

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

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**Parish Notices**

7<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**

**Psalter: Week 2**

<b>Saturday:</b> <i>Weekday before the Epiphany</i>	9.10am <b>9.30am</b> 10.15am 10.15am 10.15am 8.00pm	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Holy Mass:</b> + Sean Gilgunn (M&CM) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11.15am Sacrament of Reconciliation First Saturday Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima Holy Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries
<b>Saturday/Sunday</b> <i>Year B</i> <b>The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</b>	<b>5.00pm</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.15am</b>	<b>St David's</b> <b>Our Lady's</b> <b>St David's</b>	<b>Holy Mass:</b> + Michael and Kathleen Murphy (MH) <b>Holy Mass: Thanksgiving for the Newly Baptised</b> <i>After Mass tea and coffee morning in St Anne's room</i> <b>Holy Mass: Thanksgiving for the Newly Baptised</b> Holy Rosary: The Glorious Mysteries
<b>Ordinary Time – Winter: Year II: Psalter Week 1</b>			
<b>Monday: The Baptism of the Lord</b>	8.00pm	<b>Facebook live</b>	Holy Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries
<b>Tuesday</b>	8.00pm	<b>Facebook Live</b>	Holy Rosary: The Sorrowful Mysteries
<b>Wednesday</b>	8.00pm	<b>Facebook Live</b>	Holy Rosary: The Glorious Mysteries
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>11.00am</b> 8.00pm	<b>St David's</b> <b>Facebook Live</b>	<b>Funeral Service for Ann Davey</b> Holy Rosary: The Luminous Mysteries
<b>Friday:</b>	3.00pm 8.00pm	<b>Our Lady's</b> <b>Facebook Live</b>	Divine Mercy Devotions Holy Rosary: The Sorrowful Mysteries
<b>Saturday:</b>	11.00am 8.00pm	<b>Our Lady's</b> <b>Facebook live</b>	Baptism Preparation Course in St Anne's room Holy Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries
<b>Saturday/Sunday</b> <i>Year B</i>	<b>4.15pm</b> <b>5.00pm</b> <b>9.30am</b>  <b>11.15am</b> 5.00pm 8.00pm	<b>St David's</b> <b>Our Lady's</b>  <b>St David's</b> <b>St David's</b> <b>Facebook live</b>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4.45pm</i> <b>Holy Mass:</b> + Michael Brocklehurst (J&DF) <b>Holy Mass:</b> + George and Kath Powell and Christopher Drury <i>After Mass tea and coffee morning in St Anne's room</i> <b>Holy Mass:</b> + Robert Peacock (MP) Sung Evening Prayer & Benediction Holy Rosary: The Glorious Mysteries

**Thank You!**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for making this Christmas so special. Thank you to those who worked so hard behind the scenes to make our parish churches so beautiful and welcoming. I would like to thank you personally for the cards and gifts that I have received. I am truly moved and humbled by the generosity and support you have shown me.

God bless, Fr. Daniel.

**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, 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, Jean Crowley, Michael Keohane, Jane Thomas, David MacDonald and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**Evening Prayer and Benediction**

Sung Evening Prayer & Benediction resumes weekly next Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024, beginning at 5:00pm at St. David's. This is a quiet and peaceful way to end the weekend.

**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**

This is the last call: 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.

**Celebrating the Sacraments: Baptism**

This weekend, we welcome back to the parish the families of our young parishioners who were baptised during the last year. You are an important part of our parish community. During the Bidding Prayers of today's Mass, we will remember each child, by name. Let us continue to give thanks to God for the blessings He has bestowed on us. 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.

**Food Bank**

The next collection will be on 6/7<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

**SVP**

The next meeting of the SVP is on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm in St Non's room. New members welcome

**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

**Parish Diary**

**Tuesday Club: 9<sup>th</sup> January:** Limbering up for the new year Guest speaker Emily Chorley. All welcome

**Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> January:** Baptism Preparation Programme in the St. Anne's Room of Our Lady's, beginning at 11:00am.

**Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> January:** Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place at Our Lady's, beginning at 6:00pm.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January:** Parish Prayer Group resumes in St Anne's room at 7.30pm.

**Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> January:** Annual St. Peregrine's Mass for those who are affected in any way by cancer takes place at Our Lady's Church, beginning at 6:00pm. All are welcome. Refreshments after Mass.

**Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> January:** Pope Francis has dedicated this Sunday as **Sunday of the Word of God**. During the weekend Masses, Fr. Daniel will bless your Bibles.

**Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> January:** Torchlight Procession for Peace in the World. Fr. Kevin Payne is inviting us all to the Torchlight Procession for Peace, beginning at 7:00pm at Our Lady of Peace, Newbridge. Archbishop Mark O'Toole will be preaching. If you would like to go, please contact the Parish Office. If we have enough names we can look to hire a minibus. More information next week.

**Drawing the Dioceses Together**

On the Third Sunday of Advent, Archbishop Mark O'Toole published his Pastoral Letter on bringing the two dioceses of Cardiff and Menevia together. This letter is available on the diocesan website and on the parish Facebook page. His Grace has invited us to journey through a period of discernment with him. I have invited Carole Morgan and Paddy Landers to coordinate the conversations from this parish. In February, there will be a diocesan consultation meeting, which will bring these thoughts together. Your input is important to this process.