

PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID CWMBRAN

Archdiocese of Cardiff

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14th February 2021

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Psalter Week 2 Year B

All Masses are Live Streamed

Live Stream Camera 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. <http://www.ourladyoftheangels.org.uk/our-lady-live-stream/>

Saturday 13th Feb	5.00 pm	Our Lady's	<u>6th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR B</u> The People of the Parish: Denis O'Brien (TP)
Sunday 14th Feb	10.00 am	Our Lady's	Christopher Corner (A&MC); Jennifer Woods
Monday 15th Feb	<u>11.30am</u>	Our Lady's	Private Funeral Service for Jennifer Woods
Tuesday 16th Feb	9.40 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Our Lady's	<u>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year 1, Week 6</u> Morning Prayer of the Church Terence Lord (St A. Gov); Mary, Brid & Fred Strutt (MM) Evening Prayer of the Church
Wednesday 17th Feb	9.40 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Our Lady's	<u>SEASON OF LENT</u> Morning Prayer of the Church ASH WEDNESDAY; (Day of Fast and Abstinence) The People of the Parish Evening Prayer of the Church
Thursday 18th Feb	9.40 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer of the Church Ints of Sr Anne Bernadette (LA); Denis O'Brien (Fam) Evening Prayer of the Church
Friday 19th Feb	9.40 am 10.00 am After Mass 3.00 pm 6.00 pm	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer of the Church Emmanuel Bazian (AJ); James and Emily O'Brien (CO'B) Stations of the Cross Holy Hour Evening Prayer of the Church
Saturday 20th Feb	5.00 pm	Our Lady's	<u>1st SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B</u> Marian and Gerard Rosser (P&ML)
Sunday 21st Feb	10.00 am	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish; David Bown (TH)

Requiescant in Pace

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls **Jennifer Woods, Jose Anthony Marie, Michael Walsh** and **Fr Ray O'Shea** 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, Mrs Kopec, Tina Cordani, Peter and Isabelle Nash, Tommy Harris, Rosemary Jenkins, Richard Pattimore, Iverna Ward, Michael and Pauline Loughlin, Michael Evans, Philip Short, 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 and Fr Silvio Briffa.**

CYCLE OF PRAYER FOR THE PARISHES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we are asked to pray for Rev Richard Aziati (Archdiocese of Accra) and parishioners of Saint John, Rhymney.



'At many moments in the past and by many means, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our time, the final days, he has spoken to us in the person of his Son, whom he appointed heir to all things and through whom he made the ages'. (Hebrews 1:1-2)



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.

SCRIPTURE TALKS

We are invited to join Menevia's Scripture talks and the link is below. The next talk is on **Saturday, February 20th between 11am and 1pm** and will be given by **Fr. Liam Bradley** on **'Creation and the Revelation of the Trinity in Genesis.'**

This is the link to click to see the whole programme.

<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/our-dioceses/menevias-programme-for-2021/>

How to Access the Online Talks:

The Talks are live streamed on YouTube.

To access the Talk on the day, please go to DOMSEC website domsec.org.uk and click "Livestream" on the top menu bar.

Finding Hope in Scripture Online Lenten Retreat led by Sr Hyacinthe, Portsmouth Diocese – starting Monday, February 22nd at 7.30pm for 6 weeks, a look at the virtue of hope from different Scripture passages, so that we may grow in hope with others. Followed by live-streamed adoration and Compline with the Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph. Register here to participate:

godwhospeaks.uk/finding-hope-in-scripture

Belmont Abbey – Wednesdays in Lent from 10 am to 1 pm. See the Abbey website for further details – www.belmontabbey.org.uk

Service of Unity and Commitment for Engaged Couples - Saturday 13th February at 11am

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 **Service of Unity and Commitment on Saturday 13th February at 11am**, 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, <http://3churches.org> The webcam link for the service is <http://3churches.org/streamed-masses/>

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.



The Family Life Commission
would like to invite
All couples whose wedding plans
have been impacted by Covid 19
to join them for a
**'Service of Unity and
Commitment'**
along with other couples from
across the Archdiocese of Cardiff
on Saturday February 13th

This is a special service for anyone who

- Was due to get married in 2020? 2021?
- Has had their Wedding day been postponed?
... maybe more than once?!
- Had to change their wedding plans considerably?
- Did get married, but the wedding couldn't be as planned?

11am Saturday,
February 13th 2021
Live streamed from
St Brigid's RC Church,
Cardiff
<http://3churches.org/streamed-masses/>

The Diocese of Northampton's Liturgy Commission invites you to join its last online Zoom session exploring the upcoming Lectionary Readings and Seasons of the Liturgical Year.



The sessions have been led by **Mgr. Kevin McGinnell & Alex Heath**.

Mgr. Kevin is Chair of the Diocesan Liturgy Commission and Alex Heath is Adviser for Adult Faith Formation.

Details of the last session and how to register:

- **Tuesday, February 16th 2021** (7.30-8.30 pm): 'Many more began to believe in him because of his Word' (Jn 4:41). John's Gospel & The Season of Lent.

The session will include prayer and the opportunity to make comments and ask questions.

Cost: There is no charge but there will be the opportunity to make a donation.

Please register in advance to secure a place by email or phone:

Email: admin@nores.org.uk

Phone: 01582 723312 (ext. 1)

Once your booking is received you will be sent details of how to join the online Zoom sessions.

The National Novena to St Joseph

The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from **10th - 18th March 2021** at **St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead**. In this Year dedicated to St. Joseph, the Mill Hill Missionaries are preparing for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work.

If you are able, and if it is possible to attend, **Masses are on Wednesday to Friday (10-12 March), at 7.30pm, Saturday, 13 March at 10am, Sunday, 14 March at 11.00am, Monday –Thursday (15-18 March) at 7.30pm.**

If you are unable to attend but would like to join in from home, for the first time this year, Masses from **St. Joseph's Church** will be available to follow on **Zoom** and **YouTube** via the parish website: stjosephsparish.co.uk and the Mill Hill website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena, where you will also find the Novena prayer leaflet.

You can also join in by praying the daily Novena prayer, which will be in your Novena prayer leaflet. You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a printed Novena prayer leaflet. Please write to the **Novena Director, 41 Victoria Road, Liverpool, L37 1LW**, or email novenamhm@gmail.com.

CAFOD South Wales

Please see below a copy of the monthly ebulletin sent out 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):

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primaryteaching-resources/Home-learning-primary>

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

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

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

Prayer resources: <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources>

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. <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Reclaim-our-common-home>

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: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

Ask your MP to support an amendment to help stop forced abortion in Xinjiang, China

There is extensive evidence that many women in the Uyghur Muslim community in Xinjiang, China are being subjected to forced abortions.

Lord Alton is currently championing an amendment to the Trade Bill which would give British courts a role in determining whether a country is committing genocide. This would help with putting international pressure on the Chinese Communist Party to stop the practice of forcing abortions on the Uyghur Muslim community along with the wider human rights abuses that evidence shows is being perpetuated against this community.

If you would like to email your MP asking them to support the amendment, you can do this easily using a tool which has been set up on the Genocide Response campaign website which can be accessed by visiting the link below:

<https://genocideresponse.org/>

Marriage Care

Marriage Preparation: Please encourage any engaged couples that now is a great time to prepare for their married life together! Our live, facilitated, marriage preparation courses continue to be popular with couples who can now easily join these interactive workshops via Zoom. We provide group courses called "[Preparing Together](#)" which have received an Imprimatur from Cardinal Vincent Nichols, and [FOCCUS](#) – a tailored questionnaire-based marriage preparation service for couples who wish to explore their own unique relationship in more depth. Both courses are approved for marriage preparation in the Catholic Church. You can find out more and book a course [here](#).

Relationship Counselling: Please encourage your parishioners to seek support if they are experiencing relationship distress. Our professional relationship counselling service is provided on a donation-only basis and seeking help at whatever stage can make a real difference. You can find out more and book counselling sessions [here](#).

"The leprosy left him at once and he was cured."

Thankfully, we do not encounter leprosy in our culture. It can therefore be difficult to enter into the real depth of today's readings. We have to understand that leprosy meant exclusion, rejection and the end of "normal" life. For your leprosy to be cured would be like being given a second chance at life. What is the cause of exclusion and rejection in our society – or even in the Church? Who are those who must "live apart"? And how can we put into effect in our day those most touching of the words of Jesus, when asked if he wants to cure the leper: "Of course I want to!"? Contemplating exclusion and rejection in our world can be hard work: Saint Paul guides the way: the Christian path is not to work "for my own advantage, but for the advantage of everybody else".