

PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID CWMBRAN

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Parish News



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, 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 Lloyd, Veronica Williams, Monica James, Mary Peacock, Maureen Van de Meer, Rev Philip Manghan, Charlie Davies, Ann Cahill, Gerard Saulters .

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

Advent to Christmas

Third Sunday of Advent (14/15th December) Bambinelli Sunday You are invited to bring the figures of the Child Jesus from your Nativity Scenes at home to Mass over this weekend for them to be blessed during Mass.

Fourth Sunday of Advent (21/22nd December)

Mass times: Saturday 5pm St David's
Sunday 9.30am Our Lady's
11.30am St David's

After Mass a festive coffee morning will be held in St Anne's room. Money received will be donated to the crib fund.

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve (24th December)

4:00pm – Family Mass (Our Lady's)
6:00pm – Family Mass (St. David's)
9:00pm – Mass of the Night (Our Lady's)

Christmas Day (25th December)

9:00am – Mass of the Dawn (Our Lady's)
10:30am – Mass of the Day (St. David's)
NO Evening Mass

Additional Confession Times

There will be 2 additional confession times at Our Lady's in December Friday 20th December 6-7pm and Sunday 22nd December 8.45-9.15am.

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 18th November- Alpha Course, 6.30pm in St Anne's Room- How can I have Faith?

Tuesday 19th November- Tuesday Club, 1.30pm St Anne's Room, History of Llantarnam Abbey with Paul Busby

Saturday, 23rd November – Parish Formation Day for Readers, from 10:00am until 3:00pm at Our Lady's Church. Please register your interest here: <https://ourladyoftheangels.org.uk/event/parish-day-for-readers/>

Saturday 30th November- SVP Over 50's Christmas Buffet 1-3pm .Please add your name to the list on the notice board

Monday 16th December- Parish Carol Service, 6pm Our Lady's Church. Refreshments in St Anne's Room afterwards.

Friday 27th December- Brother Illtyd Ordination at Cardiff Oratory. Festive brunch in St Anne's Room ahead of going to Cardiff

SVP News

Come and get in the Christmas mood early on Saturday 30th November, 1-3pm as SVP are holding their Christmas Buffet. All parishioners over 50 are welcome to come along and enjoy a free afternoon of food, fun, chat and entertainment. Please add your name to the list on the notice boards as closing date is this Sunday 17th November, we look forward to celebrating with you.

SVP Annual appeal will take place 23/24th November. Thank you for your continued support, it is greatly appreciated.

Table Top Sale

We will be holding a table top sale in both churches on Sunday 1st December in St Anne's Room after 9.30 Mass and after 11.15am Mass St Non's Room. You will be able to purchase Christmas Cards and stocking fillers.

17th November 2024

Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Psalter: Week 1

Saturday:	9.10am 9.30am	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer Holy Mass: The People of the Parish
Saturday/Sunday 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	4.15pm 5.00pm 8.00pm 9.30am 11.15am 1.30pm 8.00 pm	St David's St David's Facebook Live Our Lady's St David's Our Lady's Facebook Live	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4.45pm</i> Holy Mass: + Shelagh Mills (JC) <i>Holy Rosary, The Joyful Mysteries</i> Holy Mass: + Rose & Jack Clifford (MW) <i>After Mass tea and coffee morning in St Anne's Room</i> Holy Mass: + Liam Hogan (MH) Baptism of Leandro Cervi <i>Holy Rosary, The Glorious Mysteries</i>
Monday: DD <i>Basilicas of St Peter and St Paul</i>	9.10am 9.30am 6.30pm 8.00pm	Our Lady's Facebook Live	Morning Prayer Holy Mass: + Holy Souls Alpha Course - How can I have Faith? St Anne's Room <i>Holy Rosary, The Joyful Mysteries</i>
Tuesday:	9.20am 9.45am 10.15am 8.00pm	St David's Facebook Live	Morning Prayer Holy Mass: + Holy Souls <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11am</i> <i>Holy Rosary, The Sorrowful Mysteries</i>
Wednesday:	8.00pm	Facebook Live	<i>Holy Rosary, The Glorious Mysteries</i>
Thursday:	10.30am 8.00pm	St David's Facebook live	Requiem Mass for Sheila Forthingham <i>Holy Rosary, The Luminous Mysteries</i>
Friday: <i>St Cecilia</i>	9.10am 9.30am 10.15am 8.00pm	Our Lady's Facebook Live	Morning Prayer Holy Mass: + Members of St Peter's Ladies Guild (BS) <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11am</i> <i>After Mass tea and coffee morning in St Anne's Room</i> <i>Holy Rosary, The Sorrowful Mysteries</i>
Saturday:	9.10am 9.30am 10.15am 10.15am 12 noon	Our Lady's St David's	Morning Prayer Holy Mass: Intentions of Gerard Saulters (SVP) <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, until 11:15am</i> <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.15am</i> Baptism of Isobel & Alexander Pryce
Saturday/Sunday Jesus Christ King of the Universe	4.15pm 5.00pm 9.30am 11.15am	St David's St David's Our Lady's St David's	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4.45pm</i> Holy Mass: + Margaret Williams Holy Mass + Myra McGrath (KM) <i>After Mass tea and coffee morning in St Anne's Room</i> Holy Mass: + Ellen Hitchings (AJ)

World Day of the Poor- Sunday 17th November

In his message for the World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis says it challenges every believer to become aware of the presence and needs of the poor. It is an occasion, he writes, to do something concretely to help the poor and to thank God for the many dedicated volunteers who give themselves to those most in need. What can I do today?

Food Bank Special Request

This week there was lots of food, cash and cheques totalling £385 delivered. Huge special thanks to the Parishioner who gave £200 of the above amount. Next month is the last collection before Christmas and we have a special request for tinned vegetables, rice pudding and custard please. All of your donations are amazing and we are very grateful as always for your generosity.

Message from Fr D

Last week, there was a fascinating exhibition, celebrating the 75th anniversary of the creation of the new town of Cwmbran. Thinking about the local history, I could not help but think about our own, Catholic history here in the parish. We have such a rich tradition of faith in this area, beginning with the Franciscans and growing from strength to strength. Not so long ago, Cwmbran was three distinct parishes, with three Parish Priests serving in their parts of the community, without mentioning the many curates who have served. Today, we are one large parish, which continues to get bigger and bigger as Cwmbran continues to develop.

The expectation of priests, serving modern parish life, is huge. Not only do priests have the care of souls, which, as you know, is the primary concern for me here in Cwmbran, there is also the 'business side' of running parishes, and all the complexities associated with it. I am eternally grateful to our parish SVP group, and our team of Eucharistic Ministers, who regularly take the Body of Christ to the most vulnerable of our parish. We work in close collaboration with the Parish Office in coordinating sick visitations.

I do my very best in the parish. I know and appreciate that my best is limited, as there is only so much I can do. If you, or your loved one, would like a visit from myself, to celebrate the sacraments, please do not wait; please phone Liz in the Parish Office, who has my full diary, who will arrange for me to visit. I will happily visit anyone who needs to see me. If you, in the pews, notice that there is slipped through the net, and we don't care – because we do.

If you, or your loved ones, are going into hospital, please contact the Parish Office, so we can make contact with the Chaplaincy team.

Our parish is the Body of Christ, and all of us have a part to play in building up, and supporting the Body of Christ. As a priest, I only play a small part in this. As our Synodal journey reminds us, we are walking together on our pilgrimage of faith.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Daniel has received the news that Brother Illtyd, our Liam Williams, has been approved for Ordination to the Diaconate. This will take place on Friday 27th December, midday, at Cardiff Oratory.

We will meet in St Anne's Room for a Festive Brunch beforehand and get a minibus from here down to Cardiff to support Liam.

If you are interested in joining us please put your name on the form on the notice board so transport can be arranged.

Fr Daniel will be arranging a collection closer to the time so please look out for that

