



Tea, coffee and a chat in St Anne's Room after Sunday Mass (9.30)

**PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID
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1st December 2019

1st Sunday of Advent Year A

Psalter Week 1

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

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

Evening prayer: Fri 4.40pm

			1st Sunday of Advent Year A
Saturday	5.00pm	St David's	Terry Daly
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Shaun Pinkey (SS); David Rowlands (CAJ)
	11.15am	St David's	Fred & Violet Faulkner (PT)
Monday	10.00am	Our Lady's	Eucharistic Service
	12.30pm	St David's	Funeral Service for Edward Halligan
Tuesday	10.00am	St David's	Mary Hollings (RJ); Cath Waters (KB) <i>St Francis Xavier, Priest</i>
Wednesday	10.00am	Our Lady's	Ruby & David Williams (VW); Thanksgiving for healing T Green & J Baker
Thursday	10.00am	St David's	Eucharistic Service
Friday	10.00am	Our Lady's	Ints Sr Benedicta (Srs NL); Kathryn Slade (SVP)
	1.00pm	Crematorium	Funeral Service for Ita Mary Jones
Saturday	10.00am	Our Lady's	Elizabeth Howells (K&JD)
			2nd Sunday of Advent Year A
Saturday	5.00pm	St David's	Tom & Doreen Probert (JA)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Rose & Jack Clifford (MW); Stella Smith (CO'B)
	11.15am	St David's	Ints Jo & Rees Parlow; Elsie & Jack Coombs, Elizabeth & Joe

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St David's: Tuesday 10.30am-11.30am
Our Lady's: Friday 8am-9.50am, 10.30 – 1pm, 4pm-5pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Our Lady's: Saturday 11am-11.30am
St David's: Saturday 4.15-4.45pm

Our Lady & St David's Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) Cwmbbran

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.

A collection will be taken after Mass this weekend

Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Preparation

Preparation classes will commence in the New Year. Enrolment forms are available from Canon John

Requiescant in Pace

Of your charity please pray for the souls of Mary Smith, Mark James, Barbara Berger Eddie Halligan, Ita Jones and Canon Edmund Mullins who died recently and also for their families.

Funeral Arrangements

Mark James' funeral service will be celebrated on Tuesday 10th December at 1pm in Our Lady's. Mary Smith's funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 11th December at 10am in St David's.

Welcome

We welcome Mrs Weightman, Staff and Pupils of St David's School who are joining us today to celebrate the First Sunday of Advent Mass at 11.15am

Food Bank Collection This Weekend

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid: £332.00
Non Gift Aid & S.O.: £506.22
Gift Aid Standing Order £274.52
Total giving this week: £1112.74
Mass Count: 310

Parish Sick

Please pray for the sick and housebound and all who care for them

What's on this week

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

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

Prayer Group

The prayer group meet on Wednesdays in St Anne's room, Our Lady's at 7pm.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION

The Collection will take place on 3rd Sunday of Advent 15th December in both churches.

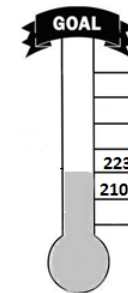
Walk With Me Advent 2019

A Journey of Prayer for Advent. Booklet cost £1 now on sale

Grand Christmas Raffle

Important Information

Thank you all for your support with this important parish fund raising event. The Raffle will be drawn on ?? after the 9:30 Mass in St Anne's Room. **Please return raffle ticket counterfoils with money as soon as possible to the people collecting before and after weekend masses OR post in the collection buckets church entrances.** The total for fund raising from the Frost Fayre and Jewellery Sale is £2223 **Well Done Everyone!**



Churches Together

Winter Night shelter Project

The Night shelter is due to open at the beginning of December. It is an amazing collaboration between the Christian Community, the local Authority and other partners. The shelter will be open on nights when the temperature reaches freezing. It is not a drop-in, each person is assessed by the Homeless Team and already known to them. Volunteers are still needed to ensure the Night shelter can open in time in December. If you feel you are being called to this and would like more details, contact Lucy Williams on 07522287061



'Listen, heavens, while I speak; earth hear the words I am saying. May my teaching fall like the rain, may my word drop down like the dew, like showers on fresh grass and light rain on the turf. For I



proclaim the name of the Lord. Oh, tell the greatness of our God!" Deuteronomy 32:1-3

Scripture Study Days, the Cornerstone

December 7th 2019 10-12 pm

An Exposition of the Documents: 'Dei Verbum' and 'Verbum Domini', Fr. Laurence Bryce -

Launch of the Year of the Word

To celebrate the opening of the Year of the Word, on the First Sunday of Advent, December 1st 2019, there will be Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction at Cardiff Cathedral presided over by Archbishop George beginning at 3:30pm. During the celebration copies of the Gospel of St. Matthew will be given out to the congregation, as a reminder that scripture is at the centre of everything that the Church does. Evening Prayer and Benediction will be led by the students and staff of St. Alban's High School, Pontypool.

Advent Retreat

O come, O come, Emmanuel

The Archdiocese of Cardiff invites everyone to the retreat at St David's Catholic College, Cardiff CF23 5QD on 14th December 2019 from 10:30am to 3pm (registration at 10am). There will be two talks, imaginative contemplation and silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. As part of the 'Year of the Word' the two scripture champions appointed by Archbishop George Stack will be delivering one of the talks. The retreat is free and lunch will be provided. If you wish to attend please contact the retreat organiser Christian Mahoney on 07764515864 or email christianmahoney2@gmail.com The retreat is open to people of all faiths and no faith.

Parish Prayer

Come Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with wisdom, love and courage make us more like Christ in our works and actions.

Bless the work of your Church. Renew us all in the desire to make Christ known and loved in the world today.

Bless the work of our Parish. Guide all that we do so that our church is a place of mercy and service for all who are seeking you

Deepen our love For the Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and guide us in prayer and action as we journey towards Discipleship to become the Church you are calling us to be.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen