Bridget SSJ

**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

***Sacrament of Reconciliation***

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April** 12noon-12.30pm at Our Lady's  
3.45pm-4.15pm at St David's

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April** 3pm-4pm at Our Lady's

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April** 7pm at Our Lady's (Deanery Priests)

***Chrism Mass***

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 11.30am in the Cathedral, Cardiff

***Sacred Paschal Triduum***

**Holy Thursday:** 7.30pm at Our Lady's

**Good Friday:** 3pm at Our Lady's and at St David's

**Holy Saturday:** The Easter Vigil: 7.30pm at Our Lady's.

***SVP***

Your SVP is organising a performance by Our Lady's Junior School children of the passion play 'The way of the Cross' followed by light refreshments. The performance is being provided for the sick & elderly of the Our lady's & St. David's parish. It is proposed to be held at Our Lady's church hall on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 commencing at 2pm In order for the performance to go ahead the SVP need to establish definite numbers of those attending. Please add your name and any one you will be taken to the list at the rear of the church. Closing date Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March. If there is insufficient interest, the performance will not go ahead. Please remember to invite your sick or elderly neighbours.

***Annual Welsh National Pilgrimage to Lourdes 23<sup>rd</sup> July -29<sup>th</sup> July 2017***

The pilgrimage is led by Archbishop George Stack and Bishop Tom Burns. Join us in this special place where Our Lady appeared to St Bernadette. A place of healing and strength for all who visit. Cost £599 See poster on the notice board for further details or contact Fr Kevin Paine 01495 243304

***Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham 9<sup>th</sup> October -12<sup>th</sup> October 2017***

Monday to Thursday cost £230. Forms are available in the church porches.

***GIFT AID SCHEME (Pink Boxes)***

The boxes for the next financial year 2017/2018 are now available in the church porches.

***Non Gift Aid Collection Boxes (Green Boxes)***

These are also in the porches of both churches.

***Parish Pilgrimage 2018/19***

Note for your diaries: there will be a meeting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April in St Anne's room at 7pm to select a destination for our next pilgrimage.