

PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID CWMBRAN

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2nd Sunday of Lent Year A

Psalter: Week 2

Saturday:	9.10am 9.30am 10.00am	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer Mass: + Sr Benedicta (Sr S) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, until 11:15am Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11:15am <i>After Mass:</i> First Saturday Devotions to Our Lady
Saturday/ Sunday 2nd Sunday of Lent	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: + Lucy Kembrey (PK) Mass: + The People of the Parish Holy Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries Mass: + Eileen McClenchy (PL) <i>(After Mass: Coffee Morning in St. Anne's Room)</i> Mass: + Antonio and Maria Rose Antunei (CM) <i>(After Mass: Coffee Morning in St. Non's Room)</i> Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction Holy Rosary: The Glorious Mysteries
Monday:	5.15pm 6.00pm 6.30pm 8.00pm	Our Lady's Facebook Live	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass: + Ted and Catherine Forrest (MJ) <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 7.30pm</i> Holy Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries
Tuesday:	9.10am 9.30am 8.00pm	St David's Facebook Live	Morning Prayer Mass + Michael Brocklehurst 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: + Kathleen & Patsy Melody (MO'B) Parish Prayer Group (St. Anne's Room) Holy Rosary: The Luminous Mysteries
Friday:	9.10am 9.30am 10.00am 3.00pm 6.00pm 8.00pm	Our Lady's Facebook Live Our Lady's Facebook Live	Morning Prayer Mass: + Rose and Jack Clifford (MW) <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11am</i> <i>(After Mass: Coffee Morning in St. Anne's Room)</i> Divine Mercy Devotions Stations of the Cross Holy Rosary: The Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday:	9.10am 9.30am	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer Mass: + Nelson Family (RN) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, until 11:15am Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11:15am
Saturday/Sunday 3rd Sunday of Lent	4.15pm 5.00pm 6.30pm 8.00pm 9.30am 11.15am	St David's Our Lady's Facebook Live Our Lady's St David's Facebook live	Sacrament of Reconciliation until 5.45pm Mass: + Catherine Williams 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: + Tom and Doreen Probert (JA) Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction 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

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.

Second Reflection (6th March) – led by Adrian Bold

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.

Congratulations!

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Fr Paul Millar who was installed into the Cathedral Chapter of Canons on Wednesday 1st March. Canon Paul was Vocations Director at the time of Fr Daniel's entry to the Seminary.

Food bank

Nest weekend, 11/12th March is the monthly collection for the Food Bank

Diary Dates

Tuesday 7th March: Tuesday Club meet in St Anne's room
Thursday 9th March: SVP meet in St Non'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.

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.