

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

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29<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Solemnity of the Holy Family (Year C)

Psalter: Week

Saturday: Holy Innocents	10.00am	Our Lady's	Holy Mass: + Deceased Gilgunn and Maguire Family (EG)
Saturday/Sunday: Holy Family	5.00pm 9.30am 11.15am	St David's Our Lady's St David's	Holy Mass: + Gerry King (RK) Holy Mass: + Tom and Jessie Forward (F) Holy Mass: + Robert French (TF)
Monday: 6 <sup>th</sup> Day within the Octave of Christmas			No Service
Tuesday morning 7 <sup>th</sup> Day within the Octave of Christmas			No Service
Wednesday: Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God	10.00am	Our Lady's	Holy Mass: The People of the Parish
Thursday: Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen			No Service
Friday: Most Holy Name of Jesus			No Service
Saturday: Feria before Epiphany			No Morning Service
Saturday/Sunday: Epiphany of the Lord	5.00pm 9.30am 11.15am	St David's Our Lady's St David's	Holy Mass: + Michael Brocklehurst (HP) Holy Mass: + Pinkey Family (AB) Holy Mass: + Trevor and Sue Jenkins (PJ)

**The Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

**PARISH NEWS**



Just to make everyone aware the Sanctuary is always being live streamed.

**The Sacristy:** *The Sacristy is a place for preparation and prayer. With this in mind Father will be unavailable to meet with anyone 10 minutes before Mass as he takes the required time to prepare himself.*

**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, Terry and Janet Mahoney, Ray Mills, Michael Barry, Diane Pearce, Rose James, Paul Taylor, Doreen Whatley, Phyllis Whatley, Robert Hayton, Jim Sheehy, Pat Price, Teresa Bruce, David Woods, John Jordan, Christine O'Shea, Teddy, Lois Terry, Joan Gallagher, Josie Mahoney, Lily Farr, George Batterick, Veronica Williams, Monica James, Mary Peacock, Maureen Van de Meer, Charlie Davies, Brian Moon, Ann Cahill, Gerard Saulters, Janet Gleeson and John Clarke

**Requiescant in Pace** - Of your charity please pray for the repose of Anthony Devlin and the souls of all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**Congratulations: Br. Illtyd Williams**

Last Friday was an important day in the life of our parish: our very own Br. Illtyd (Liam) Williams was ordained to the diaconate at the Cardiff Oratory-in-Formation by Archbishop Mark O'Toole.

It is always an immense source of grace and blessing for a parish when someone offers themselves in service to the Church as a Priest, Deacon, or Religious. We are blessed that Br. Illtyd is part of a wonderful lineage of men who have been ordained from Cwmbran. Please pray for him as he continues his formation towards ordination to the Priesthood next year.

Please also continue to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, particularly from our parish. If you are considering a vocation to the Priesthood, the Permanent Diaconate, or Religious Life, please come and speak with me. You are very much in my thoughts and prayers.

**The Annual Crib Offerings**

Archbishop Mark has asked that this year's crib offering be shared between Aid to the Holy Land and Cardiff-Menevia Diocese Youth Ministry. You can also make your offering through the card machines, located at each of our churches, as well as online, by visiting the parish live-stream page. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**New Sunday Missals**

More Sunday Missals have been ordered from the CTS. If you would like to reserve a copy, please speak to someone in the Piety Stalls, who will be happy to help.

**A Christmas Prayer**

**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. Amen.**

**Celebrating the Sacraments: Baptism**

During 2024, it has been a joy to celebrate 46 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 Baptism of the Lord*, **Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025**, the morning Masses will be in thanksgiving for those who received the Sacrament of Baptism during the last year.

As we remember those children, by name, during the Bidding Prayers, please pray for our families as they continue to support their children in the faith.

If you would like your child to be baptised, please visit the website: [www.ourladyofthenagels.org.uk/baptism](http://www.ourladyofthenagels.org.uk/baptism) for more information, and contact the Parish Office to arrange for Fr. Daniel to make a visit.

**A Message From Fr. Daniel**

During this last week, my meditation has taken me to the place of the nativity scene. Here, in a humble and lowly stable, the greatest miracle is brought to life: *"the Word was made flesh"*. The nativity scene is far more than simply a religious Christmas decoration to make the room sparkle, it is, at its heart, a valuable tool for the transmission of the Christian faith; for what is the sharing of our faith except to bring people to an encounter with Jesus. The humble and lowly stable is an invitation for all of humanity to rediscover the Christ-Child, and to be reminded of our vocation to mission. Pope Francis reflects: *"As we contemplate this aspect of the nativity scene, we are called to reflect on the responsibility of every Christian to spread the Gospel..."* Our nativity scenes are our acts of witness to the world.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, personally, for the love and dedication you have shown to me over the past year. I am very grateful to you for the prayers and cards following the death of my grandmother. I am very lucky to be called by the Lord to be here, in this parish. Sending you and your family prayers and blessings for the new year ahead. God bless, Fr. Daniel