

PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID CWMBRAN

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Parish Notices

4th February 2024

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time year B

Psalter: Week 1

Saturday: St Blaise	9.10am 9.30am 10.00am 10.00am 10.00am 12noon 1.00pm	Our Lady's St David's	Morning Prayer Holy Mass: Ints of the Bold Family Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11.15am <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.15am</i> First Saturday Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima Baptism of Teddy Hoskins Baptism (Polish) Kiszka-Poulsom Family
Saturday/Sunday 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B	4.15pm 5.00pm 9.30am 11.15am 5.00pm	St David's Our Lady's St David's St David's	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4.45pm</i> Holy Mass: + John Tunnicliffe (FJ) Holy Mass: Special Intention (CO'B) <i>After Mass tea and coffee morning in St Anne's room</i> Holy Mass: + Cy Jones (MJ) <i>After Mass tea and coffee morning in St Non's room</i> Sung Evening Prayer & Benediction
Monday: St Agatha	9.10am 9.30am 6.30pm 8.00pm	Our Lady's Facebook live	Morning prayer Holy Mass: + Glyn Richards (PR) RCIA Course in St Anne's room Holy Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries
Tuesday: St Paul Miki and Companions	9.10am 9.30am 10.00am 8.00pm	St David's Facebook Live	Morning Prayer Holy Mass: Ints of Ann Pitchford Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11.00am Holy Rosary: The Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday:	8.00pm	Facebook Live	Holy Rosary: The Glorious Mysteries
Thursday:	9.20am 9.45am 3.00pm 6:00pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	St David's Facebook Live St David's Our Lady's Facebook Live	Morning Prayer Holy Mass: + Stuart and Helen White (JW) Divine Mercy Devotions Preparation for Confirmation Parish Prayer Group in St Anne's room Holy Rosary: The Luminous Mysteries
Friday: St Teilo	10.15am 8.00pm	Our Lady's Facebook Live	Requiem Mass for Terry Rhodes Holy Rosary: The Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday: St Scholastica	9.10am 9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer Holy Mass: + Vincenzo Natale (MN) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11.15am <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.15am</i>
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Children's Liturgy at Our Lady's Church – We are looking for new volunteers to assist in the running of the Sunday morning Children's Liturgy group. If you would like more information, please see 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, 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 Terry Rhodes, Maureen Murphy Margaret Hargaden and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Lent 2024

Lent is a time of grace for the Church, during which we are invited to prepare ourselves to celebrate the salvific actions of Christ, His Passion, His death, and His Resurrection. During the forty days of Lent we enter the desert. The desert is a time of solitude, a time of taking that step back, a time of silence, and the attentive listening so as to be able to hear the voice of the Father speak directly to our heart.

Ash Wednesday (Wednesday, 14th February) – is a day of fasting and abstinence. Mass times on Ash Wednesday are as follows:
9:30am – Our Lady's, Old Cwmbran
6:00pm – St David's, Pontnewydd

Stations of the Cross will take place during the Fridays of Lent at Our Lady's, beginning at 6:00pm

Sycamore Lenten Talks – During Lent, the parish Prayer Group will run a series of Lenten talks. The focus of these sessions is on knowing God and the salvation He offers, and our response to this offer of salvation in faith, love and freedom. These talks begin on Thursday, 15th February in the St. Anne's Room of Our Lady's Church, and will begin at 7:30pm. There will be six sessions. All are welcome.

Year of Prayer 2024

As part of the Year of Prayer, in preparation for next year's Jubilee Year of Hope, called for by the Holy Father, we are encouraged this Lent to gather in small groups of family and friends for sharing thoughts and experience of the 'Our Father'. Booklets to help the groups are being prepared, and will be available soon. Information can be found on the parish website.

Evening Prayer & Benediction

There is no Evening Prayer & Benediction for the next two weeks.

Parish Prayer

Come Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with wisdom, love and courage, make us more like Christ in our works and actions. Bless the work of your Church. Renew us all in the desire to make Christ known and loved in the world today. Bless the work of our Parish. Guide all that we do so that our church is a place of mercy and service for all who are seeking you. Deepen our love for the Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and guide us in prayer and action as we journey towards Discipleship to become the Church you are calling us to be. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Parish Diary

- Monday:** RCIA Course in St Anne's room at 6.30pm
- Thursday:** Parish Prayer Group meets in St Anne's room at 7.30pm on Thursdays.
- Thursday 8th February:** SVP meeting in St Non's room
- Sunday, 11th February:** Foodbank collection
- Sunday 11th February:** Cake Sale in St Non's room after the 11:15am Mass. Proceeds for the Children's Liturgy Group. All donations of cakes will be gratefully accepted.
- Tuesday club: 13th February:** Shrove Tuesday celebration
- Sunday, 19th May 2024** – Pentecost at the Parkway

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. Carole Morgan and Paddy Landers are coordinating the conversations in our parish. There is a diocesan consultation meeting coming up, which will bring these thoughts together. Your input is important to this process. Your thoughts can be emailed to the parish office cwmbbran@rcadc.org or posted to the Presbytery in Oak Street, telephone no 01633 482346. Carole's mobile number is: 07925 813 174.

Call to Volunteers: Renew DBS

Some volunteer roles will be working directly with children, young people and vulnerable adults; and will therefore require volunteers to undergo a DBS check before they undertake that role, the Parish Safeguarding Rep, John Metcalfe (07977 108 478) will discuss your role with you, and advise if you need a DBS check. Also, please contact John to check if your DBS needs updating.

Counters

Volunteers are required to count the weekend collection after weekend Masses. If you are able to offer your time, please contact the Parish Office.

St. David's Coffee Morning

The first Sunday of the month means teas and coffees after the 11:15am Mass in the St. Non's Room.