

PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID CWMBRAN

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Parish Notices

24th December 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent Year B

Psalter: Week 4

Saturday: 23 rd December	9.10am 9.30am 10.15am	St David's	Morning Prayer Holy Mass: + Sean Gilgunn (Sr S) Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until</i> 11.15am
Fourth Sunday of Advent Year B Saturday evening and Sunday Morning Mass Times	4.15pm 5.00pm 10.00am	St David's Our Lady's	Reconciliation until 4.45pm Holy Mass: + Cecilia Williams (DP) Holy Mass: + Robert French (TF) <i>Please note change of Mass times on Sunday morning.</i> After Mass Festive tea and coffee morning in St Anne's room
Christmas Eve Sunday 24 th	4.00pm 6.00pm 9.00pm	Our Lady's St David's Our Lady's	CHRISTMAS MASSES Christmas Vigil Mass: + Lee Davies (AD) Christmas Vigil Mass: + Eileen Roderick and Lee Nash Mass of the Night: + Rita and Brian Draisey (F)
Christmas Day Monday 25 th	9.00am 10.30am	Our Lady's St David's	Dawn Mass: The People of the Parish Mass of the Day: + Pauline Morris (J&KD) No Evening Mass
Tuesday: 26 th December	11.00am	St David's	Holy Mass: Ints of Fr Allan Davies-Hale (SSJA)
Wednesday			No Mass or Devotions
Thursday: 28 th December	11.00am	St David's	Holy Mass: + Mr and Mrs Dennehy (JD)
Friday: 29 th December	11.00am	Our Lady's	Holy Mass: + Humphry Hughes (MH)
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Wishing everyone a Holy and Peaceful Christmas

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Christmas Raffle

Thank you to the organisers and everyone who supported the draw, a fantastic sum of £1650.90 was raised for parish funds. All winners have been contacted except one person who didn't write contact details on their ticket. If you have a **green** ticket numbered **196 – 200 Serial Number AB 584268**, bring it along to the parish office to receive your prize.

Year Books 2024

Year Book 2024 are now on sale at £5 each



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!"

Food Bank

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Celebrating the Sacraments: Baptism

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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.

Prayer for Expectant Mothers especially on 4th Sunday of Advent

God has brought gladness and light to the world through the Virgin Mary's delivery of her son. Grant the prayer of all mothers to be as they ask for the birth of a healthy child. May they safely deliver a son or daughter to be numbered among your family, to serve you in all things, and to gain eternal life.

adapted from the Book of Blessing

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25th December 2023

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Psalter: Christmas Octave

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Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume in the New Year.

Pope John XXIII's Christmas Prayer

O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Put into the hearts of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them. Help them to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness, and purity. Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join them all together in your love. And give us your heavenly peace. Amen.

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