### PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID CWMBRAN

#### **Archdiocese of Cardiff**

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31st January 2021

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Psalter Week 4 Year B

#### All Masses are Live Streamed

<u>Live Stream Camera</u> To view the live streams, you will need to use the link below. All live streams will be live and will not be available to be viewed at a later time. <a href="http://www.ourladyoftheangels.org.uk/our-lady-live-stream/">http://www.ourladyoftheangels.org.uk/our-lady-live-stream/</a>

Saturday			4 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR B
30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	5.00 pm	Our Lady's	Charles Cadogan (JC)
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	10.00 am	Our Lady's	Ints Sr Denise (PL); Mary Richards (PL) The People of the Parish
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	9.40 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer of the Church Mary and Ron Brown (MB); Pat Griffiths THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (FEAST) Evening Prayer of the Church
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	9.40 am 10.00 am 11.00 am	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer of the Church Joan Lawrence; Patti Lloyd (TH) St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr Private funeral service for Joan Lawrence
	6.00 pm		Evening Prayer of the Church
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.40 am 10.00 am 1.30 pm 6.00 pm	Our Lady's Crematorium	Morning Prayer of the Church Bill Smith; Nancy Jordan; Sr Mary James (DD&AB) Private Funeral Service for Bill Smith Evening Prayer of the Church
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.40 am 10.00 am 3.00 pm 6.00 pm	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer of the Church A Webb (SF); Vince and May Armstrong (J&VA) St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr Holy Hour Evening Prayer of the Church
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	5.00 pm	Our Lady's	5 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR B The People of the Parish; Seamus Crilly (GS)
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00 am	Our Lady's	Michael McClenchy (PL); Cy Jones (MJ)

#### Requiescant in Pace

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Joan Lawrence**, **Agnes Pattimore**, **Jennifer Woods**, **Terrence Lord**, **William Smith**, **John Broadribb and Fr Jim McKnight** who died recently and we extend our condolences to their families.

#### Parish Sick

We pray for the sick and housebound of our parish and for those who care for them and for those who have asked for our prayers, especially Rose James, Peter and Isabelle Nash, Tommy Harris, Rosemary Jenkins, Richard Pattimore, Linda Cadogan, Iverna Ward, Michael and Pauline Loughlin, Michael Evans, Philip Short, Michael Walsh, Chris Mulcahy, Sean Gilgunn, Sr Denise, Brenda Bold, Margaret Kane, Fr Kevin, Canon William Isaacs, Bob French, Amelia Smith, Wendy Fleming, Malcolm Williams, Arturo Mendez, Fr Silvio Briffa and Fr Raymond O'Shea.

#### CYCLE OF PRAYER FOR THE PARISHES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we are asked to pray for Rev Canon David Hayman, Chancellor and parishioners of Saint Alban, Pontypool. The County Hospital, Panteg. Saint Alban's High School, Pontypool and Padre Pio Primary School, Pontypool.



'All Scripture is inspired by God and useful for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be upright. This is how someone dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.' (2Timothy 3:16)



## February 2021 - The Pope's Intention

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

#### **BRINGING LOURDES HOME**

Our Lady of Lourdes is known throughout the world to intercede for both spiritual and physical healing. During this time last year, the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes in France closed its gates for the first time in over a century. The Sanctuary has a privileged place in our hearts of prayer for and with the sick. It is still a place of intercession. The last year has taken its toll on many people in different ways, whether emotionally, spiritually, or physically. Let us unite ourselves in prayer during these 3-days Novena with all those who seek the healing intercession of Our Blessed Lady.

#### **JOIN US EACH NIGHT**

When: 8th February – 10th February (Monday till Wednesday) Time: 7pm – 8pm

**Zoom Link:** 868-571-1627 / **Password:** cathedral FEAST DAY:

11th February (Thursday) Time: 6pm (Rosary followed by Mass)

Live-Stream: www.cardiffcathedral.org.uk Reflection by Guest Clergy Rosary Novena Prayers

## Saint of the Month February 1<sup>st</sup> – St. Brigid



Saint Brigid, unknown author, illumination from the manuscript "Ruskin Hours", c. 1300, ms. Ludwig IX 3, f. 106v, J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles. Digital image courtesy of the Getty's Open Content Program.

St. Brigid was devoted to the poor and many miracles are attributed to her involving the multiplication of food such as butter. For this reason, she is often depicted in icons with a cow lying at her feet. Another miracle attributed to her involves the changing of bath water into beer.

St. Brigid founded Kildare Abbey and several other Abbeys in Ireland. Next to St. Patrick, she is Ireland's most beloved Saint.

The miracle of food multiplication can be found in several places in the Bible. You may want to read the account of Jesus multiplying the 5 loaves and 2 fish in the Gospels (Matthew 14:13-21, Mark 6:30-44, Luke 9:10-17, John 6:1-14) or Elijah's prophecy that the Widow at Zarephath's flour and oil would not run out before the end of the drought (1 Kings 17:7-16).

She is the Patron Saint of (among others): Ireland, poets and dairymaids.

#### An Invitation to Hope: Mission through Prayer and Lament

Book your free place for Bible Society's online webinar on Tuesday 9 February.



Bible Society invites the Church to gather online to pray and lament for our nation, as we seek God together.

This ecumenical event will be held on Tuesday, February 9th from 10:00 – 11:30 am.

Led by Christian leaders from multiple traditions and cultural spheres, we will spend time in lament, prayer and reflection, asking God what He is doing and how we can partner with Him in a new wave of mission across our country.

Fr. Timothy Radcliffe OP will be one of the speakers.

We so hope you will be able to join us. You can book your free place now.

# <u>Service of Unity and Commitment for Engaged Couples</u> <u>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 11am</u>

In recognition of the turmoil social distancing and various lockdown restrictions have had on those planning to marry over the past 12 months and for the foreseeable future, the Family Life Commission are to hold a special <u>Service of Unity and Commitment on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 11am</u>, be led by Canon Matthew Jones (FLC Priest Advisor) and Deacon Christian Mahoney in St Brigid's, Cardiff.

Participation will be via livestream only, though couples will be given the opportunity to play an active role in the liturgy; details together with the Order of Service will be available via 3 Churches parish website, <a href="http://3churches.org">http://3churches.org</a>

The webcam link for the service is <a href="http://3churches.org/streamed-masses/">http://3churches.org/streamed-masses/</a>

Whilst this is primarily a service for the couples affected themselves, all are welcome to tune and join the Family Life Commission in praying for these couples whose married lives have not got off to the start everyone would hope for.



#### **CAFOD South Wales**

Happy New Year. Please see below a copy of the monthly ebulletin that I sent out earlier this week to CAFOD volunteers and supporters in the Archdiocese of Cardiff and the Diocese of Menevia. Just to keep you up-to-date with how we are working during the pandemic.

A heartfelt thank you for all and any help you were able to give to CAFOD in your parish in this extremely challenging environment. Your support was absolutely invaluable.

We have some excellent resources for teachers, parents and children to use for home learning during school closures and lockdown, so I have included the links below. Please publicise them in your parish newsletter, social media channels or parish website, if you feel they would be helpful. If there is any other information or any resources that you would like from CAFOD, then please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Just to highlight a few:

Cross curricular topics and RE project ideas and activities (Primary): <a href="https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Home-learning-primary">https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Home-learning-primary</a>

**Secondary**: <a href="https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Secondary-and-youth-resources/Home-learning-young-people">https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Secondary-and-youth-resources/Home-learning-young-people</a> (also includes archived resources from 2020)

Family activities and prayers: <a href="https://cafod.org.uk/Education/For-families">https://cafod.org.uk/Education/For-families</a>

Children's liturgy continues every Sunday at 10.00 am: <a href="https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy">https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy</a> (Recording available if the time is not convenient)

Prayer resources: <a href="https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources">https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources</a>

RECLAIM OUR COMMON HOME - CAFOD's new campaign is a response to Pope Francis's call for a new way of thinking about the world, and to take an active part in renewing our troubled societies by embracing the universal values of solidarity and fraternity. <a href="https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Reclaim-our-common-home">https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Reclaim-our-common-home</a>

I have organised some **online Lent meetings for volunteers** – which will give more detail about Abdella in Ethiopia who walks 10 hours a day every day for water. Anyone is welcome to attend, please use this link: Click here to sign up for a particular date.

Walk For Water – walk 10,000 steps a day, for the 40 days of Lent. A safe challenge for individuals, family, parish community, clergy, friends etc: <a href="https://walk.cafod.org.uk/">https://walk.cafod.org.uk/</a>

## "He taught them with authority"

Where does authority come from? Why is one man regarded as a prophet, and another as a lunatic, and a third as a hypocrite? Jesus startles the crowds with a 'new teaching' today, but what amazes them so much is not the message but the authority behind it: they are convinced because what he does somehow adds credibility to what he says. It's the old situation that we are all familiar with - we look through words to see the actions, which show us the real message. The scribes did not heal or work miracles, but simply talked about God. Jesus talks about the Kingdom of God, but also shows the people what it is - a Kingdom where all that damages human happiness is abolished. The other side to this is that we must listen to a prophet or teacher when they are backed by such authority; we may not "harden our hearts" and ignore the message when we have recognised that the messenger is sent by God. This is the hard part, because it demands that we too show, by our actions, that we have heard.