

PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID CWMBRAN

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4th March 2018

3rd Sunday of Lent Year B

Psalter Week 3

This week, in our journey through the Old Testament, we reach Covenant Number Three: and this is the big one - the Covenant with Moses at Sinai. The Ten Commandments are (or should be) familiar to us all: they form our side of the agreement with God - if we stick to these rules and commands, then we are truly God's people, and he is truly our God. If we ignore them, or break them, then we break the Covenant or relationship. The Temple was, for the people of Israel, the place that guaranteed the permanence of this Covenant - God dwelling with man. Jesus alerts us to the new Temple - himself - since he is the core of the New Covenant, God and Man in perfect unity. Only by the destruction of this new Temple, in his death, will he rise again as an eternal Temple, and the eternal guarantee of the New Covenant which we enjoy.

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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

Stations of the Cross: Thurs & Fri 10.00am

Saturday	5.00pm	St David's	Gerard & Marian Rosser (M&PL): Veronica & Malcolm Southwood (LR)		
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Eileen McClenchy (PL): Doris Bashen (FJ)	3 rd Sunday of Lent	
	11.15am	St David's	Clare Joyce (KP&TD)		
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish		
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Well-being of Ricard & Thelma Bartell		
Wednesday	11.00am	Our Lady's	Well-being of Fr Kevin Paine (RJ)	Sts Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs	
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	John Martin (CG)	St John of the Cross	
	<u>1.30pm</u>	St David's	Funeral Service for Mavis Thomas		
Friday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Well- being of Kitty Goff (Sr S&MJ)		
Saturday	10.00am	Our Lady's	Rosa Jones (PP)		
Saturday	5.00pm	St David's	Catherine & John Williams (VL)		
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	George Powell (O&BW)		
	11.15am	St David's	Ints M & E Noonan (MP)		

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
St David's: Tuesday
10.30am-11.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday

Our Lady's: 11-11.30am

Our Lady's: Friday 8am-5pm

St David's: 4.15-4.45pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AFTER MASS ON THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS

FOOD BANK COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

URGENT APPEAL FOR A SACRISTAN

Would anyone in St David's Church take over the role of Sacristan, training will be given. Please see Canon John

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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, Barbara Berger, Trevor Jenkins, Joan Lawrence, Mel Pearce, Ian Werrett, Pat Mulligan, Violet Thomas, Frances Brown, Fr Michael Cronin, Derek Miller, Sean Gilgunn, 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, Brian Gingell, Stella Bradley, Meryl Davies, Gaynor Avery, Betty Brennan, Keith Shepherd, Iverna Ward, Fr Kevin Paine, Anthony Osbourne, John Scott, Michael Egan and all who care for them.

<u>CATECHESIS</u>

First Holy Communion

The First Holy Communion class for Our Lady's pupils will be held in the parish hall on **Mondays** from 5pm-5.45pm. and on **Wednesday s** for St David's pupils in St Non's room, St David's Church from 5pm-5.45pm.

RCIA Course

The course continues on **Monday** in St Anne's room **from 7pm – 8.30pm**.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Classes will commence on **Tuesday 6th March 6-7pm** in St Anne's room.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

The prayer group meet on **Tuesday mornings** after Mass in St David's.

<u>Prayer Group</u>

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

Requiescant in Pace

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of Fr Jimmy Thomas, Letty Liiley and John Berry who died recently and we offer our condolences to their families.

Churches Together Cwmbran: Lent

This year's Lent Study and lunches will be held will be every Friday during Lent. The Bible study will start at 11am and lunch will be served between 12noon and 1.15pm. See poster for details.

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Last Supper at 7pm in Our Lady's Good Friday the Celebration of the Lord's Passion Our Lady's at 2.30pm St David's at 4pm

<u>Please note the times of Good Friday services</u> Holy Saturday Night: The Easter Vigil at 7pm in Our Lady's

<u>Wales and the Marches Catholic History</u> <u>Society</u>

Unfortunately because of the forecast adverse weather conditions St. David's College is closed until March 5th Therefore we have to postpone our talk "Little Ireland" the story of Newtown and the Newtown Association" We will advertise when it has been re-arranged.

National Novena to St Joseph

The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from 10-18 March 2018 at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead and at Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool. You are invited to send in your petitions and /or to request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer. Please write to Fr Liam Cummins MHM, St Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maindenhead, SL6 7HT, or email novenamhm@gmail.com

Dementía Prayer Week March 12th-19th 2018

Here in the Archdiocese of Cardiff an Annual Mass has been celebrated during Dementia Prayer Week for over 5 years now and this year it is to be celebrated in Our Lady & St Michael's church in Abergavenny on Wednesday March 14th at 2pm.

Women's World Day of Prayer

Due to the adverse weather conditions this service has been postponed until a later date.

Polish Funeral Service for Maria Wojtowicz

Due to the weather conditions this funeral service is being re-arranged.