

PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID CWMBRAN

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1st January 2023

Christmastide

Psalter: week 2

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| Saturday/ Sunday <i>Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i> | 5.00pm 6.30pm 9.30am 11.15am | St David's Our Lady's Our Lady's St David's | Mass: + Rita Draisey (M&D MC) Mass: + Stuart and Helen White (JW) Mass: + Paul Conor (BD) Mass: + Robert Peacock (MP) <i>Baptism of Joseph Rewaj during Mass</i> |
| Monday: <i>Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen</i> | 11.00am | Our Lady's | Mass: Thanksgiving Mass (CM) |
| Tuesday: <i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i> | 9.10am 9.30am | St David's | Morning Prayer Mass: + Philomena McCafferty (S&RM) |
| Thursday: | 9.10am 9.30am | St David's | Morning Prayer Mass: + Joan Hammond (DP) |
| Friday: The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (Holyday of Obligation) | 9.10am 9.30am 6.00pm | Our Lady's St David's | Morning Prayer Mass: + Ints John James (JC) <i>(After Mass: Coffee Morning in St. Anne's Room)</i> The People of the Parish |
| Saturday Morning: <i>Saturday after the Epiphany</i> | 9.10am 9.30am 10.00am 1.30pm | Our Lady's | Morning Prayer Mass: + Rita Draisey (AD) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, until 11:15am Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11:15am <i>After Mass:</i> First Saturday Devotions to Our Lady Baptism of Jack Gooding |
| Saturday/ Sunday The Baptism of the Lord | 4.15pm 5.00pm 6.30pm 9.30am 11.15am | Our Lady's St David's Our Lady's St David's | Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 4.45pm</i> Mass: Ints Margaret Kearley (M) Mass: The People of the Parish Mass: Thanksgiving for the newly Baptised <i>(After Mass: Coffee Morning in St. Anne's Room)</i> Mass Thanksgiving for the newly Baptised |

The Parish Office will be closed until Wednesday 4th January 2023

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI introducing Mary, the Mother of God

On the first day of the year, the liturgy resounds in the Church throughout the world with the ancient priestly blessing that we heard during today's first reading: "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace" (Num 6:24-26). This blessing was entrusted by God, through Moses, to Aaron and his sons, that is, to the priests of the people of Israel. It is a triple blessing filled with light, radiating from the repetition of the name of God, the Lord, and from the image of his face. In fact, in order to be blessed, we have to stand in God's presence, take his Name upon us and remain in the cone of light that issues from his Face, in a space lit up by his gaze, diffusing grace and peace.

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, John Jordan and Pauline Loughlin

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

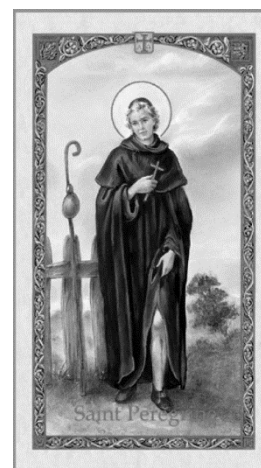
Formation & Devotions

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, 8th 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 for more information, and contact the Parish Office to arrange for Fr. Daniel to visit.

Secular Franciscan Order

The next meeting of the Secular Franciscan Order will take place on Monday, 9th January at 6.30pm.

St. Peregrine's Mass



There are many people within our community have suffered with cancer, or know family and friends who are or have suffered with cancer. St. Peregrine is considered to be the patron saint of Cancer. His miraculous cure along with his trust in God are at the root of this patronage. We have the opportunity to seek his intercession and protection, to pray with and for those who afflicted with this disease, with a parish Mass on **Monday, 23rd January 2023,**

beginning at 6:00pm at Our Lady's Church. This Mass will also be live-streamed via the parish website, for those people who are unable to attend. There will be refreshments after Mass in the St. Anne's Room.

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.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday Club's Our New Year's meeting is on Tuesday 3rd January at 1.30pm in St Anne's room Baron Paul Murphy is our guest speaker and his topic is "A lifetime in politics".

Foodbank – The next Foodbank collection will take place on 7/8th January. Thank you for your generosity.

SVP.

Our next meeting is Thursday 12th of January at 6pm at St. David's.

Parish Prayer Group will meet on Thursday, 19th January in St Anne's room

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.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

At the end of the General Audience on Wednesday, 28th December, Pope Francis asks for "special prayers" for Benedict XVI "who is very ill." The Holy See press office director confirms there has been an aggravation in his conditions but says the situation is stable.

Pope Francis reflected: "May the Lord sustain him in this witness of love for the Church until the end".

Please remember Pope Emeritus Benedict in your prayers.

Thank You!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the generosity you have shown over this Christmas season. I am truly moved by the cards, gifts and the Christmas Offering.

Please be assured of my prayers for your and your family during this new year.

God bless,
Fr. Daniel