



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

**PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID
CWMBRAN**
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29th December 2019
Psalter Week 1

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Year A

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

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

Day	Time	Church	Topic
Saturday	5.00pm	St David's	<u>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Feast Year A</u>
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Trevor & Sue Jenkins (PJ)
	11.15am	St David's	Barbara Berger (DH)
Monday	10.00am	Our Lady's	Robert Peacock (MP); Ints Beth Smith (JS)
Tuesday	10.00am	St David's	Jessie & Tom Forward (Fam); Kathryn Slade (T&MS)
Wednesday	11.30am	Our Lady's	Paul Worrall; Ints Jo & Rees Parlow (AB) <i>St Sylvester 1. Pope</i>
Thursday	10.00am	St David's	The People of the Parish - Mary the Most Holy Mother of God
Friday	10.00am	Our Lady's	Carolyn Shanzer (St D C) <i>Sts Basil & Gregory</i>
Saturday	10.00am	Our Lady's	Eucharistic Service The Most Holy Name of Jesus
			Pat Woods (PP)
Saturday	5.00pm	St David's	<u>The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. Year A</u>
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Nicholas McLeer
	11.15am	St David's	Tunley & Dooley family (PT); Renato Basini Gazzini (OW)
			The People of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation

There will be no confessions in either church on Saturday 4th January.

New Year's Day 2020

Mass is at 11.30am, can I encourage as many of you as possible to come and pray for God's Blessing for the New Year. I look forward to seeing you and praying with you on this day.
Canon John

Torfaen Food Bank

Next Foodbank collection is on 4/5th January 2020.

The Holy Family

As an example for us to follow, the Holy Family can seem a little too perfect: when we consider the more "dramatic" events of the Christmas and Easter story, it can seem so far removed from us. And yet, as today's Gospel reminds us (especially in the shorter version), there were also the so-called "hidden years" - the many years of family life in Nazareth, spent in ordinary things. During that time, we hear how Jesus grew and matured, and in the glimpse of that family life we see our example. The family is a basic unit of our Christian society, despite coming under threat nowadays. Our celebration of this feast, and the Word of God we proclaim, announces that there is a lasting value in the ideals of family life, and the relationship between husband, wife, parents and children. Whatever the changing details of each age, honour, understanding and love always remain the recipe for the perfect, and holy, human family. It is love that we put on over all the other clothes of changing cultures and places, to guarantee the life of the family in imitation of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Parish Sick

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

THANK YOU!

A huge THANK YOU to all who prepared and celebrated Christmas: - The church Cleaners and Flower arrangers; Musicians and Singers; the Welcomers and Altar Servers; Sacristans and linen-washers; Ministers of the Word and of Communion; and all who in many ways prepared, participated, and joyfully celebrated the Feast

Thank you also for the very generous Christmas offerings, and the numerous gifts, Christmas cards and kind wishes.

Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Preparation

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

Interested in Becoming a Catholic?
RCIA & Alpha Course

Thinking of becoming a Catholic or getting a deeper understanding of our faith? An Alpha & RCIA course will commence in January. Enrolment forms are available from Canon John.

Red Mission Boxes: Missio

The boxes are now due to be emptied. Contact for St David's - Suzanne Spiteri and Our Lady's - Rita Draisey.

Year Books

The new Year Books are available from this weekend. Cost £3.20 per book.

Crib Donations this year is for:

The Catholic Children's Society
"The Catholic Children's Society brings God's message of hope and love to disadvantaged children and families"

Cardinal Vincent Nichols

'The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is His as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.' John 1:14



Scripture Study Days, the Cornerstone, 10 am - 12 noon
10 am - 12 noon - January 11th 2020

The Gospel of Matthew,
Mrs. Sarah Beresford (The Catholic Bible School)

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

Requiescant in Pace

Of your charity please pray for the souls of Stella Bradley, Beryl James, Brian Gingell, Brother Michael Strode and Leslie Jones who died recently and we extend our condolences to their families and friends.

Funeral Arrangements

Stella's Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 9th January at 10.15am in Our Lady's.

Beryl's Funeral Mass will be celebrated in Our Lady's on Tuesday 14th January at 10.30am

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