

PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID CWMBRAN

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12th February 2023

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

Psalter: Week 2

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| Saturday: Our Lady of Lourdes | 9.10am 9.30am 10.00am | Our Lady's | Morning Prayer Mass: Rita Draisey (M+DC) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, until 11:15am Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11:15am |
| Saturday/ Sunday 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time | 4.15pm 5.00pm 6.30pm 8.00pm 9.30am 11.15am 5.00pm 8.00pm | St David's Our Lady's Facebook Live Our Lady's St David's Facebook Live | Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 4.45pm</i> Mass: + Gerard & Marion Rosser (P&ML) Mass: + Peggy Wickett (F) Holy Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries Mass: + Danny McGrath (PL) <i>(After Mass: Coffee Morning in St. Anne's Room)</i> Mass: + William Owen (MO) Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction Holy Rosary: The Glorious Mysteries |
| Monday: | 4.00pm 5.15pm 6.00pm 6.30pm 8.00pm | Our Lady's Facebook Live | Reception of John FitzGerald Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 5.45pm</i> Mass: + Rickie Mullen (F) Meeting of the Secular Franciscan Order Holy Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries |
| Tuesday: Sts Cyril & Methodius | 8.15am 8.00pm | Our Lady's Facebook Live | Requiem Mass for John FitzGerald Holy Rosary: The Sorrowful Mysteries |
| Wednesday: | 8.00pm | Facebook Live | Holy Rosary: The Glorious Mysteries |
| Thursday: | 9.30am 9.45am 7.30pm 8.00pm | St David's Our Lady's Facebook Live | Morning Prayer Mass: + Mary, Brid and Fred Strutt (MM) Parish Prayer Group (St. Anne's Room) Holy Rosary: The Luminous Mysteries |
| Friday | 9.10am 9.30am 10.00am 3.00pm 8.00pm | Our Lady's Facebook Live Facebook Live | Morning Prayer Mass: Ints of Sr Susan (S. A) <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11am</i> <i>(After Mass: Coffee Morning in St. Anne's Room)</i> Divine Mercy Devotions Holy Rosary: The Sorrowful Mysteries |
| Saturday: Votive Mass of Our Lady | 9.10am 9.30am 10.00am | Our Lady's | Morning Prayer Mass: + Hugh Gilgunn (E&SG) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, until 11:15am Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11:15am |
| Saturday/ Sunday 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time | 4.15pm 5.00pm 6.30pm 8.00pm 9.30am 11.15am 5.00pm 8.00pm | St David's Our Lady's Facebook Live Our Lady's St David's Facebook Live | Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 4.45pm</i> Mass: + Tom and Laura Loughlin (M&PL) Mass: The People of the Parish Holy Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries Mass: + Christopher Corner (M&AC) <i>(After Mass: Coffee Morning in St. Anne's Room)</i> Mass: + Rose and Jack Clifford (TO'K) Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction Holy Rosary: The Glorious Mysteries |

TURKEY AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL. There will be a collection next weekend, 18/19th February, for the Earthquake Appeal.

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, and Pauline Loughlin

Requiescant in Pace - Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of John Fitzgerald, Maria Lauratana Passaro, Julie Bartel, James O'Farrell and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Lent 2023

Lent is a time of grace for the Church, during which we are invited to prepare ourselves to celebrate the salvific actions of Christ, His Passion, His death, and His Resurrection. During the forty days of Lent we enter the desert. The desert is a time of solitude, a time of taking that step back, a time of silence, and the attentive listening so as to be able to hear the voice of the Father speak directly to our heart.

Ash Wednesday – Wednesday, 22nd February – is a day of fasting and abstinence. Mass times on Ash Wednesday are as follows:

9:30am – St. David's, Pontnewydd

5:15pm – 5:45pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation (OLA)

6:00pm – Our Lady's, Old Cwmbran

Stations of the Cross take place during the Fridays of Lent at Our Lady's, beginning at 6:00pm.

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

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

Foodbank: Collection will take place this weekend of 11th and 12th February. Thank you for your continuous generosity and support

Tuesday Club: Shrove Tuesday 21st February: The Tuesday club are meeting at Be Vito's for pancakes at 1.30pm

SVP: Our next meeting is Thursday 16th February at 6pm at St. David's.

Deanery Station Mass: will take place on Wednesday, 19th April 2023, at 7.00pm. The location is to be confirmed. More information will be available shortly.

Parish Pilgrimage to Assisi 2023

Booking forms are now available to collect from the Parish Office. Please complete and return to Carole by Wednesday 22nd February, along with a deposit of £300.

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.

Come, Holy Spirit!