



# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS.

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| <b>Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Yr C.</b><br><i>2 Kings 5:14-17; Psalm 97(98): 1-4;</i><br><i>2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19</i><br><b>Psalter Week 4; Yr 2, Week 28</b>  | Sat. Vigil      6.30pm<br>Sunday            8.30am<br>10.30am | Jim Elliot RIP (BR)<br>Parish Community<br>Justin Thomas RIP (JB)                |
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.30am  | Roslyn Hay (TH)  |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>   | 10.00am   | Funeral Mass Emma Rossi RIP  |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>   | 9.30am  | Mona Williams (MW)   |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>  | 7.00pm  | Bryn Morris RIP anniv. (MM)  |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.30am<br>3.00pm  | Queenie Edwards RIP (AL)<br><i>Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Holy Rosary</i>       |
| Saturday October 15 <sup>th</sup><br><i>St Theresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i>   | 10.00am<br><br><b>10.30-11am</b>                              | John Leonard RIP (EL)<br><br><b>Exposition and Confessions</b>                   |
| <b>Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup> Harvest Sunday</b><br><b>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Yr C.</b><br><i>Exodus 17:8-13; Psalm 120(121);</i><br><i>2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2; Luke 18:1-8</i><br><b>Psalter Week 1; Yr 2, Week 29</b>                                    | Sat. Vigil      6.30pm<br>Sunday            8.30am<br>10.30am | Lily Fussell RIP anniv. (JS)<br>Parish Community<br>Thanksgiving for the Harvest |
| <b><u>Cycle of Prayer</u></b> ( <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. Holy Rosary each Friday in October from 3pm.

**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, 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:** John Leonard, Emma Rossi, Jim Elliot, Lynda Collins, Veronica Beer, Iolanda Fletcher, John Edge.

**FUNERALS:** Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of John Leonard, Emma Rossi and Veronica Beer. The Funeral Service of John Leonard will take place at Morryston Crematorium on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 11am. The Funeral Mass of Emma Rossi will take place here on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 10am, followed by interment at Oystermouth Cemetery. The funeral of Veronica Beer will take place here on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 10am, followed by cremation at Morryston Crematorium at 11.30am.

**WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME:** Pat Taylor, Guiseppe Cascarini, Sheila Jones, Gladys Ford, Luciano Suarez-Ucha, Timothy Ahern, Maureen Gunning, Giovanni Covello, Kalib Nouri, Marie Nicholson, Bryn Morris, John Fleming, Joseph Bradley, Mark Pope, Lilian Fitzgerald, Eileen Dickson, Teresa M<sup>c</sup>Coy, Fr Seamus O`Higgins, Fr Martin M<sup>c</sup>Cormack, Fr Edward Keegan, Fr Edward Flanagan.

**OCTOBER MONTH OF THE ROSARY:** During the month of October, the praying of the Rosary is especially recommended. A plenary indulgence may be gained by reciting five decades of the Rosary in Church, as a family at home, as a religious community, or as a pious fraternity, or in general wherever several persons have gathered for a good purpose; in other circumstances a partial indulgence may be gained. Each Friday in October we shall pray five decades of the Holy Rosary after the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3pm.

**SUNDAY OFFERING:**

Last Sunday: £875.  
 Cake Sale: £166.  
 Second Collection THIS Sunday  
 for Church Flowers.  
 Many thanks for your generous  
 support.

**OCTOBER MASS COUNT:**

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| Sat.   | 6.30pm:  | 48  |
| Sun.   | 8.30am:  | 76  |
|        | 10.30am: | 78  |
| Total: |          | 202 |

**200 Club:** September Winners:

£40: T. O`Donoghue (138)

£20: B. Gregory (85)

£10: E. Thomas (104)

Subs collected THIS weekend.

New Members Welcome.

**Rotas (16<sup>th</sup> October)****Extraordinary Ministers:**

6.30pm: M. Whitmore

8.30am: T. O`Donoghue

10.30am: *Brynfield*: A. Lane*West Cross*: D. Davies*Mumbles*: T. Lane**Flowers:** A. Lane, D. Davies, A. Lehane**Cleaning:** A. Lane, L. Lyons, D. Davies

**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.

**Our Lady`s Lamp:** £5 per 7-day candle. Special  
 Envelopes in porch. This week: Liliana Hacke

**“AMY DILLWYN”**

Come and join us  
 for an afternoon  
 with the novelist,  
 businesswoman  
 and social  
 benefactor on  
 Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 October at 4pm  
 in the Hall.  
 Admission by  
 donation,  
 includes  
 complimentary  
 Victorian Tea.

**OCTOBER MASS COUNT: Last weekend: 202.**

A count of everyone present at each Sunday Mass over the four weekends of October is made to provide statistics for the local and universal Church. Last year our average weekend attendance during October was **253** (*Catholic Province of Cardiff, Wales & Herefordshire Directory and Year Book 2016*). The following is taken from the **Catholic Universe 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016**: “How many people attend your parish Masses on any given weekend? Multiply that figure by four, and you have, very roughly, the number of non-church going Catholics living in your parish. For a parish with 200 present at weekend Masses, there are 800 Catholics who are not there. Those 800 may be present once or twice a year, or may re-connect with the parish for sacramental moments, but they are not regularly or frequently present as part of the worshipping community. And that is a great sadness to families, the parish in particular and the Church as a whole.” Whilst it is not a new pastoral reality that a significant number of baptised Catholics rarely or never attend church, the worry and anxiety experienced by mass-going parents, siblings and grandparents of this group of people, is deep and heartfelt. Nearly every mass-goer holds in their heart at least one person in their family who seems distant from the life of faith. We have a rich faith and community life to offer and a desire to welcome back non-churchgoing Catholics in our parish. The gift of the Gospel and the power of doing simple things well can help our fellow Catholics reconnect with the treasures of life with God in the Church.” For information about the Bishops of England and Wales Conference initiative **Crossing the Threshold** visit: <http://www.cbcew.org.uk/CBCEW-Home/Departments/Evangelisation-and-Catechesis/Crossing-the-Threshold-Non-Churchgoing-Catholics> or take a leaflet from the porch.

**MAKING MISSIONARY DISCIPLES:** Blessed Sacrament Church, Gorseinon, Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 10.30am – 3pm, given by Hannah Vaughan Spencer, Director of Evangelisation at St Elizabeth of Portugal RC Church, Richmond. (Bring packed lunch). Details on notice board.

**CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY:** Please put your offerings in the basket in the porch. **Mass of Thanksgiving for the Harvest on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct. at 10.30am**, followed by a Harvest lunch in the Hall. Why not `bring a plate` to share. Tickets £5 on the door, proceeds to CAFOD.

**LECTIO DIVINA:** Tuesday Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**SVP:** Meeting Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm. All welcome.

**PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Meeting Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.

**APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA:** Sailors have great need for: warm clothing (new/used, good condition), sweaters, T-shirts, socks, gloves and scarves; also toiletries, including cream for chapped skin and simple medication. The most requested item is **Caps, Caps and MORE Caps!!!** Gifts and donations gratefully received. Contact Maureen Davies 367211.

**MISSIO (RED) BOXES:** Now due to be counted. Please bring to Church or phone Jackie on 601058 for collection.

**SVP ANNUAL MATTHEW MULCAHY CHARITY WALK:** in aid of `Feed My Lambs, Baby Feeding Programme in Sudan.` This Sunday. Walkers and Sponsors needed. Details in porch.

Entering a small country store, a stranger saw a sign saying: “Beware of the dog.” He looked around but all he could see was a harmless old dog lying fast asleep on the floor next to the counter. The stranger said to the store owner: “Is that the dog folks are supposed to beware of?” “That`s him,” said the owner. “He doesn`t look dangerous to me”, said the stranger. “Why did you put the sign up?” “Cos people keep tripping over him!” said the owner

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

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