



**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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3rd September 2017 22nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A Psalter Week 2

If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself.

A quick glance at last week's Gospel reveals the interesting development of the story: last week, we heard Peter proclaiming that Jesus was the Messiah, and being given authority as a result. This week, Peter gets it wrong: he is rebuked by the Lord because he does not understand who the Messiah is. The Messiah is the one who will give everything for his people - even his own life. To be a follower of Jesus demands an understanding and acceptance of this fact, and a willingness to take up the cross as Jesus did. Our introduction to this is the prophet Jeremiah - also persecuted for doing and saying what was right. Have a look at the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, where this twinning of Jeremiah and prophecy of persecution also appears.

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Morning Prayers: Mon, Tues, Thurs 9.10am,

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| Saturday | 4.30pm | St David's | Gill Swain (AW) | 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A |
| | 6.00pm | Our Lady's | John McGuire (DM): Ints Fr Peter McLaren (PJ) | |
| Sunday | 9.30am | Our Lady's | James O'Donoghue (PL) | |
| | 11.15am | St David's | The People of the Parish | |
| Monday | 9.30am | Our Lady's | Frank & Bessie Maguire (S&EG) | |
| Tuesday | 9.30am | St David's | Ints Jo & Rees Parlow (MP) | |
| Wednesday | 11.00am | Our Lady's | Mary Ralph (UCM) | |
| Thursday | 9.30am | St David's | Ints Fr Peter McLaren (JC) | |
| Friday | MASS | Our Lady's | THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Feast) | |
| Friday | 2.00pm | Our Lady's | Mass for the Sick & Housebound: Kath Powell (K&DF): Ints Jean Cadogan (SM) | |
| Saturday | 4.30pm | St David's | Colin & Anthony Bown (TH) | 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A |
| | 6.00pm | Our Lady's | John McGuire (MBM) | |
| Sunday | 9.30am | Our Lady's | Lee Davies (AD) | |
| | 11.15am | St David's | The People of the Parish | |

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
St David's: There will be no Exposition until October.
Our Lady's: Fri 8th Sept. No Exposition today

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

Mass for the Sick and the Housebound
A Mass for the Sick and Housebound will be celebrated on **Friday 8th September on the Feast of Our Lady's Birthday at 2pm in Our Lady's Church.** Everyone welcome especially the house and sick. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered. You are invited to stay for light refreshments after the Mass in St Anne's room.
No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today.

Please make a note that Mass on Friday is at 2pm

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

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| Gift Aid: | £340.00 |
| Non Gift Aid: | £646.22 |
| Gift Aid Standing Order | £198.13 |
| Total giving this week | £1184.35 |
| Mass Count: | 378 |

Sick List

Please pray for the sick and housebound especially Mostyn Crowley, Joyce Thomas, Hazel McCarthy, John Kane, Mary Lee, Jean Olearczyk, Goff & Rose James, Mary Reilly, Bill Gale, Pauline Duval, Barbara Berger, George Powell, Trevor Jenkins, Mavis Thomas, Joan Lawrence, Mel Pearce, Ian Werrett, Pat Mulligan, Violet Thomas, Frances Brown, Fr Michael Cronin, Betty Lake, Derek Miller, John Rainsford, Sean Gilgunn, Barbara Pold, Eileen Dickens, Anne Savoury, Pat Parfitt, Sr Celsus, Carolyn Gallagher, Christopher Mulcahy, Sr Mary James, Angela Hanlon, Gerry Scully, Lilian Whatley, Robert Davies, John Martin, Nora MacDonnell, Ann Pitchforth, Phyllis & Reg Whatley, Phoebe Dunn, Pauline Loughlin, Shelagh Mills, John & Beryl James, Luke Smith, Becky James, Sophie Weightman, Kay Donavon, Joan Sweeney, Joyce & Jim Sheehy, Sam Spokes, John Adams and all who care for them.

Forth Coming Events for September

Training for Ministry of Funerals

Reminder for trainees: next training day is on **Wednesday 6th September** at Llantarnam Abbey. Registration at 10am. Bring a packed lunch.

Interested in Becoming a Catholic? RCIA Course

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church or do you know anyone who may be interested, come along on **Wednesday 20th September at 7pm** in St Anne's room for the commencement of the RCIA Course.

Walk with Me

Saturday 23rd September. A workshop for Catholic family members of LGB. See poster for details.

Family Group of Families:

The next meeting will be a shared tea and a chat in St Anne's Room at 4pm on **Sunday, 24th September.** New members welcome!

Requiescant in Pace

Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Dom Antony Tumelty who died recently. The Reception of the Body will take place in Belmont Abbey on Wednesday, 6th September, at 7.45pm. The Requiem Mass and Burial will take place on Thursday, 7th September, at 2.30pm.

Please pray also for the repose of the soul of Sarah Elizabeth King who died suddenly. Sarah is the mother of Olivia, a pupil of Our Lady's School.

We offer our condolences to the Community of Belmont Abbey and to the King Family.

**Our Lady and St David's
Plans for the Future of the Parish**

Mass and Confession

From 7th October there will be a change of Mass times. There will be a weekday Mass in Our Lady's at 10am Saturday morning. There will be no Vigil Mass at 6pm.

On Saturday evening there will be one Vigil Mass at 5pm in St David's. The Sunday times remain the same i.e. Our Lady's at 9.30am and St David's at 11.15am

Confession times will also change, in Our Lady's Confession will be celebrated at 11am and in St David's at 4.15pm.

Evangelisation

The R.C.I.A. resumes in St Anne's Room on Wednesday evenings at 7pm to 8.30pm from 20th September 2017.

The First Communion and Reconciliation Course will begin in January and Confirmation Catechesis will also take place.

The Power of One meetings with Sr Bridget will resume. In September, a Prayer Group will be starting on Monday evenings to which all people are invited. There is also an opportunity for young families to join our occasional Fun/Social activities. This is in addition to the U.C.M., Tuesday Club and SVP. We have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays in St David's and Fridays in Our Lady's and during May and October we will recite the Rosary. Also, we have Christian Unity Meetings.

Social Activities

After the success of Fr Peter McLaren's social evening it is hoped that there will be occasions when the Community can come together in the Parish Hall for social events.

Building Projects

You will be aware that some projects are currently being done i.e. the presbytery in St David's and the boundary wall in Oak Street carpark. It is planned to upgrade the fire alarm lighting and exit signs in both churches. A new Building Committee has been formed and we will then do planned maintenance to create "Safe Environment" for worship.

Parish Mission

Next September, 2018, we are looking forward to a Parish Mission. I hope this will be an exciting time and will whet your appetite for all of you to become involved in a vibrant Christian Community. Canon John

'**LETTING GO**': Christian Meditation retreat at Llangasty House, Brecon, Powys - 27th to 29th October 2017. This retreat is for those who wish to spend time in silence in the beautiful surroundings of the Brecon Beacons and will include periods of meditation and short talks. Cost £170 per person. For more information please contact Barbara Jones 01600 772895

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