

PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID CWMBRAN

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4th January 2026

Second Sunday After Christmas

Psalter: Week 2

Saturday:		Our Lady's	No Morning Mass
Saturday/Sunday: <i>Second Sunday after Christmas</i>	5.00pm	St David's	Holy Mass: Ints of Margaret Kearley (MH)
	8.00pm	Facebook Live	Holy Rosary: Joyful Mysteries
	9.30am	Our Lady's	Holy Mass: + Gillian Anslow (JA) <i>After Mass: Tea and coffee morning in St Anne's Room</i>
	11.15am	St David's	Holy Mass: + Joe Little (AB) <i>After Mass: Tea and coffee morning in St Non's Room</i>
	8.00pm	Facebook Live	Holy Rosary: Glorious Mysteries
Monday	8.00pm	Facebook Live	Holy Rosary: Joyful Mysteries
Tuesday <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	9.10am	St David's	Morning Prayer
	9.30am		Holy Mass: +Chris & Bridget Ford (JC) <i>Today we welcome the children & staff of St. David's School</i>
HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Holy Mass: + Sr Teresa Carmel (M&MW)
	8.00pm	Facebook Live	Holy Rosary: Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday	9.10am	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer
	9.30am		Holy Mass: + Mary & Pat Flynn (AH)
	8.00pm	Facebook Live	Holy Rosary: Glorious Mysteries
Thursday	9.10am	St David's	Morning Prayer
	9.30am		Holy Mass: + Joe & Joanne Lane, Noel Tucker (IL)
	7.30pm	Our Lady's	The Parish Prayer Group
	8.00pm	Facebook Live	Holy Rosary: Luminous Mysteries
Friday	9.10am	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer
	9.30am		Holy Mass: McCormack Family (L&PMc)
	8.00pm	Facebook Live	Holy Rosary: Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday:	9.40am	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer
	10.00am		Holy Mass: People of the Parish <i>After Mass: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11.30am</i> <i>After Mass: Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.30am</i>
Sunday: <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	5.00pm	St David's	Holy Mass: Special Ints Murphy & Boylan Family (MH)
	8.00pm	Facebook Live	Holy Rosary: Joyful Mysteries
	9.30am	Our Lady's	Holy Mass: + Maggie Callan (PL) <i>After Mass: Tea and coffee morning in St Anne's Room</i>
	11.15am	St David's	Holy Mass: + Ellen Hitchings (AJ)
	8.00pm	Facebook Live	Holy Rosary: Glorious Mysteries

Pope Francis on the *Epiphany of the Lord*:

“Like the Magi, let us lift up our eyes, listen to the desire lodged in our hearts, and follow the star that God makes shine above us. As restless seekers, let us remain open to God's surprises. Let us dream, let us seek and let us adore.”

Parish News



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

PLEASE NOTE- *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, Ann Pitchforth, Tina Cordani, Iverna Ward, Chris Mulcahy, Fr Kevin Paine and Caroline Paine, Imelda Smith, Malcolm Williams, Terry Mahoney, Michael Barry, Diane Pearce, Rose James, Paul Taylor, Doreen Whatley, Phyllis Whatley, Robert Hayton, Jim Sheehy, John Jordan, Christine O'Shea, Teddy, Lois Terry, Josie Mahoney, Lily Farr, Veronica Williams, Monica James, Charlie Davies, Brian Moon, Ann Cahill, Janet Gleeson, Katie Whitehouse, Elaine Woolfall, Betty Small, Pauline and Michael Loughlin, Louise Fitzgerald, Andrew Morgan, Angela Roylance, Angela Davies, Carole Morgan.

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

Parish Diary

Saturday, 10th January 2026 – Baptism Preparation Class, 11.00am at Our Lady's Church.

Wednesday, 18th February 2026 – Ash Wednesday. This is a day of fasting and abstinence, marking the beginning of Lent.

Celebrating the Sacraments:
Baptism

During 2025, it has been a joy to celebrate 52 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.

Next Sunday, the Solemnity of *the Baptism of the Lord*, **Sunday, 11th January 2026**, we will pray especially for all 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** for more information, and contact the Parish Office to arrange for Fr. Daniel to make a visit.

100 Plus Club Winners

1st Prize- £30- No 110 -Paddy Landers

2nd Prize- £20- No 25 -Jean Morgan

3rd Prize £10- No 9 -Nigel Cahill

Well done to our December Winners. Cheques will be posted Monday.

The 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.

Discerner for Priesthood to spend time with us

During Advent, Fr. Matthew Roche-Saunders, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese, asked if I would host a discerner in the parish, to support him in discerning God's call for him. This is a great honour, and I know will be a time of blessing for our parish. Craig Aitken will arrive in the parish this Tuesday, and will be with us until Easter.

Please pray for him and the other discerners. If you feel that God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, come and see me.

Craig writes...

Hello! My name is Craig Aitken, and I'm delighted to join your parish community for the coming months as part of my discernment journey toward the priesthood. I'm grateful for the opportunity to learn from Fr. Daniel and to share in the life and work of your parish, participating in Holy Mass, outreach, and the everyday moments that make a faithful community thrive. I look forward to getting to know you, serving alongside you, and growing in my understanding of God's call through this experience together, please say hello to me and my trusty companion Pip.

From Fr. Daniel

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the generosity you have shown over this Christmas season. I am truly moved by the cards, gifts and the Christmas Offering.

I am so very grateful too be part of an amazing parish family. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your family during this new year.

God bless,
Fr. Daniel Stanton

Journey of Faith

The parish *Journey of Faith (RCIA)* programme will begin soon, for those members of our parish who would like to be received into the Catholic Church. Visit <https://ourladyoftheangels.org.uk/rcia/> to register your interest. More information will be available shortly.