

PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID CWMBRAN

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10th December 2023

Second Sunday of Advent Year B

Psalter: Week 2

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| Saturday: | 9.10am 9.30am 10.15am 10.15am | St David's | Morning Prayer Holy Mass: + Muriel Chivers (MC) Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until</i> 11.15am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, <i>until</i> 11.15am |
| Saturday/Sunday Second Advent Year B | 4.15pm 5.00pm 9.30am 11.15am 4.00pm 8.00pm | St David's Facebook Live | Reconciliation until 4.45pm Holy Mass: + Jennifer Woods (SW) Holy Mass: + Rose and Jack Clifford (MW) Holy Mass: + Stella and Mick Bradley Reception of Margaret Williams Holy Rosary: The Glorious Mysteries |
| Monday: | 11.00am 2.00pm 8.00pm | St David's OLA's Presbytery Facebook Live | Requiem Mass for Margaret Williams Meeting of the Secular Franciscan Order Holy Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries |
| Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe | 8.00pm | Facebook Live | Holy Rosary: The Sorrowful Mysteries |
| Wednesday | 8.00pm | Facebook Live | Holy Rosary: The Glorious Mysteries |
| Thursday: St John of the Cross | 9.20am 9.45am 6.00pm 7.30pm 8.00pm | St David's Our Lady's Facebook Live | Morning Prayer Holy Mass: + Mary, Brid and Fred Strutt (MM) Penitential Service Parish Prayer Group (St Anne's room) Holy Rosary: The Luminous Mysteries |
| Friday: | 9.30am 3.00pm 8.00pm | OLA's School Facebook Live Facebook Live | Holy Mass: The People of the Parish Divine Mercy Devotions Holy Rosary: The Sorrowful Mysteries |
| Saturday: | 9.10am 9.30am 10.15am 10.15am | 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 |
| Saturday/Sunday Third Sunday of Advent Year B Gaudete Sunday | 4.15pm 5.00pm 9.30am 11.15am 8.00pm | St David's Facebook Live | Reconciliation until 4.45pm Holy Mass: + Bill and Margaret Gale Holy Mass: + Lionel Jones (A) Holy Mass: + Judy Clarke (JC) Holy Rosary: The Glorious Mysteries |

PLEASE NOTE:
Friday Mass at
OLA School

Celebrating the Sacraments: Baptism

During 2023, it has been a joy to celebrate 63 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. Each and every celebration of Baptism is an important moment in the life of our parish, and shows new shoots of faith for the future.

On the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, **Sunday, 7th January 2024**, the morning Masses will be in thanksgiving for those baptised in the last year. Please pray for our families. If you would like your child to be baptised, please visit the website: www.ourladyoftheangels.org.uk/baptism for more information, and contact the Parish Office to arrange for Fr. Daniel to visit.

Christmas Flower Collection

There will be a retiring collection for Christmas Flowers this weekend 9/10th December after every Mass

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, Ivorna Ward, Chris Mulcahy, Fr Kevin Paine and Caroline Paine, Imelda Smith, Malcolm Williams, 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, Jean Crowley, Teddy, Lois Terry, Joan Gallagher, Josie Mahoney, Kevin Pinkey, Christine, Lily Farr and Peter Anslow

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

Advent to Christmas

Third Sunday of Advent (16th/17th December)

Bambinelli Sunday You are invited to bring the figures of the Child Jesus from your Nativity Scenes at home to Mass over this weekend for them to be blessed during Mass.

Fourth Sunday of Advent (23/24th December)

**Mass times: Saturday 5pm St David's
Sunday 10.00 Our Lady's**

After Mass a festive coffee morning will be held in St Anne's room. Money donations received will be added to the crib fund for 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.

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve (24th 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 (25th December)

9:00am – Mass of the Dawn (Our Lady's)

10:30am – Mass of the Day (St. David's)

NO Evening Mass

Weekday Masses from 26th December – 30th December will be celebrated at 11am.

Food Bank Collection

Next collection on 9/10th December will be the last before Christmas.

Advent Prayer by Henri Nouwen

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

Christmas Raffle Tickets

Please return your raffle tickets and money ASAP, the draw will take place on Sunday 17th December in St Non's room.

Parish Diary

Tuesday Club:

Tuesday 19th December: Christmas Celebration in St Anne's room at 1.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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 Carol Service: Friday, 15th December, beginning at 6:00pm at **St David's Church**. Please make a note of the change of venue

Christmas: Eucharistic Ministers and Readers OLA

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers are needed for the following Christmas Masses at Our Lady's.

Christmas Eve: 4pm Vigil Mass and 9pm Night Mass

Christmas Morning: 9am Morning Mass. Please contact Carole if you are available to help out.

Parish office: 01633 482346 or cwmbbran@rcadc.org

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a wonderful treasure. During Advent, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at the following times:

Saturdays 9th and 16th December

10:35am – 11:45am – St. David's Church

4:15pm – 4:45pm

A visiting priest will also be available in the parish at St David's Church on **Thursday, 15th December** at 6.00pm