



**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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17th December 2017 Third Sunday in Advent Year B Psalter Week 3

"There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me."
So who is coming? This Sunday's readings help to answer that question. John the Baptist is asked about the coming of the Messiah - is it him? He affirms his role as a witness to speak for the light, by pointing to the one who stands among the crowd unknown to them who is coming after him. This idea is present in the First Reading, where Isaiah proclaims what the anointed one (Messiah' in Hebrew) will do, and the joy that this will bring. It is interesting that the Psalm appointed for this Sunday is the Magnificat - Mary's song of praise at the announcement that the Messiah would be born of her - in which she sings of the works of the coming Messiah. Paul then reminds us that we are still waiting patiently: God has called you, and he will not fail you." This is why, on this "Gaudete" Sunday, we as God's people rejoice in his care, made visible in his promises, fulfilled in Jesus.

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

3rd Sunday of Advent Year 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)
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Alan Sullivan (AS)
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday	10.00am	Our Lady's	Funeral Mass for John Rainsford
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Maureen Molloy (DM)
Friday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Lloyd and Williams Family (VL)
Saturday	10.00am	Our Lady's	Ints Angela Hanlon (CM)
4th Sunday of Advent Year B			
Saturday	5.00pm	St David's	Charles Cadogan (JC): Patricia & Kenneth Harnett (DS)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Brian Draisey (RD): Jeremiah Desmond (VW)
NO 11.15 MASS TODAY			
THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST			
Christmas Eve	6.00pm	St David's	Lee Davies (AD): John Robert & Pamela Maxwell (LP)
	9.00pm	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish
Christmas Day	9.00am	Our Lady's	Margaret Jordan (PP)
	10.30am	St David's	The People of the Parish

Reconciliation

Our Lady's
Mon: 6-7pm
Sat: 10.30-11.30am

St David's
Thurs: 10-11.00am
Sat: 4.15-4.45pm

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

Gift Aid: £158.45
Non Gift Aid: £304.10
Gift Aid Standing Order: £198.13
Total giving this week : £660.68
Mass Count: 213
Aid to the Church in Need £585.83

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, 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.

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.

Church Cleaning

Church cleaning at St David's will be on Thursday 21st December at 10am. At present, there are only two people cleaning the church, please can you help!

Our Lady's – please contact Pauline re time and day
Please can you spare an hour to make our churches look beautiful for the Christmas Celebrations?

Notice for Readers

Christmas Eve: 6pm and 9pm Readings from Mass of Midnight
Christmas Day:
Our Lady's 9am: Readings from Mass of Dawn
St David's 10.30am: Readings from Mass of the Day

RETIRED CLERGY FUND

Due to the inclement weather last weekend, we were unable to take this collection at Our Lady's and St David's on Sunday morning. The collection will be taken at both Masses on Sunday 7th January 2018

Advent to Christmas

Our Lady of the Angels

Reconciliation
Monday 18th at Our Lady's 6pm-7pm
Saturday 23rd at Our Lady's at 10.30am-11.30am

Christmas Masses
9.00pm (Sunday Evening)
9.00am Christmas Morning (Monday)

St David's
Reconciliation
Thursday 21st at St David's 10am-11.00am
Saturday 23rd at St David's 4.15pm-4.45pm

Christmas Masses
6.00pm (Sunday Evening)
10.30am Christmas Morning (Monday)

Requiescat in Pace

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of John Rainsford who died recently and we offer our condolences to his family. John's Funeral Mass will be celebrated in Our Lady's on Wednesday 20th December at 10am

Christmas Crib Offerings

The offerings at the crib this year will be given to support Welfare Charities for Children in Wales which help children at risk and in need of physical, emotional and spiritual support.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The will be no Adoration in St David's on Tuesdays 19th & 26th December and 2nd January or in Our Lady's on Fridays 22nd & 29th December and 5th January

2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEK IS FOR THE CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION