

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

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31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Psalter: Week 1

<b>Saturday:</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> December <i>6<sup>th</sup> Day of the Octave of Christmas</i>	11.00am	Our Lady's	Holy Mass: + Jessie and Tom Forward (F)
<b>Saturday/Sunday</b> Year B <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	5.00pm	St David's	Holy Mass: + Laura and Tom Loughlin (P&ML)
	9.30am	Our Lady's	Holy Mass: The People of the Parish <i>After Mass tea and coffee morning in St Anne's room</i>
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January</b> Mary, the Mother of God	11.15am	St David's	Holy Mass: + Austyn Prys (AJ) <i>After Mass tea and coffee morning in St Non's room</i>
	11.00am	Our Lady's	Holy Mass: The People of the Parish
<b>Tuesday:</b> Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen	8.00pm	Facebook live	Holy Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries
	9.10am	St David's	Morning Prayer
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am	Facebook Live	Holy Mass: + Sr Mary Pius (SSJA)
	8.00pm	Facebook Live	Holy Rosary: The Sorrowful Mysteries
<b>Thursday:</b> <i>Weekday before the Epiphany</i>	8.00pm	Facebook Live	Holy Rosary: The Glorious Mysteries
	9.20am	St David's	Morning Prayer
<b>Friday:</b> <i>Weekday before the Epiphany</i>	9.45am	Peterson's Chapel	Holy Mass: + Mary Choma (MM)
	11.00am	Facebook Live	Funeral Service for Catherine Ann Price
<b>Saturday:</b> <i>Weekday before the Epiphany</i>	8.00pm	Facebook Live	Holy Rosary: The Luminous Mysteries
	9.10am	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer
<b>Saturday/Sunday</b> Year B <i>The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</i>	9.30am	Our Lady's	Holy Mass: + Seamus Grew (EG)
	10.15am	Our Lady's	Divine Mercy Devotions
<b>Saturday:</b> <i>Weekday before the Epiphany</i>	3.00pm	Facebook Live	Holy Rosary: The Sorrowful Mysteries
	8.00pm	Facebook Live	Holy Rosary: The Sorrowful Mysteries
<b>Saturday:</b> <i>Weekday before the Epiphany</i>	9.10am	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	Our Lady's	Holy Mass: + Sean Gilgunn (M&CM)
<b>Saturday/Sunday</b> Year B <i>The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</i>	10.15am	Our Lady's	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11.15am
	10.15am	Our Lady's	Sacrament of Reconciliation
<b>Saturday:</b> <i>Weekday before the Epiphany</i>	10.15am	Our Lady's	First Saturday Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima
	8.00pm	Facebook live	Holy Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries
<b>Saturday/Sunday</b> Year B <i>The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</i>	11.15am	St David's	Holy Mass: + Michael and Kathleen Murphy (MH)
	8.00pm	Facebook live	Holy Mass: Thanksgiving for the Newly Baptised <i>After Mass tea and coffee morning in St Anne's room</i>
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	8.00pm	Facebook live	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, 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, Doreen Whatley, Robert Hayton, Jim Sheehy, Pat Price, Teresa Bruce, Josie and David Woods, Sheila Fotheringham, John Jordan, Christine O'Shea, 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, Jean Crowley, Michael Keohane, Jane Thomas, David MacDonald and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**Parish Vacancies- Hall Caretaker**

The closing date for applications for the Hall Caretaker is Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024. Applicants shortlisted will be notified by telephone of an interview date.

**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.

**Christmas Raffle**

All winners have been contacted except one person who didn't write contact details on their tickets! If you have a **green** ticket numbered **196 – 200 Serial Number AB 584268**, bring it along to the parish office to receive your prize.

**Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI introducing Mary, the Mother of God**

On the first day of the year, the liturgy resounds in the Church throughout the world with the ancient priestly blessing that we heard during today's first reading: "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace" (Num 6:24-26). This blessing was entrusted by God, through Moses, to Aaron and his sons, that is, to the priests of the people of Israel. It is a triple blessing filled with light, radiating from the repetition of the name of God, the Lord, and from the image of his face. In fact, in order to be blessed, we have to stand in God's presence, take his Name upon us and remain in the cone of light that issues from his Face, in a space lit up by his gaze, diffusing grace and peace.

**Be Our Light for the New Year**

**Come, Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always. Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter. Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier. May this new year be a time of deep spiritual growth for us, A time of welcoming your graces and gifts, A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally, A time for growing in virtue and goodness. Come, Holy Spirit, Be with us today and always.**

- Author Unknown

**Food Bank**

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.ourladyoftheangels.org.uk/baptism](http://www.ourladyoftheangels.org.uk/baptism) for more information, and contact the Parish Office to arrange for Fr. Daniel to visit.



**Wishing everyone a Holy and Peaceful New Year**

**From**

**Fr Daniel**