

PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID CWMBRAN

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6th February 2022

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Psalter: 1

Saturday: Votive Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday	9.10am 9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer Mass: + Kathleen Power (AH) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, <i>until 11.45am</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 11:45am</i>
Saturday/Sunday 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time	4.15pm 5.00pm 6.30pm 9.30am 11.15am	St David's St David's Our Lady's Our Lady's St David's	Sacrament of reconciliation, <i>until 4.45pm</i> Mass: + Cy Jones (MJ) Mass: The People of the Parish Mass: + Michael McClenchy (PL) <i>After Mass:</i> Coffee Morning (St. Anne's Room) Mass: + Katrina Horrigan Smith (SS&TB)
Monday:	9.10am 9.30am 6:00pm	Our Lady's St David's	Morning Prayer Mass: + Kathleen Sheehy (PP) Music in the Mass Practice
Tuesday:	7:30am 9.10am 9.30am 10:00am	Our Lady's St David's	Mass: The People of the Parish <i>Followed by Breakfast (St. Anne's Room)</i> Morning Prayer Mass: + Maureen and Fred Joyce (SH) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, <i>until 11.00am</i>
Thursday: St. Scholastica	9.10am 9.30am 6.00pm 7.45pm	St David's Our Lady's	Morning Prayer Mass: + Jean Price Alpha Course (St Anne's Room) Parish Prayer Group (St. Anne's Room)
Friday: Our Lady of Lourdes	9.10am 9.30am 10:00am	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer Mass: +John Burnett (AB) <i>After Mass:</i> Coffee Morning (St. Anne's Room) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, <i>until 11.30am</i>
Saturday:	9.10am 9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer Mass: + Tom and Eileen Fleming (KD) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, <i>until 11.15am</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 11:15am</i>
Saturday/Sunday 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time	4.15pm 5.00pm 6.30pm 9.30am 11.15am	St David's St David's Our Lady's Our Lady's St David's	Sacrament of reconciliation, <i>until 4.45pm</i> Mass: + Douglas Cross (BC) Mass: + Peggy Wickett (MW&PG) Mass: + Christopher Corner (A&MC) <i>After Mass:</i> Coffee Morning (St. Anne's Room) Mass: + Tom Conboy (MO)

PLEASE NOTE: The parish has now returned to Alert Level 0. The responsibility falls on each one of us to ensure that our parish remains a safe environment to worship Almighty God. Masks and Track and Trace continue to be mandatory. Thank you for your continued cooperation during this time. Thank you. Fr. Daniel

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: **Bernadette Davies, Keri Williams, Mrs Kopec, Ann Pitchforth, Tina Cordani, Joyce Coughlan, Tommy Harris, Iverna Ward, Michael Evans, Philip Short, Chris Mulcahy, Sean Gilgunn, Brenda Bold, Hazel McCarthy, Fr Kevin Paine and Caroline Paine, Imelda Smith, Malcolm and Cecelia Williams, Sam McCausland, Terry Mahoney, Shelagh & Ray Mills, Jill Hudd, Shaun Worsfold, Michael Barry, Diane Pearce, Margaret Lennon, Goff James, John Cullen, Paul Taylor, Rachael James, Michael Keohane and David MacDonald.**

Requiescant in Pace

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Eleanor Williams, and for all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

SPUC White Flower Collection

Our recent Appeal raised the wonderful amount of £400.37. Thank you all for your support and great generosity.

SVP

The next meeting of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be held on **Thursday 10th February** at **6:00pm** in St Non's room, St David's Church. New members welcome.

Music in the Mass

Singing is an integral part of the celebration of Mass. When we sing together, we raise our hands to Almighty God in prayer with one voice, in a chorus of celebration and praise. The COVID restrictions of the last couple of years have reminded us how important singing within the Mass is, and how much we missed it when it was not available to us. Singing the Mass reflects the various seasons of the Church's year, helping us to enter more deeply into that particular season.

I would like to get together with the music groups, choirs, and all parishioners who are interested on **Monday, 7th February** at **St. David's Church**, beginning at **6:00pm**, to go through some of the music I would like to introduce for the season of Lent and Easter. During this session, we will have a look at familiarising ourselves with the music of the Mass which is found in the Missal.

Mini Parish Pilgrimage

Following the success of our last mini pilgrimage to visit the relics of St. Alban's in Cardiff and the shrine of Our Lady in Penrhys, I am planning the next pilgrimage to the shrine of **Our Lady of the Taper, Cardigan**. The date is still to be confirmed. If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage, please contact me or Carole in the Parish Office.

The Tuesday Club

The next meeting takes place on **15th February**, beginning at **1:30pm** in St. Anne's Room. We will show the film, *Fatima*, a new feature-length film. On **1st March**, we have arranged Afternoon Tea at Trio's in Pontnewydd. This needs to be booked through the Parish Office or Paddy Landers.

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

Synod Conversations

A two-year 'synodal' process is taking place in the Catholic Church from October 2021 that culminates in the final Synod Gathering of Bishops in Rome in October 2023. The overall theme is *"For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission"*.

A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, 'journeys together.' All of us are invited to join in the conversation. Pope Francis is encouraging us, through this Synod to pray together, to talk about the faith together, to understand one another better, and to experience that the Church is called to be a real, personal and authentic communion of its baptised members. This has the opportunity of being a truly graced time for our parish community, as we continue to discern what the Holy Spirit is revealing to us. Here are some of the big questions for us to consider:

What is the Church/Parish doing well?

What is the Church/Parish doing less well?

What can the Church/Parish do to help fulfil its mission?

The Synod conversations which have taken place have been enlightening. Please continue to share your thoughts on these above general questions. Reflections can be sent into the Parish Office. I would like to encourage the groups and societies within the parish to open up the conversations, also. Richard Sadler, one of our Synod representatives, will be in touch soon.

There are some in-depth questions for all parishioners to consider. These are available at the back of the churches.

Duc in altum! – "Put out into deep water and pay your nets for a catch" (Gospel)

Today, in the Gospel, we hear Jesus instructing Simon to *"put out into deep water"* – in Latin, *duc in altum*. This was a continued refrain in the papacy of Pope St. John Paul II. At the threshold of the third millennium he reminded us that this instruction of Jesus is a message of hope: *"a new millennium is opening before the Church like a vast ocean upon which we shall venture, relying on the help of Christ"*. Jesus also instructs us to be bold and brave, to look outward with new vision, to *"put out into the deep and pay your nets for a catch"*.