

PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID CWMBRAN

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Food Bank collection next weekend

Parish Notices

5th November 2023

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalter: Week 3

Saturday: St Charles Borromeo	9.10am 9.30am 10.00am 10.00am 12noon	St David's	Morning Prayer Holy Mass: + Chris Gillette (RJ) Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until</i> 11.15am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, <i>until</i> 11.15am <i>After Mass:</i> First Saturday Devotions to Our Lady Baptism of Michael Sethem Touhig
Saturday/Sunday 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time	4.15pm 5.00pm 9.30am 11.15am 5.00pm 8.00pm	St David's Facebook Live	Reconciliation until 4.45pm Holy Mass: + Laura and Tom Loughlin (P&ML) Holy Mass: + Humphry Hughes (MH) Holy Mass: + Pilar Esteban (MO) Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction Holy Rosary: The Glorious Mysteries
Monday: St Illtud	9.10am 9.30am 6.30pm 8.00pm	St David's St Anne's room Facebook Live	Morning Prayer Holy Mass: + Sean Gilgunn (MC) Alpha Course Holy Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries
Tuesday:	9.10am 9.30am 10.00am 8.00pm	St David's Facebook Live	Morning Prayer Holy Mass: Wellbeing of Christine Williams (PJ) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11am Holy Rosary: The Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday	8.00pm	Facebook Live	Holy Rosary: The Glorious Mysteries
Thursday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	9.20am 9.45am 6:00pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	St David's Facebook Live	Morning Prayer Holy Mass: Mary Peacock's Ints (Sr S) Annual Service of Memories Parish Prayer Group (St Anne's room) Holy Rosary: The Luminous Mysteries
Friday: St Leo	9.30am 3.00pm 8.00pm	OLA's School Facebook Live Facebook Live	Holy Mass: + Deceased Members of St Peter's Guild (BS) Divine Mercy Devotions Holy Rosary: The Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday: St Martin of Tours	9.10am 9.30am 10.15am 10.15am 12noon	St David's	Morning Prayer Holy Mass: + Holy Souls Lists Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until</i> 11.15am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, <i>until</i> 11.15am Baptism of Wesson and Powell Family members
Saturday/Sunday 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	4.15pm 5.00pm 9.30am 11.15am 8.00pm	St David's Facebook Live	Reconciliation until 4.45pm Holy Mass: + DHS Sisters and Associates (AD&CD) Holy Mass: + For the Dead of War Holy Mass: + Ted and Catherine Forrest and Cy Jones (MJ) Holy Rosary: The Glorious Mysteries

PLEASE NOTE:
Friday Mass at OLA School

Sick and Retired Priests Appeal

There will be a second collection for this year's Sick and Retired Clergy Fund on 4/5th November. This fund ensures that the diocese can offer every retired priest a dignified retirement with provision of a suitable home and an appropriate quality of life. For the service our retired priests have given to Christ, the Church and our parish communities. Please support them to the best of your abilities.

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, Ivorna Ward, Chris Mulcahy, Fr Kevin Paine and Caroline Paine, Imelda Smith, Malcolm and, Sam McCausland, Terry Mahoney, Shelagh & Ray Mills, Jill Hudd, Shaun Worsfold, Michael Barry, Diane Pearce, Rose James, Paul Taylor, Michael Keohane, David MacDonald, Doreen Whatley, Robert Hayton, Jim Sheehy, Pat Price, Teresa Bruce, Josie and David Woods, Sheila Fotheringham, John Jordan, Christine O'Shea, Pauline Loughlin, Jean Crowley, Teddy, Lois Terry, Joan Gallagher, Josie Mahoney, Kevin Pinkey, David Mullins, Christine and Lily Farr

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

Advent 2023

Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. As well as being a time of new beginnings, Advent is a time of expectation and preparation, where we await the second coming of the Lord, as well as His immediate coming at Christmas. It is this 'longing' and 'expectation' which distinguishes it from other seasons of the Church's year.

Advent is the season of the Holy Spirit. Throughout our Advent journey we will be witnesses to the Holy Spirit's action, not only in the various characters we will meet during this season, but also be able to consider afresh the Holy Spirit's action in our own lives as we await the return of the Lord.

I pray that this Advent may be a fruitful season as we "await with blessed hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ".

Bambinelli Sunday - Pope John Paul II, during his papacy, instituted the celebration of Bambinelli Sunday on the Third Sunday of Advent – a day on which children from Rome bring to St. Peter's Square the figurine of the Christ Child from their families' Nativity sets. I invite you to bring the figures of the Child Jesus from your Nativity Scenes at home to Mass over the weekend of the **Third Sunday of Advent (16th/17th December)** for them to be blessed during Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a wonderful treasure. Pope Francis reflected that: "The Lord never tires of forgiveness. It is we who are tired of asking for forgiveness. Let us ask for the grace not to tire of forgiveness, because he never tires of forgiving".

As well as Confessions being available at the normal times, visiting priests from the deanery will be available at St. David's Church on **Thursday, 14th December 2023** from **6:00pm**.

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.

Crib Offerings – The Archbishop has asked that this year's Crib Offerings go towards two causes: the work of Caritas Cardiff, and aid for Christians in the Holy Land through the work of *Friends of the Holy Land* and *Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulchre*.

Parish Diary

Alpha Course: The programme runs every Monday in St Anne's room at 6.30pm

Tuesday Club Meeting: We are meeting on Tuesday 7th November in St Anne's room as usual. Guest speaker is Malgwyn Davies. New members are welcome.

Service of Memories: Thursday 9th November 2023

The Service of Memories will be held at St David's Church at **6.00pm** and we remember especially at this service our deceased relatives and friends who have died between 1st October 2022 and 30th September 2023. If you are a parishioner who has suffered from a bereavement in the past 12 months and the deceased lives outside of the parish please give their names to the parish office. Tel: 01633 482346, Email: cwmbbran@rcadc.org for them to be included in the Service. Everyone welcome. Please join us for light refreshments in St Non's room after the Service.

Annual Mass for Deceased Clergy

The Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Tuesday, 28th November beginning at 1.00pm.

Holy Mass & Torchlight Procession on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on 8th December, beginning at 7:00pm at the Cardiff Oratory.

Parish Carol Service: Friday, 15th December, beginning at 6:00pm at Our Lady's Church.

Christmas Prize Raffle

Thank you for your generous donations for the raffle. We are appealing for Christmas luxury items to make up a food hamper prize: Christmas cake, Christmas pudding, mince pies, biscuits, tinned ham, cheese board, turkey voucher, and bottles of alcohol. If you are able to help please bring your donations to St David's church.

Closing the Doors

As the temperature continues to drop, I would be grateful if the outside doors could remain closed to keep the heat in. Thank you for your understanding.