

PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID CWMBRAN

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26th February 2023

1st Sunday of Lent Year A

Psalter: Week 1

Saturday:	9.30am	Our Lady's	Mass: + Bereavement Mass
Saturday/ Sunday	4.15pm	St David's	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 4.45pm</i>
1st Sunday of Lent	5.00pm	Our Lady's	Mass: + Lee Davies (AD)
	6.30pm		Mass: + Judy Mitchell (MM)
	8.00pm		Holy Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries
	9.30am		Mass: Ints of Morgan Family (CM) <i>(After Mass: Coffee Morning in St. Anne's Room)</i>
	11.15am	St David's	Mass: + Norina Moon (AB)
	1.30pm	Our Lady's	Baptism of Nola Rose Price and Eli John Price
	5.00pm	Facebook Live	Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction
	8.00pm		Holy Rosary: The Glorious Mysteries
Monday:	5.15pm	Our Lady's	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	6.00pm		Mass: + Stuart and Helen White (JW)
	6.30pm		<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 7.30pm</i>
	8.00pm	Facebook Live	Holy Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries
Tuesday:	9.10am	St David's	Morning Prayer
	9.30am		Mass + Richard and Teresa Hurley (F)
	8.00pm	Facebook Live	Holy Rosary: The Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday	8.00pm	Facebook Live	Holy Rosary: The Glorious Mysteries
Thursday:	9.30am	St David's	Morning Prayer
	9.45am		Mass: + Margaret Wells (EW)
	7.30pm	Our Lady's	Parish Prayer Group (St. Anne's Room)
	8.00pm	Facebook Live	Holy Rosary: The Luminous Mysteries
Friday:	9.10am	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer
	9.30am		Mass: + Kath Miller (OW)
	10.00am		<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11am</i> <i>(After Mass: Coffee Morning in St. Anne's Room)</i>
	3.00pm	Facebook Live	Divine Mercy Devotions
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Stations of the Cross
	8.00pm	Facebook Live	Holy Rosary: The Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday:	9.10am	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer
	9.30am		Mass: + Sr Benedicta (Sr S)
			Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, until 11:15am
			Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11:15am
			<i>After Mass: First Saturday Devotions to Our Lady</i>
Saturday/ Sunday	4.15pm	St David's	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 4.45pm</i>
2nd Sunday of Lent	5.00pm	Our Lady's	Mass: + Lucy Kembrey (PK)
	6.30pm		Mass: + The People of the Parish
	8.00pm		Holy Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries
	9.30am		Mass: + Eileen McClenchy (PL) <i>(After Mass: Coffee Morning in St. Anne's Room)</i>
	11.15am	St David's	Mass: + Antonio and Maria Rose Antunei (CM) <i>(After Mass: Coffee Morning in St. Non's Room)</i>
	12.15pm		Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction
	5.00pm		Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction
	8.00pm	Facebook Live	Holy Rosary: The Glorious Mysteries

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, Michael Keohane, David MacDonald, Doreen Watley, Robert Hayton, Jim Sheehy, Pat Price, Baby Frankie, Teresa Bruce, Josie and David Woods, Sheila Fotheringham, John Jordan, Christine O'Shea, Pauline Loughlin, and Jean and Lawrence Crowley

Requiescant in Pace - Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of, Julie Bartel, James O'Farrell, Joan O'Dwyer, Joanne Lane, and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Lent 2023

Stations of the Cross takes place during the Fridays of Lent at Our Lady's, beginning at 6:00pm. Would you like to lead the Stations of the Cross one Friday during Lent? There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Office. Please call to check availability.

Pope's Lenten Message – is available at the back of the church and is also available to download and read from the parish website. This year's theme: *Lenten Penance and the Synodal Journey*.

Lenten Retreat – Lent offers us the space to take time out of our busy schedule and enter into the desert, the place of encountering the Lord, of seeking His voice. There will be to recollect ourselves each Monday evening during Lent at Our Lady's, to spend time with the Lord. The evening programme will be as follows:

5:15pm – 5:45pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation

6:00pm – Holy Mass

6:30pm – 7:30pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
During Adoration: A reflection on a theme of Lent

Pope Francis reflects: *"Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church, for each community and every believer"*. Let us open ourselves up to inspiration and outpouring the Holy Spirit during this season.

First Reflection (27th February) – The Corporal Works of Mercy

Lenten Alms – Archbishop Mark has suggested that this year's Lenten Alms be shared between the victims of the Turkey/Syria earthquake, and our young people from the diocese who are attending World Youth Day in the summer.

Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal

Thank you for your generous contributions to last week's second collection. The parish raised £1,252.35.

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.

Parish Pilgrimage to Assisi 2023

Please return completed booking forms and deposit to Carole ASAP

Celebrating our Unity – Catholics at the Congress!

Each Pentecost Sunday, we pray for a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives, our parishes, our families. Pentecost is a feast which brings us together and creates a beautiful harmony which shines forth in the world. Pope Francis, during his Pentecost homily in 2021, reflects that *"the Holy Spirit impels us to unity, to harmony, to the harmony of diversity. He makes us see ourselves as parts of the same body, brothers and sisters of one another ... "Let us look to the whole!"* He goes on to reflect: *"The enemy wants diversity to become opposition and so he makes them become ideologies"*.

This Pentecost Sunday – 28th May 2023 – we have the opportunity to take up the Pope's challenge and *"look to the whole"* in a radical way. This Pentecost Sunday, the parish will have one celebration of the Mass at the Congress Theatre in the centre of town, bringing together the various communities and different Mass groups which make up our parish, into one celebration of praise to Almighty God. More information will be available in the coming weeks. I am grateful to the Congress Theatre for hosting us.

Helping the Housebound to Mass

Our parish SVP Group, along with our parish Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, take Our Blessed Lord to over thirty homes each week. Their ministry to the sick and housebound is invaluable in enabling those at home to encounter the Lord in the Eucharist. Over the last few weeks, we have identified that a portion of the housebound are unable to attend Mass due to a lack of transport. It would be a joy to be able to have them celebrate Mass with us. Are there parishioners with a spare space in their car who could provide transport from their local area to their Mass? If you are able to assist in any way, please contact Carole or Fr. Daniel in the Parish Office.