

**PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID CWMBRAN**

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**Parish Notices**

17<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**Third Sunday of Advent Year B**

**Psalter: Week 3**

<b>Saturday:</b>	9.10am <b>9.30am</b> 10.15am 10.15am 12noon	<b>St David's</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Holy Mass:</b> + Chris Gillette (RJ) Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until</i> 11.15am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, <i>until</i> 11.15am Baptism of Paige Kathleen Griffiths
<b>Saturday/Sunday</b> <i>Third Sunday of Advent Year B</i> <i>Gaudete Sunday</i>	4.15pm <b>5.00pm</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.15am</b> 8.00pm	<b>St David's</b>  Facebook Live	Reconciliation until 4.45pm <b>Holy Mass:</b> + Bill and Margaret Gale <b>Holy Mass:</b> + Lionel Jones (A) <b>Holy Mass:</b> + Judy Clarke (JC) Holy Rosary: The Glorious Mysteries
<b>Monday:</b> <b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	9.10am <b>9.30am</b> 8.00pm	<b>St David's</b> Facebook Live	Morning Prayer <b>Holy Mass:</b> + Mary Brennan (F) Holy Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries
<b>Tuesday:</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	9.10am <b>9.30am</b> 8.00pm	<b>St David's</b> Facebook Live	Morning Prayer <b>Holy Mass:</b> + Denis O'Brien (MO) Holy Rosary: The Sorrowful Mysteries
<b>Wednesday</b>	8.00pm	Facebook Live	Holy Rosary: The Glorious Mysteries
<b>Thursday:</b> <b>21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	9.20am <b>9.45am</b> 8.00pm	<b>St David's</b> Facebook Live	Morning Prayer <b>Holy Mass:</b> Ints Mary Peacock (S&RM) Holy Rosary: The Luminous Mysteries
<b>Friday:</b> <b>22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	9.10am <b>9.30am</b> 3.00pm 8.00pm	<b>St David's</b> Facebook Live Facebook Live	Morning Prayer <b>Holy Mass:</b> + Stuart and Helen White (JW) Divine Mercy Devotions Holy Rosary: The Sorrowful Mysteries
<b>Saturday:</b> <b>23<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	9.10am <b>9.30am</b> 10.15am 10.15am	<b>St David's</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Holy Mass:</b> + Sean Gilgunn (Sr S) Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until</i> 11.15am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, <i>until</i> 11.15am
<b>Saturday/Sunday</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent Year B</i>	4.15pm <b>5.00pm</b> <b>10.00am</b> 11.00am	<b>St David's</b>  <b>Our Lady's</b>	Reconciliation until 4.45pm <b>Holy Mass:</b> + Cecilia Williams (DP) <b>Holy Mass:</b> + Robert French (TF) <b><u>Please note change of Mass times on Sunday morning.</u></b> <b>After Mass Festive tea and coffee morning in St Anne's room</b>
<b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4.00pm</b> <b>6.00pm</b> <b>9.00pm</b>	<b>Our Lady's</b> <b>St David's</b> <b>Our Lady's</b>	<b>CHRISTMASTIDE</b> <b>Family Mass:</b> Lee Davies (AD) <b>Family Mass:</b> Eileen Roderick and Lee Nash <b>Mass of the Night:</b> Rita and Brian Draisey (F)
<b>Christmas Day</b> <b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>10.30am</b>	<b>Our Lady's</b> <b>St David's</b>	<b>Dawn Mass:</b> The People of the Parish <b>Mass of the Day:</b> + Pauline Morris (J&KD) <b>No Evening Mass</b>

**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, Iverna 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 Ann Davey, Catherine Ann Price and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

10:35am – 11:45am – St. David's Church  
4:15pm – 4:45pm and on request

**Christmas Offering**

Traditionally, the Christmas offering is our gift to our Parish Priest. Christmas envelopes are available from the church porches; if you use another envelope please mark it Christmas Offerings. You can place your envelopes in the collection baskets or post through the Presbytery door at Our Lady's.

**Crib Offerings**

Archbishop Mark has asked that Crib Offerings this year be shared with Caritas Archdiocese of 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 draw takes place this Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December, in St Non's room

**Christmas Flower Collection**

Thank you for your generous donations of £380.19, which will be shared between both our churches.

**Christmas Raffle**

The draw will take place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December in St Non's room. Tickets still available.

**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!"**

**Message from the Parish SVP**

Your SVP would like to say a massive thank you to all who donated to our recent collection, we would also like to give a special thanks for the anonymous donation left at the church, we are truly humbled by your generosity. As a result of your generosity we have been able to provide £5,300 in shopping vouchers & food hampers to our local families struggling most at this time. We have also been able to provide some luxury items like biscuits & selection boxes for the local food bank for families visiting them during the Christmas preparations. We wish you all a peaceful Christmas & a happy & healthy New Year.

**Parish Diary**

**Tuesday Club - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December:**

Christmas Celebration in St Anne's room at 1.30pm

**Food Bank**

Lots of food etc and cash and a cheque totalling £290 delivered to the Torfaen Food Bank this week. Thanks again for your great generosity during 2023. Happy Christmas to everyone and a safe and healthy New Year. The next collection will be on 6/7<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**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, 7<sup>th</sup> 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.ourladyofthenagels.org.uk/baptism](http://www.ourladyofthenagels.org.uk/baptism) for more information, and contact the Parish Office to arrange for Fr. Daniel to visit.