



**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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**24<sup>TH</sup> September 2017 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A  
Psalter Week 1**

*"Why be envious, because I am generous?"*  
We can never hope fully to understand God: especially God's generosity. We are very good at working out who is deserving of good fortune and who is not - unfortunately for us, God's gifts go to those God chooses, not those we choose. An example is forgiveness: those who have done the most wrong are those who receive the greatest forgiveness when they turn to God - perhaps at times we begrudge this gift. Today's lesson is simply this: God's ways are not our ways, God's thought are not our thoughts

**PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

Morning Prayers: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 9.10am, Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm  
Divine Mercy Devotions: Fri 3pm (OLA)

			25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Pat & Ken Harnett (DS)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Lucia Basini-Gazzi (TC): John McGuire (IW)
	11.15am	St David's	Wellbeing of Maria Gunter (SM)
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Martin Bryne (DO'B): Mary Ralph (AB)
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Wellbeing J Lewis: Thanksgiving, Cheedy Family (HC) <i>Sts Cosmos &amp; Damian</i>
Wednesday	11.00am	Our Lady's	Roy Lawrence (UCM): Dan & Mary Kiernan (S&EG) <i>St Vincent De Paul</i>
	1.00pm	Our Lady's	Funeral Service for Louise Vera Slade-Shorthouse
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	William Ferill (WF): Hazel Keohane (MPK) <i>Our Lady Star of the Sea</i>
Friday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Eucharistic Service <i>St Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels</i>
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Margaret Gale (LR): Fred & Mary Faulkner (PT)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	John McGuire (B&JS) <b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A</b>
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Joachim Spiteri (NW)
	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 17th.  
Our Lady's: Friday 8.00am -5.00pm

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

**Baptism 6.00pm**  
We welcome into our parish family Maximilian Anthony & Oliver Larry Holliday and congratulate their parents as they begin their Faith journey

**THANK YOU**  
We extend our grateful thanks to Canon Eddie O'Connell who has been supplying for Canon John while he is on holiday, and wish him a safe journey home.

**Comboni Missionaries Appeal**  
Next weekend we welcome Fr Raphael from the Verona Fathers to make an appeal on behalf of the Comboni Missionaries.  
**Second Collection next weekend is for the Comboni Missionaries Appeal**

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

Gift Aid: £415.50  
Non Gift Aid: £687.76  
Gift Aid Standing Order: £198.13  
Total giving this week : £1301.39  
Mass Count: 439  
Home Mission Collection: £433.25

**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, John & Beryl James, Luke Smith, Becky James, Sophie Weightman, Kay Donavon, Joan Sweeney, Joyce & Jim Sheehy, Sam Spokes, John Adams, Helen Crowley, Brian Gingell, Stella Bradley and all who care for them.

**Forth Coming Events for  
September/October  
Interested in Becoming a Catholic?**

**RCIA Course**  
The RCIA course continues in St Anne's room on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.

**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!

**Cwmbbran Churches Together Harvest Supper**  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 6.30pm at St Mary's Church Croesyceiliog.

**Harvest Fast Day Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017**  
This Harvest Fast Day, we are standing with Edelmira, a farmer in El Salvador, as she works to sustain her family with good crops and harvests. With your help, CAFOD is giving her fruit trees, training, and strong seeds. CAFOD collection will take place on 7<sup>th</sup>/ 8<sup>th</sup> October

**"Draw your strength simply from your joy in Jesus. Be happy and peaceful. Accept whatever he gives. and give whatever he takes, with a big smile"**  
St Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997) to her co-workers

**SVP AWARENESS MONTH**  
September is SVP Awareness Month.

Please see the posters in the church porches over the next four weeks. These show a different aspect each week of the society's work. Should you want any further information on the SVP in our parish or the work we do, please do not hesitate to contact a member if you know one, or David, our president on 01633 838542.

**400 years of the Charism of St Vincent de Paul**

You are invited to celebrate 400 years of the Charism of St Vincent de Paul on Saturday 14th October 2017. Mass will be celebrated at 12.00 pm by Archbishop George Stack and Fr Paul Roche CM. At the end of Mass there will be short presentations from some of the 'Vincentian Family' including some of the youngest members. Refreshments will follow opposite at The Cornerstone.

**RED BOXES**

Would all parishioners who subscribe to the Red Box Scheme please return their boxes to Rita Draisey (OLA) and Suzanne Spiteri (St D) so they can be emptied. This is earlier than the normal collection dates as Rita and Suzanne want to ensure that all old £1 coins are banked before October when they are to be withdrawn. To avoid any banking issues in future please make sure only new £1 coins are deposited in the box once they are emptied. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Change of Mass and Confession Times**  
From 7<sup>th</sup> 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

**FR. BOGDAN WERA RIP**  
The funeral arrangements for Fr. Bogdan Wera are as follows: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September: Requiem Mass 3.00pm at St. Patrick's, Grangetown. This will be a joint Polish and English Mass. Following Mass the body will be repatriated to Poland.

**Our Lady Star of the Sea**  
Our Lady Star of the Sea through you came the light of the world. You cared for the Son of God. Now all God's children are your charge. To those who are in distress you provide a beacon of hope. If we wander from our faith you guide us back to our true course. In dark times we pray to you. Everlasting light of our lives. Blessed Virgin, chosen by God, Our Lady Star of the Sea. Pray for us. Amen