



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS.

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| Sunday September 11th 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Yr C. <i>Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; Psalm 50(51): 3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32</i> Psalter Week 4; Yr 2, Week 24 | Sat. Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am 10.30am | James Hursey anniv. (TL) Christopher McNally anniv. (EM) Sian John RIP (SP) |
| Monday 12th <i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i> | 9.30am | Peter Griffiths (MTG) |
| Tuesday 13th <i>St John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> | 9.30am | Fr Peter Robertson RIP Birthday anniv.(NE) |
| Wednesday 14th THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (FEAST) | 9.30am | Walter Dyer |
| Thursday 15th <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i> | 7.00pm | `Rocky` Rockminster RIP (JB) |
| Friday 16th <i>Sts Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i> | 9.30am 3.00pm | Ted Harte anniv. (ET) <i>Chaplet of Divine Mercy</i> |
| Saturday 17th <i>St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> | 10.00am 10.30-11am | John & Marie Snaize anniv. (JW) Exposition and Confessions |
| Sunday September 18th HOME MISSION SUNDAY 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Yr C. <i>Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 112(113): 1-2, 4-8; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13</i> Psalter Week 1; Yr 2, Week 25 | Sat. Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am 10.30am | Private Intention (JM) Anthony Micallef (TH) Parish Community |
| Cycle of Prayer (<i>From September to Christ the King</i>): The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families. | | |

CONFESSIONS: after Saturday morning Mass, or from 6.00pm – 6.15pm Saturday evening, and on request.

MARIAN DEVOTION: Decade of the Rosary after each weekday Mass.

EXPOSITION and BENEDICTION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT: following the Saturday morning Mass.

VESPERS AND BENEDICTION: Usually first Sunday of each month at 5pm. Check newsletter.

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Please remember in your prayers: The sick and elderly clergy and religious of the diocese; Janet Blackburn, Joe Blackburn, June Blackhurst, Joan Bowden, John Fowler, Gina Grattorolla, Gwyneth Isaacs, Rose Lamprey, Barbara Little, Kath Milford, Anita Oakley, Doris Renninghoff, Audrey Robinson, Veronica Sked, Tony Taylor, John Williams, Carol Williams, and all other members of our parish who are unwell at this time.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: `Rocky` Rockminster.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: Jim Taylor, Emily Oxnard, Ronald Price, Eddie Zanetti, Mary Frawley, Edward Hayes, Mrs Mullaney, Walter Dyer, Edward Hayes, Margaret Briggs, Maureen Power, Stewart Levitt, Kath Davies, Edward Harte, Sr Jane Frances, Fr Oswald Lofthouse.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: September 2016 is "Awareness Month" for the SVP. **FACT: There are about 1 million lonely people aged over 65 in the UK.** Around 8,000 volunteer members make nearly half a million visits each year to socially isolated people living in their own homes or in care homes or in hospital. They offer friendship as well as practical help where this is needed. Loneliness is increasing in England and Wales, and the SVP are looking for people who would like to offer a friendly word on a regular basis. If you would like to know more about the SVP or become a member of our parish SVP Group, please speak to Fr Mansel or a member of the SVP, or visit <http://svp.org.uk/> **SVP Pilgrimage Mass at Our Lady of the Taper, Cardigan Sunday 25th Sept. 3pm.**

SUNDAY OFFERING:

Last Sunday 14th: £807

This Sunday there will be a Second Collection at all Masses for Education Sunday. **Next** Sunday's Second collection will be for Home Mission Sunday. Many thanks for your generous support.

Our Lady's Lamp: £5 per 7-day candle. Special envelopes in porch. This week: Monica Davies

200 Club: August Winners: £40: Maria Grant (28); £20: Maria Richardson (116); £10: Norman Thomas (176). Subs due **THIS** Weekend. New Members Welcome.

Rotas (18th September)**Extraordinary Ministers:**

6.30pm: W. Graham

8.30am: T. O'Donoghue

10.30am: *Brynfield*: T. Morgan

West Cross: N. Evans

Mumbles: M. Williams

Flowers: Ann Lane, Diane Davies, Andrea Lehane

Cleaning: Ann Stewart, Anne Bowen, Andrea Lehane

FOOD DONATIONS: The Sisters of Charity in the Strand, Swansea, are deeply grateful for your generous donations of food for the poor and needy. Please continue to give generously.

LECTIO DIVINA: Tuesday Sept. 20th at 7pm.

SVP: Meet Wednesday 14th Sept at 7pm. All welcome.

RETURN TO SCHOOL: We pray for all our children, teachers and staff in our schools, as they return to school after the summer holidays.

CAFOD: Many thanks to Sue Phillipart who has very generously accepted the role of CAFOD representative for the parish. There will be a **CAFOD Harvest Fast Day** on Friday 7th Oct. **Mass of Thanksgiving for the Harvest on Sunday 16th Oct. at 10.30am**, followed by a Harvest lunch in the Hall. Tickets £5, proceeds to CAFOD. Sue will be giving a brief presentation at all Masses on the weekend of 1st/2nd Oct.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO CHURCH AND HALL: Following successful meetings with the designer and the Diocesan Land and Properties Officer details will be presented to the meeting of the Diocesan Finance, Land and Properties Committee on Sept. 15th. If successful, the details will be presented to a meeting of the Diocesan Trustees on Sept. 29th.

AWAY: SWANSEA SICK TO LOURDES: From Tues. 13th to Thurs. 23rd Sept. I shall be assisting with the SSL Pilgrimage to Lourdes along with Fr Cenydd Marrison. If you have any special prayers, intentions and Masses you would like to have said in Lourdes you can drop them in through the letterbox at No. 22, or hand them to me. I shall pray for you all at the grotto. ****If, **while I am away**, you need a priest in an **emergency ONLY**, please telephone Mgr Brian Kinrade on 366305. If you need a priest to visit Singleton Hospital telephone Fr Carlito Reyes on 202447.****

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME: Sr Margaret Fitzgerald has 3 places available from 24th – 31st October 2016. 3 nights in Rome, 2 nights in Assisi; 2 nights in San Giovanni Rotondo. Cost £831. Contact Sr Margaret Fitzgerald on 473453.

THANKS FOR PRAYERS AND GOOD WISHES: Joe Blackburn wishes to thank all parishioners for their prayers and support for him during his recent sickness, and for his wife Janet. We keep them both in our prayers and their son Jonathan during this difficult time for them. Special thanks to Jackie and Maurice Rees for their care and hospitality.

CALLING ALL FLOWER ARRANGERS: Mumbles Festival of Arts and Music is being held in All Saints from the 17th to the 25th Sept. (leaflets in the porch). As part of this Festival we have been asked to create a floral display for one of the church window sills. If you would wish to be involved in this challenging project and are free on the morning of Friday 16th Sept. to assemble the display, please contact Joy Stafford on 01792 361029.

NATIONAL MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS: Organised by the Guild of St Stephen, Sunday 17th Sept. 2.30pm at Westminster Cathedral. We pray for all who serve in our churches that they may serve with increasing reverence and prayerfulness and thereby be led to a deepening response to their vocation in life. We pray also for an increase in servers in this parish. And we give thanks to Ffion Byrne for her many years of dedicated serving here at Our Lady Star of the Sea. Successful A Level results means Ffion will soon begin her studies at Bristol University and we wish her all the best. Ffion also took part in a **SPONSORED WALK** for HCPT last Sunday. Sponsor forms still available in the porch.

HOME-BAKED CAKE SALE: (Only 2 more to go!!)

After ALL Masses 1st/2nd Oct. Proceeds to Parish Projects (Re-covering of Hall Chairs).

**Wednesday Coffee Morning:**

After 9.30am Mass. Delicious Coffee and Homemade cakes. Second hand books on sale in the hall.



A dentist is working on a patient's teeth when he asks her if she wouldn't mind screaming loudly. She obliges and then asks the dentist why? "I've got a train to catch in 30 minutes," he replies, "and the waiting room is packed."

An Imponderable: "If you try to fail but succeed, which have you done?"

WELCOME TO VISITORS: PLEASE JOIN US FOR TEA/COFFEE AND A FRIENDLY CHAT AFTER SUNDAY MASSES

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