

PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID CWMBRAN

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27th November 2022

First Sunday of Advent Year A

Psalter: 1

Saturday:	9.40am 10.00am	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer Mass: + Philomena McCafferty Ministries Formation Day 10:00am – 3.30pm
Saturday/ Sunday <i>1st Sunday of Advent (Year A)</i>	4.15pm 5.00pm 6.30pm 9.30am 11.15am 1.30pm 5.00pm	St David's Our Lady's St. David's Our Lady's St David's	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 4.45pm</i> Mass: + Maldwyn Lloyd (VL) Mass: + Rita Draisey (DP) Mass: + Cliff Price (OW) <i>(After Mass: Coffee Morning in St. Anne's Room)</i> Mass: + Maria Winter (JJ) Baptism: Isaac Thomas Cowell Evening Prayer and Benediction
Monday:	10.30am 5.15pm 6.00pm	Panteg Cem. Our Lady's	Interment of Ashes: Sarah McCarthy Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 5.45pm</i> Mass: + Holy Souls
Tuesday:	9.10am 9.30am 10.00am 2.15pm	St David's Our Lady's	Morning Prayer Mass: + Holy Souls Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, until 11.00am Funeral Mass for Joanne Morgan
Thursday:	9.10am 9.30am 7.30pm	St David's Our Lady's	Morning Prayer Mass: + Philomena McCafferty (JC) Parish Prayer Group (St. Anne's Room)
Friday:	9.10am 9.30am 10.00am 3.00pm	Our Lady's Facebook Live	Morning Prayer Mass: + Rita Draisey (GS) <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11am</i> <i>(After Mass: Coffee Morning in St. Anne's Room)</i> Divine Mercy Devotions
Saturday: St Francis Xavier	9.10am 9.30am 10.00am	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer Mass: The People of the Parish <i>After Mass:</i> First Saturday Devotions to Our Lady Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, until 11:15am Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11:15am
Saturday/ Sunday <i>2nd Sunday of Advent (Year A)</i>	4.15pm 5.00pm 6.30pm 9.30am 11.15am 1.30pm 5.00pm	St David's Our Lady's Our Lady's St David's Our Lady's St David's	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 4.45pm</i> Mass: + Peter Edwards (N&JB) Mass: + Gerard and Marian Rosser (P&ML) Mass: + Stella Smith (CO'B) <i>(After Mass: Coffee Morning in St. Anne's Room)</i> Mass: + Trevor and Sue Jenkins (PJ) Baptism: George McGrath Evening Prayer and Benediction

World Youth Day – Lisbon 2023 - Pope Francis invites the youth of the world to join him in Lisbon this summer on a journey of discovery and celebration of our Catholic Faith. The Archdiocese of Cardiff and Diocese of Menevia will be taking a group of 56 people, including Archbishop Mark. There are several young people from our parish (16+) who have signed up to join the diocese on the pilgrimage. If you are over 16, and would like to participate, please contact Fr. Daniel by the end of this weekend. Our young parishioners will introduce themselves to the parish in the next few weeks. Please keep them in your prayers.

Info: <https://rcadc.org/wyd-2023/>

PARISH NOTICES

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: Keri Williams, Mrs Kopec, Ann Pitchforth, Tina Cordani, Joyce Coughlan, Tommy Harris, Ivorna Ward, Michael Evans, Philip Short, Chris Mulcahy, Sean Gilgunn, 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, Goff and Rose James, John Cullen, Paul Taylor, Rachael James, Michael Keohane, David MacDonald, Doreen Watley, Robert Hayton, Jim Sheehy, Pat Price, Baby Frankie, Teresa Bruce, Josie and David Woods, Sheila Fotheringham, and John Jordan

Requiescant in Pace - Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of Joanne Morgan, Mary Ryan and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Formation

Journey of Faith – If you are interested in exploring more about the Catholic faith, and are considering joining the RCIA programme, please contact Fr. Daniel for a chat.

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

*****SVP Over 50's Christmas Buffet Lunch *****

On **Saturday 3rd December between 2pm – 4pm** in the parish hall. If you are attending please make sure your name is on the list by this Sunday at the latest. Transport can be arranged for those who require it.

Christmas Craft Day for our parish children has been planned for Saturday, 10th December 2022 from 11:00am until 3:00pm in the St. Anne's Room. Limited spaces will be available. Tickets on sale online at £5.00.

Archdiocesan Retreat Day - The Archdiocese of Cardiff and Diocese of Menevia invite everyone to an Advent Retreat day on **Saturday 3rd December 2022** hosted at St David's Catholic College, Cardiff CF23 5QD **from 10:30am to 15:00pm** (registration at 10:00am).

The core theme of the retreat will be centred upon our shared spiritual journey from perceived anguish and darkness, felt in so many different ways in our lives, to peace and freedom in Christ.

The retreat is free and lunch will be provided. The retreat is being facilitated by *Rev. Christian Mahoney* who is the diocesan representative on the Spirituality Committee of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

If you would like to attend or would like to find out more information please contact Rev. Christian on 07764515864 or email christian.mahoney@rcadc.org.

Christmas Flower Collection

A retiring collection for flowers will take place **next weekend 10th and 11th December** in both churches.

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.

Sale

After Mass Sale - There are still some new items for sale. They will be available to buy in both churches over the next couple of weeks. Come and find a Christmas bargain.

Piety Stall

Christmas cards, calendars, diaries and 2023 Diocesan Year Books (£4) are now on sale in both churches.

Change in the Mass Schedule

A few people have asked if I would consider celebrating Mass on an evening during the week so that they can have the opportunity to attend after work. This is a trial. The Church will be open from 5:00pm for private prayer. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 5:15pm until 5:45pm, and Mass will begin at 6:00pm.

Advent 2022

This year's Advent Schedule is now available. It contains lots of information about events coming up throughout the Advent season. It also includes the Christmas Schedule. Please note the Mass times of Christmas weekend.

Walk With Me book are available at the back of the Church for £1.00.

Celebrating Advent at Home – There is a resource available on the parish website, from the Diocesan Family Life Commission, to help celebrate Advent at home.

Synod 2023

For the next stage of the Synodal Process we are asked to give responses to the *Working Document for the Continental Stage* (this document can be found on the parish website with a response form) by responding to three questions from chapter 4 of the document. His Grace, Archbishop Mark, asks that these responses are shared with him by 20th December 2022. He is especially keen to hear from parishioners who have not participated up to now. If you are unable to access this document via the website please contact Carole in the parish office, 01633 482346 or email cwmbbran@rcadc.org for a copy.