

PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID CWMBRAN

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18th February 2024

First Sunday of Lent year B

Psalter: Week 1

Saturday: St Scholastica	9.10am 9.30am 10.00am 10.00am 12.00pm	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer Holy Mass: Private Intentions Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11.15am <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.15am</i> Baptism of Thomas Rhys Gardner and Tilly Anne Hayden
Saturday/Sunday 1st Sunday of Lent Year B	4.15pm 5.00pm 9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm 8.00pm	St David's Our Lady's St David's Cathedral Facebook Live	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4.45pm</i> Holy Mass: + Denis Gines (CB) Holy Mass: + Michael McClenchy (PL) <i>After Mass tea and coffee morning in St Anne's Room</i> Holy Mass: + David MacDonald (DP) The Rite of Election Holy Rosary: The Glorious Mysteries
Monday:	9.10am 9.30am 6.30pm 8.00pm	Our Lady's Facebook live	Morning Prayer Holy Mass: + Lawrence Crowley (CM) RCIA Course in St Anne's Room Holy Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries
Tuesday	10.30am 8.00pm	St David's Facebook Live	Holy Mass: + Terry Crowley (MC) Holy Rosary: The Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday:	8.00pm	Facebook Live	Holy Rosary: The Glorious Mysteries
Thursday: The Chair of St Peter the Apostle	9.20am 9.45am 10.15am 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: Ints of Maria Owen (MO) Stations of the Cross Divine Mercy Devotions Preparation for Confirmation Sycamore in St Anne's Room Holy Rosary: The Luminous Mysteries
Friday	9.10am 9.30am 10.00am 10.00am 8.00pm	Our Lady's Facebook Live	Morning Prayer Holy Mass: + Michael and Margaret Gallagher (SH) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11am <i>After Mass tea and coffee morning in St Anne's Room</i> Holy Rosary: The Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday	9.10am 9.30am 10.00am 10.00am 12.00pm	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer Holy Mass: Ints of those who pray Sr Faustina's Rosary (B) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11.15am <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.15am</i> Baptism
Saturday/Sunday 2nd Sunday of Lent Year B	4.15pm 5.00pm 9.30am 11.15am 5.00pm 8.00pm	St David's Our Lady's St David's Facebook live	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4.45pm</i> Holy Mass: + Lee Davies (AD) Holy Mass: + Phillip Parker (KB) <i>After Mass tea and coffee morning in St Anne's Room</i> Holy Mass: + Bill and Jeanette Day (PD) Sung Evening Prayer & Benediction Holy Rosary: The Glorious Mysteries

SPUC White Flower Appeal this weekend

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 Maureen Murphy, Margaret Hargaden, Mary Gines, Kathryn Parsons 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.

Stations of the Cross will take place during Lent as follows:

- St David: 10.15am after Mass on Thursdays
- Our Lady's: 6.00pm Friday evenings

Would you like to lead the Stations of the Cross one Friday during Lent? There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Office. Please call to check availability.

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.

Cwmbran Churches Together

Lent studies from Friday 16th February to Friday 15th March at TLC Church, Two Locks, starting at 11.00am.

World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer takes place on Friday 1st March in Cwmbran URC at 7.00pm.

Rite of Election

Please pray for those who are preparing to be received into the Church this Easter. This weekend, they participate in the first formal step, the *Rite of Election*, at the Cathedral.

Lenten Prayer

Almighty and Everlasting God,
You have given the human race
Jesus Christ our Saviour as a model of humility.
He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man
And giving His life on the Cross.
Help us to bear witness to You
By following His example of suffering
And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son. 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.
Tuesday Club: 27th February: the guest speaker is Marilyn Browne who is a poet.
Wednesday, 10th April: Deanery Station Mass & Open Listening Session at St. Mary's Church, Newport.
Sunday, 19th May 2024 – Pentecost at the Parkway.

Open Listening Session and Station Mass:

Wednesday 10th April 2024 in St Mary's Newport at 5pm
The purpose of those gatherings will be to come together in the joy of our faith, in the different parts, to see how we might be a local Church which looks outward much more, to share the faith with those who do not believe, and to look at how we put our resources at the service of those most in need. People will be asked to consider a few questions relating to the proposed union of the two. Please note that the final decision will be taken by the Holy Father following this open listening and consultative phase.

Divine Renovation: Catholic Parish Summit

Every parish leader wants to feel their parish come alive and bring people to Jesus. But the reality is, engagement in our churches is declining. People are leaving. Congregations are aging. Even some parishes are closing. And with the daily demands of parish life, a sense of stagnation often makes leaders feel overwhelmed and discouraged. It's difficult to imagine that this is what God wants for parishes. As a Church, is it enough to simply maintain the models that have worked in the past, or is the Holy Spirit inviting us to put all our trust in him and set off on a path of renewal?

The *Catholic Parish Summit* has been organised by Divine Renovation, gathering clergy and lay leaders together to inspire and equip them to embrace the mission of Jesus. The Summit takes place in Harrogate **from 12th – 14th June 2024**. Fr. Daniel is attending, and would like to invite parishioners to consider attending. There is currently a group discount available (Feb only) for four or more people. If you would like to attend, and take advantage of the discount, please see Father as soon as possible.