

St. David's R.C. Church

Park Crescent,
Maesglas, Newport

Third Sunday of Advent

15.12.24. - 21.12.24. Year C PW3

Parish of the
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9.30 am Confession and Adoration

10.00 am Mass Latin Rite

The office is now operating on an appointment only basis and will no longer hold regular hours weekly. Please still feel free to contact Kate via email as necessary or to make an appointment



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

GAUDETTE SUNDAY - REJOICE

SUNDAY READINGS -

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18

Psalm: Is 12:2-6

Response: **Sing and shout for joy**

For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

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

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.

He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES:

Christmas Eve 5.00 pm Carol Singing.
5.30 pm Mass.

Christmas Day 10.00 am Mass.

There will be a **Collection TODAY for Christmas flowers and decorations** (we apologise for not giving more notice). We can also take donations for the flowers next week if you haven't any cash to spare today.

READERS We need another one reader for Christmas Eve and three for Christmas Day if possible. Can we ask that if anyone is willing and available that they speak to Kate so she can make arrangements (she can also provide confirmation of the readings beforehand if required).



The season of **ADVENT** observed in the four weeks leading up to Christmas day. It is a time of anticipation, preparation, and deepening faith. As we prepare to celebrate Christ's coming at Christmas, Advent invites us to look forward to His eventual return. Each Sunday of Advent centres on a theme: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

The Gift of Your Presence: Joy

Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, is marked by joy. Zephaniah speaks of God's delight in His people, while Paul calls us to rejoice always. True joy comes from a deep trust in God's presence and His promises, even during life's many challenges. The Gospel reminds us that this joy is not selfish—it flows outward through generosity and kindness towards others.

Think of someone who may be struggling to feel joyful this season. Reach out to them with a note, a call, a helping hand or a small gift to brighten their day.

Prayer

Lord of Joy, fill our hearts with Your Spirit this Advent. Help us to rejoice in Your presence and share the joy of Your love with those we meet. May we become signs of Your joy in the world. Amen.

THE PIETY STALL – Copies of the new Sunday Missals are now available in the Piety stall, Hardbacks £25.00, Softback £15.00 these are competitive prices. Prayer books that have been requested are on order and will hopefully be with us in the next couple of weeks. Apologies for the delay on this. Also, that the Weekday missals with the new Lectionary have not been released from our supplier as yet and so these will not be available until Spring next year. Please support our church by buying your Christmas cards and various other religious cards from us, we also have a small range of beautiful tree decorations, they are excellent quality and one holy decoration on your tree is a way of showing why the tree is there.



The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams



CONFIRMATION 2025. - Registration is now open!

We are pleased to announce that the Archbishop will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 2nd July 2025 for All Saints Parish which will include anyone from St David’s Parish. Sacramental preparation for our young people is open to Year 8 and above. To sign up please use this online form found here:

<https://allsaintsrcnewport.org.uk/sacraments/confirmation/>. We will be in touch once all dates confirmed. Registration closes on the **15th December** and classes will begin in January 2025.

WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS: Please pray for the sick and elderly in our parish and those in hospital, especially **Ann and David Evans** who are poorly, they attended St. David’s for many years. Please contact maesglas@rcadc.org to let us know of anyone who is sick or in hospital so that we may pray for them.

O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need: We humbly beseech thee to behold, visit, and relieve thy sick servants for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon them with the eyes of thy mercy; comfort them with a sense of thy goodness; preserve them from the temptations of the enemy; and give them patience under their affliction. In thy good time, restore them to health, and enable them to lead the residue of their life in thy fear, and to thy glory, we ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



St. David’s Children’s Liturgy

CHILDREN’S LITURGY

- Will resume on the third Sunday of every month from Sunday 19th January

2025. Thank you to Emelia and John Saunders for coming forward for this.

REFLECTION ON ADVENT. In this season of Advent, we prepare and travel with Mary and Joseph towards Bethlehem and to all that is about to unfold. In this journey we are encouraged to be alert and sensitive to the many different ways God comes among us. It is a time of miracles, of witnessing the unexpected and the power of grace in our lives.

The birth of this child has both theological and ecological significance. Luke’s story celebrates God’s unconditional embrace of all beings of our planet, revealed in Jesus’ birth. This is seen in the truth and mystery sung by the angels to the shepherds and in the repeated sign, of Jesus ‘wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger’. This cloth was used to show the shepherds where to find Jesus. It was the same type of cloth that lambs were wrapped in to protect them from being marked, especially for the Passover where a spotless lamb was required for the sacrificial offering. Therefore, Jesus’ presence in a humble manger, itself a product of the earth and surrounded with animals, highlights Jesus as a child of the earth as much as of the spirit. A child that becomes the Lamb of God. The ecological implications of this reality provide us with a wonderful opportunity to reflect on Jesus’ birth in both cosmic as well as spiritual terms.

Extract on Advent from Archdiocese of Cardiff Website.



MASS INTENTIONS		READERS
15.12.24.	Father Gordon Thompson †	15.12.24. 1 st Reading – Mary (Sen) Psalm – Sung 2 nd Reading – John T
22.12.24.	Ann Monaghan †	
29.12.24.	Cor O’Connor †	
05.01.25.	Maureen & Patrick Nwoga's family (Thanksgiving)	22.12.24. 1 st Reading – John H Psalm – John H 2 nd Reading – James From the start of 2025 Mass intentions in the newsletter will only be shown for the current month, but don’t panic Kate has a list of all intentions sent in. Collection: 08.12.24. £119.09
12.01.25.	Father Gordon Thompson †	
19.01.25.	Jack Harvey †	
26.01.25.	Mary O’Connor †	
02.02.25.	Fr. Gordan Thompson †	
09.02.25.	Robert Dack † (30 years)	
16.02.25.	Madeline & William Bray †	
23.02.25.	Marie Ayres Regan †	
02.03.25.	Mary T Regan †	
16.03.25.	Glenys Harvey †	
23.03.25.	Fr. Gordon Thompson †	
30.03.25.	Gertrude & Elizabeth Bray & Margaret Collins †	

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.

PLEASE NOTE THE MACHINE IN THE CHURCH CURRENTLY IS NOT SET UP TO DONATE TO OUR LATIN RITE COMMUNITY AND IS ONLY SERVICING THE SYRO-MALABAR COMMUNITY.

Kid’s Bulletin

Third Sunday of Advent -December 15th, 2024

I AM BAPTISING YOU WITH WATER, BUT ONE WORTHIER THAN I IS COMING TO UNTIE THE THONG OF HIS SANDALS. HE WILL BAPTISE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND WITH FIRE.



God sent Saint John the Baptist to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus. What did he say when some of the people Thought that he might be the saviour?
Turn the paper upside down to read the above text!

HEALTH & SAFETY: Can we kindly 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.



FOLK CHOIR – we are looking for new members of all ages and abilities to join and help spread the load, rehearsals are Monday 7.30pm - 8.30pm in church. We sing at Mass every 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of the month. ALL are very welcome, and we look forward to seeing you.

