

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

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11<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Third Sunday of Advent Year A

Psalter: 3

**Gaudete Sunday**

<b>Saturday:</b>	9.10am <b>9.30am</b> 10.00am	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Mass:</b> + Stuart and Helen White (JW) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, until 11:15am Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11:15am
<b>Saturday/ Sunday</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year A)</i>	4.15pm <b>5.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b> <b>9.30am</b>  <b>11.15am</b> 5.00pm	<b>St David's</b>  <b>Our Lady's</b>  <b>St. David's</b> <b>St David's</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 4.45pm</i> <b>Mass:</b> + Jennifer Woods (SW) <b>Mass:</b> + Thomas and Laura Loughlin (M&PL) <b>Mass:</b> + Rose and Jack Clifford (MW) <i>(After Mass: Coffee Morning in St. Anne's Room)</i> <b>Mass:</b> + Jock Burns (MM) Evening Prayer and Benediction
<b>Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>	<b>6.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Our Lady's</b>	<b>No Mass:</b> Meeting of the Secular Franciscan Order
<b>Tuesday: St Lucy</b>	9.10am <b>9.30am</b> 10.00am	<b>St David's</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Mass:</b> + Mary, Fred and Brid McDonald (MM) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, until 11.00am
<b>Thursday:</b>	9.10am <b>9.30am</b> <b>6.00pm</b> 7.30pm	<b>St David's</b>  <b>Our Lady's</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Mass:</b> + Philomena McCafferty (SVP) SVP Meeting Parish Prayer Group (St. Anne's Room)
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>9.30am</b> 3.00pm	<b>St David's</b> <b>Facebook Live</b>	<b>Requiem Mass for Mary Ryan</b> Divine Mercy Devotions
<b>Saturday: Proper Mass for 17<sup>th</sup> December</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> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year A)</i>	4.15pm <b>5.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b> <b>9.30am</b>  <b>11.15am</b> 5.00pm	<b>St David's</b>  <b>Our Lady's</b> <b>Our Lady's</b>  <b>St David's</b> <b>St David's</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 4.45pm</i> <b>Mass:</b> + Judith Clarke (Fam) <b>Mass:</b> + Barbara Ashworth (MM) <b>Mass:</b> + Elsie and William Desmond (FJ) <i>(After Mass: Coffee Morning in St. Anne's Room)</i> <b>Mass:</b> + Mary Brennan (Fam) Evening Prayer and Benediction

**Christmas Flower Collection** - A retiring collection for flowers will take place **this weekend 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December** in both churches.

**Food Bank Collection 10/11<sup>th</sup> December**

This month's collection is the last before Christmas, if you are able to give a little extra this month your donation will be gratefully received.

**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 Mary Ryan, 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.

**Station Road Entrance to St. David's, Pontnewydd**

We are very lucky to have large car parking facilities at St. David's. Since my arrival, there have been issues with the general public using the Station Road car park entrance as a shortcut to bypass the traffic lights. In doing so, they are a risk to parishioners and other car users. This is very dangerous, and something we have no control over. A couple of weeks ago there was a near miss involving a car and a child during a Sunday morning Mass. The parish *Building and Maintenance Committee* met last week to discuss this at some length. For the foreseeable future, the Station Road gate will remain closed until further investigations can take place which will ensure the safety of all our parishioners. The gate will only be available for Funeral Directors. Thank you for your understanding.

**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.

**Sale**

**After Mass Sale and Christmas Raffle** - There are still some new items for sale. Raffle tickets on sale this week, the draw will take place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December after 11.15am Mass

**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 Meetings**

**The Secular Franciscan Order** meet on Monday 12th December and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month.

**FEEDING THE BIRDS FOR ST. FRANCIS.** A gift from Our Lady of the Angels Fraternity, Cwmbran. St. Francis wanted all creation to celebrate the birthday of Jesus. It was his desire that all Mayors and Lords of Castles issue a decree that would require the scattering of grain on the roads at Christmas so that our friends, the birds, might have something to eat. The Secular Franciscans here in Cwmbran ask you to use this token of a gift to feed the birds on Christmas Day - after the example of St. Francis of Assisi. Peace and All Good.

**The SVP** meet on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December and then fortnightly, new members welcome.