



**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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24<sup>th</sup> December 2017

*Fourth Sunday in Advent Year B*

*Psalter Week 4*

*"Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son."*

Here we enter a new stage of Advent: having spent so much time on the Second Coming, now we look back, to remember the details of the Lord's First Coming. Today we focus on the character of Mary, and hear of the angel Gabriel being sent to her, to invite her to take her part in the mystery of the Incarnation, "the revelation of the mystery kept secret for endless ages". This mystery springs from the House of David, and so we lead into the Gospel by hearing of the establishing of that house. An interesting idea is that the first reading talks of David wishing to build a house for the Lord; through the prophet he is told not of the house that he would build, but the House which is his line: eventually, in Mary (betrothed to Joseph) the House of David does itself become the house of the Lord, the womb wherein he has a dwelling place.

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Morning Prayers: Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat 9.40am

<u>4th Sunday of Advent Year B</u>			
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)
<b>NO 11.15 MASS TODAY</b>			
<b>THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST</b>			
Christmas Eve	6.00pm	St David's	Lee Davies (AD): John Robert & Pamela Maxwell (LP)
Christmas Eve	9.00pm	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish
Christmas Day	9.00am	Our Lady's	Margaret Jordan (PP)
Christmas Day	10.30am	St David's	The People of the Parish
26 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am	St David's	Ints Rees and Jo Parlow (MP) <i>St Stephen, First Martyr</i>
Wednesday	10.00am	Our Lady's	Gordon Worsfold (SW): WF & M Dennehy (JD) <i>St John, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</i>
Thursday	10.00am	St David's	Maureen Molloy (AM) <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyr</i>
Friday	10.00am	Our Lady's	John Harris (S&EG) <i>St Thomas Becket, Bishop &amp; Martyr</i>
Saturday	10.00am	Our Lady's	Thomas & Jessie Forward (BF)
<b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b>			
Saturday	5.00pm	St David's	Tom & Doreen Probert (JA): Teddy Murphy
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Sr Pauline (Srs NL): Frank McAllister (PJ)
	11.15am	St David's	Sarah Williams (TG)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume in St David's on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January and in Our Lady's on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January

RECONCILIATION

There will be no confessions in either church on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December

Your giving to your Parish:  
*many thanks*

Gift Aid: £623.10  
 Non Gift Aid: £686.21  
 Gift Aid Standing Order: £198.13  
 Total giving this week: £1507.44  
 Mass Count: 467  
 Flower Collection: £452.34

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, Fr Kevin Paine 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.

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**

Vacancies - Deputy Head Teachers

There are vacancies for Deputy Head Teachers at the following Diocesan Schools:-  
 Mary Immaculate High School, Cardiff  
 Our Lady's Primary School, Mountain Ash  
 Further details on both positions can be found at [www.eteach.com](http://www.eteach.com)

RETIRED CLERGY FUND

Due to the inclement weather, 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 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Christmas Mass Times  
Holy Day of Obligation

**Our Lady of the Angels**

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

**St David's**

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

Christmas Offerings

Traditionally, the Christmas offering is our gift to our Parish Priest. Christmas envelopes are in the boxes of weekly offerings and some are in the church porches.

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.

We Welcome You Anew

Lord, you came to us as a tender, new-born babe, not with any show of power, not to punish or condemn but to show how much you love us. We welcome you anew into our lives this Christmas! May we find time to ponder the mystery of your love for us, such love that you left your heaven to share our earth, so that we could share your heaven! We thank you, Lord.  
 Amen

*Wishing everyone a very Happy and Holy  
Christmas  
and a Peaceful New Year  
From  
Canon John*