# PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID CWMBRAN

**(Registered Charity No. 242380)**

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***FOOD BANK COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND***

**Please be as generous as you can for those in need of food over the Christmas Season.**

## *26th November 2017* *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year A*

## *Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King*

**Shepherd-King o'er mountain steep, homeward guide thy wand'ring sheep." This hymn which we will probably sing today captures the readings perfectly: our King is not a cruel tyrant or despot, but a shepherd who loves his flock, who would (and did) give his life for them. Love for the flock means that he will have to judge them, separating the sheep from those who do not belong to him. Coming to the end of the Church's year leads us to look to our final ending, the homecoming the hymn speaks of. The judgement of the end of time we do not view as a trial or a terror, but as a coming home: look back to the Isaiah reading on the 28th Sunday to see what a homecoming party is offered. All we do is put our lives in order, living just and holy lives, longing for the day of the Lord to come.**

## *PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK*

**Morning Prayers: Mon, Tues, Thurs 9.10am Sat 9.40am** **Divine Mercy Devotions: Fri 3pm (OLA)**
**Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm**

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| | | | **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Year A** |
| **Saturday** | **5.00pm** | **St David's** | Maldwyn Lloyd (VL) |
| **Sunday** | **9.30am** | **Our Lady's** | Nancy Gibney (GS):Jim and Fay Desmond (VW) |
| | **11.15am** | **St David's** | The People of the Parish |
| **Monday** | 9.30am | Our Lady's | Lily Whatley (SVP) |
| **Tuesday** | 9.30am | St David's | Holy Souls |
| **Wednesday** | 11.00am | Our Lady's | Holy Souls |
| **Thursday** | 9.30am | St David's | Peter Bracchi (PR) St Andrew, Apostle |
| **Friday** | **11.15am** | **Our Lady's** | **Funeral Mass for Sebastiano Tomasula** |
| **Saturday** | 10.00am | Our Lady's | Marsden Paget (PM) |
| | | | **1st Sunday of Advent Year B** |
| **Saturday** | **5.00pm** | **St David's** | Kathleen and Michael Murphy (MH): Hazel Keohane (MPK) |
| **Sunday** | **9.30am** | **Our Lady's** | Stella Smith (CO'B): Peter Bracchi (JB) |
| | **11.15am** | **St David's** | The People of the Parish |

***Tea, coffee and a chat in St Anne's Room after Mass every Sunday***

## *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

**St David's: Tuesday 10.00am-11.30am**
**Our Lady's: Friday 8.00am -5.00pm**

## *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

**Our Lady's: 11am-11.30am**
**St David's: 4.15pm-4.45pm**

**Year 3**

**On Wednesday Year 3 from Our Lady's School will be joining us for Mass at 11am**

## *Second Collection Next Week Is For: Our Lady & St David's Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) Cwmbran*

Making a donation, however small, will enable the SVP to make a difference to the lives of people in real

## *Aid to the Church in Need*

If you wish to make a donation please hand it today.

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

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| **Gift Aid:** | **£453.05** |
| **Non Gift Aid:** | **£529.21** |
| **Gift Aid Standing Order:** | **£198.13** |
| **Total giving this week :** | **£1180.39** |

**Mass Count: 386**

## *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, 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, Robert Davies, John Martin, Nora MacDonnell, Ann Pitchforth, Phyllis & Reg Whatley, Phoebe Dunn, Sabina Fisher, John & Beryl James, Luke Smith, Becky James, Kay Donavon , Joan Sweeney, Joyce & Jim Sheehy, Sam Spokes, John Adams, Helen Crowley, Brian Gingell , Stella Bradley, Meryl Davies, Gaynor Avery, Claire Joyce, Betty Brennan, Keith Shepherd and all who care for them.

## *RCIA Course*

To know more about the Catholic Faith please come along to the RCIA course which continues in St Anne's room on **Monday 27th November from 7pm – 8.30pm**.

## *Prayer Group*

You are invited to St Anne's room on **Wednesday 29th November at 7.30pm** for the weekly prayer meeting. Please bring a bible.

## *UCM Christmas Draw*

**First prize**: £100 **Second prize**: Hamper
**Third prize**: Christmas Cake **and many other prizes**
**Tickets will be on sale this weekend.**

## *Ty Croeso, Llantarnam Abbey*

**CHRISTMAS SPECIAL EVENT**
**Saturday 9th December 11.30 - 2.30pm**
Enjoy tea, coffee and mince pies (plus a raffle!)
Some goods on sale and a chance to visit the shop.
Entry: £2.50 adults; £1.00 child

**KNITTED BIBLE EXHIBITION at Llantarnam Abbey.**
**Sunday 3rd Dec. to 10th Dec. 2017**
Open daily - ADMISSION FREE
Weekdays: 10am - 12 & 2pm - 4 pm
Sundays: 11am - 12 & 2pm - 4 pm

## *Walk with Me, Advent and Christmas*

In the introduction we read, "Our watchwords for Advent are: *Watching, Waiting, Hearing, Hoping, Seeing, and Believing.* They are repeated time and again in our prayers and hymns for this season, as well as in the beautiful prophecies of the Old Testament.
These words reach their climax in the response of Mary who pondered and treasured these things, storing them up in her heart. The ***Walk With Me*** mediations offer us the time and space to do these things." Why not sit quietly with ***Walk With Me*** for a few minutes each day?

## *Advent Reflection.*

**Monday 4th December**

Traditionally we speak of Advent as a 'time of waiting'; waiting for Jesus to come; but what are we actually waiting for?
*Jesus being born was never meant to be a one off event. It was intended to give us a blue-print for a new way, a new awareness, a new consciousness where compassion, acceptance mercy and love is the norm, a new understanding of what it means to be human. (Judy Cannato)*
Join us for an hour of prayer and reflection as we look at what *'waiting for Jesus'* means to each of us in today's world.
Maybe we can open our eyes to see that Jesus is actually here in you, in me and in the whole of creation. Could it be that Jesus is waiting for us to see this?
**Please join us. Monday 4th December 2.30. St Anne's Room at Our Lady of the Angels**

## *Eucharistic Ministers and Readers' Rota*

For parishioners who were Eucharistic Ministers and Readers at the 6pm Mass and would like to continue with their Ministry at other Masses, please contact:
**St David's:** Lucy Williams 07522 287061(readers)
Lynne Roberts 07872860622 (Eucharistic Ministers)
**Our Lady's:** Vincent Barry 01633 484326 (readers)
Peter Olearczyk 07885835866 (Eucharistic Ministers)

## *The 'Triple A' Family Fun Event!*

This archdiocesan event, previously been held in Llantrisant, Merythr & Cwmbran, to coincide with the start of Advent, is to take place this year on Saturday December 2nd from 3pm in;
**St Mary's RC Primary School, Bulwark Road, Chepstow, NP16 5JE**
**All are welcome! There is no charge, but we encourage those who attend to bring items for the local food bank, if they are able, in lieu of a charge. See poster in the porch for further details.**

***"If anyone one says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen***