



**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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*10<sup>th</sup> December 2017      Second Sunday in Advent Year B      Psalter Week 2*

***Make his paths straight***

Throughout the first three weeks of Advent our focus is very clearly on the Second Coming of the Lord - not so much on the run up to Christmas (until the last week). If we view Advent as a preparation for Christmas these readings will make little sense - and neither will the figure of John the Baptist who appears today: if it's about the preparation for Christmas, then John the Baptist, preaching after Jesus was born, is a confusing figure: but his role is to preach to us, as he did of old, and to prepare us for the (second) coming of the Lord. Today we have a very graphic reference to the end of time and the Second Coming in the reading from Saint Peter; it is a frightening picture, and so the first reading offers tender words of comfort to help us understand who is coming, and why we should be ready to meet him.

***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

| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year B</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)                               |
| Monday  | 9.30am  | Our Lady's | The People of the Parish                                    |
| Tuesday                                       | 9.30am  | St David's | Kitty Gogh (Srs S&MJ) <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>          |
| Wednesday                                     | 11.00am | Our Lady's | Lucia Basini Gazzi (TC) <i>St Lucy, Virgin &amp; Martyr</i> |
| Thursday                                      | 9.30am  | St David's | Brian Wilcox (SS) <i>St John of the Cross</i>               |
| Friday  | 9.00am  | Our Lady's | Ints of Sr Anna Larkins & Sr Denise O'Donnell (CJG)         |
| Saturday                                      | 10.00am | Our Lady's | The People of the Parish                                    |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year B</b> |         |            |   |
| Saturday                                      | 5.00pm  | St David's | Lily Whatley (JC&SM): Margaret Gale (BG)                    |
| Sunday  | 9.30am  | Our Lady's | Peggy & John Clack (J&A): Ints John Kane (PP)               |
|   | 11.15am | St David's | Elsie & Jack Coombes & Elizabeth & Joe (R&GJ)               |

| <b><i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i></b> | <b><i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i></b> | <b><i>CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION</i></b>   |
|---|---|---|
| St David's: Tuesday<br>10.00am-11.30am            | Our Lady's: 11am-11.30am                  | The Collection will take place next weekend in both churches. Please support this collection to make our churches look beautiful for the celebration of the birth of our Lord. Donations can be given at any time to Imelda Smith in Our Lady's and Angela Ryan in St David's |
| Our Lady's: Friday<br>8.00am -5.00pm              | St David's: 4.15pm-4.45pm                 |   |

**2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION THIS WEEK IS FOR THE SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE**

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

Gift Aid: £536.00  
Non Gift Aid: £657.31  
Gift Aid Standing Order: £198.13  
Total giving this week : £1391.44  
Mass Count: 419  
SVP Collection: £1179.32

***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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

***Thank you from your SVP.***

We would just like to say a big thank you for your generosity during last week's SVP annual collection. We know that this is a tough time of year for many of you which makes your gift even more special. Due to your kindness we can make a real & immediate difference too many of our local families and people on their own who really struggle at this time of year. Your donation will also be used to support needy people in the parish throughout 2018. We wish you a happy & healthy Christmas and may God bless you and your families.      Our Lady's and St. David's SVP

***RETIRED CLERGY FUND***

This 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 church porches

***From Torfaen Food Bank - Thank You***

The organisers of the Torfaen Food Bank are extremely grateful for the very large amount of food and substantial cash donations delivered to them last week. They wish to thank all our parishioners for their great generosity throughout the year, and especially at this Christmas season. Your contributions will be shared out between their centres in Cwmbran, Pontypool and Blaenafon where they will be a real help to people in genuine need. Thanks again

***Advent to Christmas***

***Penitential Service Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December***

***Our Lady's: 2.30pm***

Fr Nick James and Fr Liam Hennessey will be here with Canon John

***24<sup>th</sup> December 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent:***

***St David's: 5pm (Sat)***

***Our Lady's: 9.30am (Sun)***

***N.B. There will be no morning at 11.15am***

***CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES***

***Christmas Eve: St David's 6pm***

***Our Lady's 9pm***

***Christmas Day: Our Lady's 9am***

***St David's 10.30am***

***UCM Christmas Draw***

Tickets are still available. Please return your sold/unsold tickets to the UCM. Many thanks for your support.