

**PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID CWMBRAN**

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18<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A

Psalter: 4

<b>Saturday:</b>	9.10am <b>9.30am</b> 10.00am	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Mass:</b> The People of the Parish Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, until 11:15am Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11:15am
<b>Saturday/ Sunday</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year A)	4.15pm <b>5.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b> <b>9.30am</b>  <b>11.15am</b> 6.00pm	<b>St David's</b>  <b>Our Lady's</b>  <b>St. David's</b> <b>Our Lady's</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation, until 4.45pm <b>Mass:</b> + Judith Clarke (Fam) <b>Mass:</b> + Barbara Ashworth (MM) <b>Mass:</b> + Elsie and William Desmond (FJ) (After Mass: Coffee Morning in St. Anne's Room) <b>Mass:</b> + Mary Brennan (Fam) Reception of Mary Alice Crowley
<b>Monday: 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Our Lady's</b>	<b>Requiem Mass for Mary Alice Crowley</b>
<b>Tuesday: 20<sup>th</sup></b>	9.10am <b>9.30am</b>	<b>St David's</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Mass:</b> + Ken and Patricia Harnett (DS)
<b>Thursday: 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	9.10am <b>9.30am</b>	<b>St David's</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Eucharistic Service</b>
<b>Friday: 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>9.10am</b> <b>9.30am</b>	<b>Our Lady's</b> <b>Facebook Live</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Mass:</b> + Stuart and Hellen White (JW)
<b>Saturday morning</b> 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am <b>9.30am</b> 10.00am	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Mass:</b> + Willie Ahearne (JH) Sacrament of Reconciliation until 10.30am
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>4.00pm</b> <b>6.00pm</b> <b>9.00pm</b>	<b>Our Lady's</b> <b>St David's</b> <b>Our Lady's</b>	<b>Family Mass:</b> + Lee Davies (AD) <b>Family Mass:</b> + Greg O'Connor (CAJ) <b>Mass of the Night:</b> + Rita and Brian Draisey (C&MM)
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>10.30am</b>	<b>Our Lady's</b> <b>St David's</b>	<b>Mass of the Dawn:</b> The People of the Parish <b>Mass of the Day:</b> Vasquez Family Ints

**Christmas Offerings:** Traditionally, the Christmas offering is our gift to our Parish Priest. Christmas envelopes are available from the church porches; if you use another envelope please mark it Christmas Offerings. You can place your envelopes in the collection baskets or post through the Presbytery door at Our Lady's.

**Christmas Crib Offerings:** The Archbishop has asked that this year the crib offerings go to the 'Friends of the Holy Land'. The Christian population in Palestine is now less than 1% and only slightly higher in Israel. Friends of the Holy Land offers practical support to Christians in the Holy Land. More information can be found here <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/>

**Christmas Flower collection:** thank for your donations £338.80 was collected and shared between the two churches.

**Food bank collection:** Lots of food etc and £400 in cash and cheques delivered to the Food Bank this week. Grateful thanks for your very generous support this month, and throughout the whole of the year. **Next collection date 7/8<sup>th</sup> January 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, Iverna 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, John Jordan and Pauline Loughlin

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

**Formation**

**Celebrating the Sacraments: Baptism** – So far, during 2022, it has been a joy to celebrate over forty baptisms here in the parish. This is a big moment in the life of our youngest parishioners, and something for families to rejoice and to celebrate. On the Solemnity of *the Baptism of the Lord*, **Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> January**, the morning Masses will be in thanksgiving for those baptised in the last year. We will send letters out to families in the next couple of weeks. Please pray for our families. If you would like your child to be baptised, please visit the website: [www.ourladyoftheangels.org.uk/baptism](http://www.ourladyoftheangels.org.uk/baptism) for more information, and contact the Parish Office to arrange for Fr. Daniel to visit.

**CAFOD Pakistan Flood collection**

Thank you for the recent donation of £200 for this collection.

**Assistance Needed: St. David's Church**

Volunteers are needed to help keep St. David's Church open and functioning. In particular, we are looking for sacristans to assist in preparing for the Masses and to open and close the Church. Also, we are looking for volunteers to help clean the Church. If you are able to assist in any way, please see Fr. Daniel or contact the Parish Office.



**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.

**Christmas Raffle**

**After Mass Sale and Christmas Raffle** - There are still some new items for sale. The draw will take place this Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December after 11.15am Mass in St David's

**Christmas Mass Times 2022**

*Christmas Eve (24<sup>th</sup> December)*

4:00pm – Family Mass (Our Lady's)  
6:00pm – Family Mass (St. David's)  
9:00pm – Mass of the Night (Our Lady's)

*Christmas Day (25<sup>th</sup> December)*

9:00am – Mass of the Dawn (Our Lady's)  
10:30pm (St. David's)  
NO Evening Mass

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Our Lady's Church**

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December: 10am-11.15am  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December: 6pm-7.30pm

**St David's Church**

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December: 4.15pm-4.45pm  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: 6pm-7.30pm

**Parish Devotions and meetings**

**Parish Prayer Group** will meet on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> January in St Anne's room

**Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** will resume in the New Year.

**Tuesday Club's** next meeting is on 3<sup>rd</sup> January in St Anne's room at 1.30pm.

Guest speaker Lord Paul Murphy, his topic a lifetime in politics

**The parish office will close on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022 until Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023**