



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

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

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3rd December 2017 First Sunday in Advent Year B Psalter Week 1

Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming
Advent opens with a great cry, and a great promise: "Oh that you would tear the heavens open and come down!" is the cry, of a people who need God. "...The master is coming" is the promise, not to breed fear, but to answer our cry. Advent begins, not with thoughts of the past, with the coming of the Lord we celebrate at Christmas, but with the future, and the promise that He is coming back. We are encouraged to treat every day as the day the Lord will come; we do not do this out of fear for a Master who beats his servants, but out of love of a Master who always treats us with love and mercy. Nevertheless we must always be watchful, because we can grow sleepy and complacent, saying that we can leave this prayer or that confession or the other change in the way we live to tomorrow. Even as we look forward to the tomorrow of the Lord's coming, we must remember that it might be today

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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

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| | | | 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 |
| Monday | 9.30am | Our Lady's | Ruby and David Williams (VW) |
| Tuesday | 9.30am | St David's | Private Intention (M&MC) |
| Wednesday | 11.00am | Our Lady's | Lily Whatley (VW) <i>St Nicholas, Bishop</i> |
| Thursday | 9.30am | St David's | Sue Jenkins (PJ) <i>St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of th Church</i> |
| Friday | 9.30am | Our Lady's | Well-being of Katie James(MJ) <i>The Immaculate Conception of the BVM</i> |
| Saturday | 10.00am | Our Lady's | Sebastiano Tomasulo (SVP) |
| | | | 2nd Sunday of Advent Year B |
| Saturday | 5.00pm | St David's | Des Murphy (CM): Hugh McMenamin (MBM) |
| Sunday | 9.30am | Our Lady's | Rose & Jack Clifford (MW) |
| | 11.15am | St David's | Fred, Brid & Mary Strutt (MM) |

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| <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> | <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> |
| St David's: Tuesday 10.00am-11.30am | Our Lady's: 11am-11.30am |
| Our Lady's: Friday 8.00am -5.00pm | St David's: 4.15pm-4.45pm |

***Second Collection This 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 need, and facing many forms of disadvantages.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK IS FOR THE SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

Gift Aid: £323.50
Non Gift Aid: £591.72
Gift Aid Standing Order: £198.13
Total giving this week : £1113.35
Mass Count: 368

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, Iverna Ward and all who care for them.

Prayer Group

You are invited to St Anne's room on **Wednesday 6th December at 7.30pm** for the weekly prayer meeting. Please bring a bible.

First Reconciliation

The first class for parents and children will take place on Monday, 15th January 2018 in St Anne's room at Our Lady of the Angels Church at 5.00pm. Forms are available from Our Lady of the Angels School and St David's School and for children who attend Non-Catholic Schools forms are available from Canon John. Please indicate on your form in which church your child will be making his/her First Holy Communion.

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

Thank You to the SVP

Our grateful thanks to the SVP for arranging the afternoon tea for the housebound, over60 parishioners and visitors last Saturday. Thanks to our musicians, Adrian and Trevor, and to our own pianist Bill. Thank you to all who arranged the various lifts and made the day memorable in the life of our parish.

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

RCIA Christmas Movie

You are all invited to the RCIA Christmas movie in **St Anne's Room on Monday 4th December at 7pm.**

The movie, "Babette's Feast" is apparently one of Pope Francis' favourites. With "a uniquely joyous, exuberant touch, this tale of everyday passion - of the capacity to create and to love - is a mouth-watering ode to the glory of life..." It is in Danish with English subtitles. Feel free to bring some Christmas food to share, for mini feast of our own.

***COLLECTION FOR THE SICK AND
RETIRED CLERGY FUND***

Next week Archbishop George is inviting us to take a retiring collection for our sick and retired priests in the Archdiocese, **"They served us now it is our turn to serve them."**

If you pay tax please use the Gift Aid envelopes which are in both churches.

Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation, much like Lent. Prayer, penance and fasting are appropriate during this season.

Advent Prayer

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours. Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God's own work for justice.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself. Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord. Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son.

I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail. Amen.
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