

St. David's R.C. Church

Park Crescent,
Maesglas, Newport

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

26.01.25. - 01.02.25. Year C PW3

Parish of the
Archdiocese of Cardiff
Registered Charity
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9.30 am Confession and Adoration

10.00 am Mass Latin Rite

Office Hours: - The office will be open every Friday morning between 9am - 12.30pm. We still ask that appointments be made for anything needed in this time. Email is monitored throughout the working week and will be responded to accordingly. Any urgent enquiries should still be directed to Father Mathew on 07799286727.



Mass Times of Syro Malabar Qurbana

Sunday	7.45am Mass	3.15pm Mass
Tuesday	6.00pm Adoration	6.30pm Mass
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	6.00pm Adoration.	6.30pm Mass.
Saturday	10.00am Mass	

Mass w.j. Polskim Saturday 6.00pm

SUNDAY READINGS -

1st Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm: Ps 19(18):8, 9, 10, R. Jn 6:63c

Response: **Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.**

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Gospel Acc.: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Lord has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor,
To proclaim liberty to the captives.**

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

PARISH MEETING. TODAY at **11.30am** following Holy Mass in church. Anyone wishing to support or get involved, or just hear about plans for this year, please stay behind after Mass.

SECOND COLLECTIONS. TODAY, Sunday 26th January and Sunday 2nd February - we will be holding second collections for the boiler fund. The work is due to start imminently but we do need your help. The parish communities will all contribute to the work, but unfortunately as it is urgent, the Latin Rite community will need to cover the costs initially. We really do appreciate all your efforts and donations so far and we will be holding a fundraising event in the very near future, specifically to raise funds for this cause. Please do bring what you can to one of the upcoming masses so that we can ease the pressure on our community and ensure the new boiler is not at the cost of anything else.

A CANDLELIT VIGIL for peace throughout the world, is being held **TODAY** from 6-7pm at St. Peter's Church, Roath, CF24 3BA. A warm welcome is extended to you to attend.

THE BIG LENT WALK is back again for 2025! This is a fundraising event in aid of CAFOD. The aim is to walk 200KM in 40 days! If you are interested in entering this as part of the Parish, please speak to Kate after mass or via email and we can attempt to arrange a Parish group to raise funds for CAFOD.

PIETY STOCK: We have been made aware that both new Weekday and Daily Missals will be available for purchase from the end of April this year. Please can anyone who thinks they would like one, make themselves known to Norma so we can ensure we only order the amount we can sell.

Blessed are those who believe without seeing

WEEKDAY MASS. Father Mathew has suggested introducing a weekday mass for the Latin Community at 6.30pm either on a Tuesday or Wednesday evening. We would like your opinions on this. If there is a preferable day; if you believe this is something you would take advantage of; if there are more people who could assist at that weekday mass (in any capacity: reading; altar serving; offertory procession and collections; etc.). This will be discussed in detail at the meeting on 26th January which will follow Holy Mass. Please do try to stick around for this meeting where everyone will be able to hear about upcoming events, hear updates from the archdiocese and have a chance to have their opinions heard on anything church related.

SHOULD ANYONE need to use the bathroom during Mass, they should exit their pew to the side aisle and not the main aisle, then revert to walking around the back of the church and down the side aisle closest to the entrance porch in order to reach the bathroom. We must ensure reverence in our church and remind all that bathroom breaks should ideally be taken before/after mass and not during.

JUBILEE FOR ARMED FORCES, POLICE AND SECURITY PERSONNEL:

Pope Francis invites us to let our faith inform our service as the troubles in the world increase. If you work in the Armed Forces, the Police or in Security in general we would like to invite you to a Jubilee Mass taking place at St Joseph's Co-cathedral, Convent Street, Swansea on Saturday 8th February at 11:00am. The Mass will be celebrated by Rt. Rev Tom Burns, Retired Bishop of Menevia and former Bishop of the Forces. If you wish to join us as a pilgrim of hope on your Jubilee Day, please email Fr Michael Doyle (michael.doyle@rcadc.org) by Friday 24th January. If you are a veteran or retired police officer and would like to support those in service with your prayers, you are most welcome to join also. Please let Fr. Michael know.

TODAY'S GOSPEL

God's Spirit is the impulse directing Jesus, sending him to the poor, directing his whole life toward those most in need, most oppressed, most humiliated. We his followers need to work in this same direction. This is the orientation that God, incarnate in Jesus, wants to impress on human history. The last should be first in knowing a life that is more worthy, more free, happier, the life that God want for all God's sons and daughters from now on.

Extract from Association of Catholic Priests.

WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS: Please pray for the sick and elderly in our parish and those in hospital. Please contact maesglas@rcadc.org to let us know of anyone who is sick or in hospital so that we may pray for them.

Merciful God, come to the help of all who are ill. Be their shelter in their time of sickness and strengthen the bonds of our community. Bring healing to all who suffer sickness and assist those whose skill and art can help them in their time of need. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

DIocese YEARBOOKS FOR 2025. We have been informed there is a delay in the release of these books, but as soon as they are received, we will let parishioners know so that any wishing to, can purchase the same.

HEALTH & SAFETY: We have been advised that no children (children under the age of 12) should be going up into the choir loft. Please can anyone with children, ensure they remain downstairs for masses going forwards. Can we also request everyone ensure kneelers are placed back into the **upright position after use**. It appears that some pews have been moved. The position they were in was approved by Health and Safety at the Archdiocese and should not be moved for any reason.

VOLUNTEERS - We are again asking for volunteers to help support the parish in many areas. Please see any one of the supporting volunteers should you be interested in any capacity. In the coming weeks, we will advertise specific positions and explain the commitment needed.

MESSAGE FOR CLEANERS. Mrs. Robinson has confirmed that if the cleaning crews and/or other volunteers attending church during the school day, use the pedestrian gate on Cardiff Road to enter, they need not sign into school. They can enter and exit the church grounds and indeed the church building via the pedestrian gate and Sacristy entrance and not disturb the school at all. Since the locks were changed on the gates, this is now probably the best option for anyone attending when it is not a weekend or school holidays. If there are any questions or queries on this, please do not hesitate to speak to Kate.

NOTICE FOR OUR CHILDREN : Every Sunday, in the porch, there will be 'Liturgy Packs' available on first come, first served basis, for young children to take during mass. These packs will include the Gospel story and some colouring/puzzles for children to enjoy during the mass. The colouring sheets will be available for children to take home with them but we do ask that the colouring pencils and other reuseable materials provided be returned at the end of mass so that they can be used again the following week. If anyone has any questions about this, please do not hesitate to see Kate at the end of mass. Our hope is that this will encourage children's understanding and ensure they can attend mass regularly.

KEYHOLDERS OF THE CHURCH : Can anyone who holds keys for the Church building or the safe in the Sacristy, or both, make themselves known to Kate as we have a new directive where we will require either keys returned to us or the keyholder to complete a new keyholder form for the Archdiocese. Kate can arrange to provide the new form and then receive it back in order to supply to the Archdiocese directly.

MASS INTENTIONS		READERS
26.01.25.	Mary O'Connor †	SUNDAY 26.01.25. 1 st Reading – John H Psalm – Sung 2 nd Reading – James Prayers of the Faithful - Evie
02.02.25.	Fr. Gordan Thompson †	
09.02.25.	Robert Dack † (30 years)	
16.02.25.	Madeliene & William Bray †	SUNDAY 02.02.25. 1 st Reading –Peter Psalm – Sung 2 nd Reading – Karen Prayers of the Faithful – Evie Collections: 12.01.25. – To be given later.
23.02.25.	Marie Ayres-Regan †	
02.03.25.	Mary T. Regan †	
09.03.25.	Liliana & John Conti	
16.03.25.	Glenys Harvey †	
<p>Mass intentions: It is Canon Law for there to be only one intention per mass celebration. Therefore, if anyone would like to have a mass on a specific date, it will need to be booked in advance. If you wish to book a Mass intention, please fill in an envelope which can be found in the church porch and post it in the box also in the church porch.</p>		

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES - Father Mathew will hold the first Baptism Preparation Class on Sunday 16th February at 12noon following 10am Holy Mass. For those who have already expressed an interest, via completion of the forms from Kate, you will be contacted over the coming weeks with further details. For those wishing to express an interest, please take a form from the porch and return to Kate or email Kate on maesglas@rcadc.org and a form can be emailed to you. Preparation Classes will run every two months (depending on need/interest) following this first class in February. The second preparation class is scheduled for Sunday 27th April at 12noon and is available should anyone be unable to make the first scheduled class. For further details, please contact Kate. To confirm, attendance is only necessary at ONE of the Preparation classes, but Baptism ceremony dates will not be able to be booked until completion of the preparation course and completion of further paperwork available at the preparation class.

CAFOD is looking for new volunteers to join their **Education volunteer programme** visiting schools in Cardiff-Menevia. Full training will be provided and travel expenses covered. Please get in touch with Kate if you or a friend would like to know more.

FOLK CHOIR –Rehearsals are every Monday evening 7.30pm-8.30pm. Please come and join us in this vital Ministry.



QR CODES - There are now many QR codes around the church on posters on the walls and on some of the pews. These are for anyone who wishes to donate to the parish but may not have cash readily available.

KIDS BULLETIN - THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

'ONE BODY' WORD-FIND


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 NPROPHETSNCH
 RISMELLSTGOD



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SAINT PAUL tells us that we have been BAPTIZED into the ONE body of CHRIST which is the CHURCH. There are MANY MEMBERS, but they all work TOGETHER and CARE for each other. But the parts of a BODY are not ALL the same as each other! An EYE is different from an ear, and a HAND is not the same as a FOOT. If all your body

was an EAR, then how could you SMELL?
 In the Church there are many different GIFTS. Some people are APOSTLES, some are PROPHETS, some are TEACHERS. Some people have the gift of HEALING. GOD has made all these different sorts of people to work together in the Church.

