

# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*'Love God, Love Learning, Love Life'*

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS.

<b>Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup></b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT Yr A.</b> <i>Isaiah: 2:1-5; Psalm 121(122): 1-2, 4-5, 6-9;</i> <i>Romans 13:11-14; Matthew: 24:37-44.</i> <b>Psalter Week 1; Yr 1, Advent Week 1</b>	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am 10.30am	Yolanda Fletcher RIP (JM) Parish Community Arthur Meredith RIP (SVP)
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent</i>	9.30am	Fr John Murphy
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent</i>	9.30am	John Leonard RIP (Coode Family)
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> <b>St Andrew, Apostle (Feast)</b>	9.30am	Mike O`Kane RIP anniv.
Thursday, December 1 <sup>st</sup> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent</i>	7.00pm	SVP Mumbles 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent</i>	9.30am 10.30am 3.00pm	Helen Richards RIP <i>St David's School Advent Service</i> <i>Chaplet of Divine Mercy</i>
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> <i>St Francis Xavier, Priest</i> <i>Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees</i>	10.00am 10.30-11am	Roberto Cascarini (MR) <i>Exposition and Confessions</i>
<b>Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup></b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT Yr A.</b> <i>Isaiah: 11:1-10; Psalm 71(72): 1-2, 7-8, 12-13,</i> <i>17; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew: 3:1-12.</i> <b>Psalter Week 2; Yr 1, Advent Week 2</b>	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am 10.30am 5pm	Bill O`Brien RIP (GO`B) Parish Community Molly Clinton RIP (SW) <i>Vespers and Benediction</i>
<b>Cycle of Prayer</b> ( <i>During Advent and Christmastide</i> ): Openness to the Word of God; for Migrants and Refugees; and for Expectant Mothers.		

**CONFESSIONS:** after Saturday morning Mass, and 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; Cath Baker, Janet Blackburn, June Blackhurst, Joan Bowden, John Fowler, Gina Grattorolla, Gwyneth Isaacs, Kitty Jewell, Rose Lamprey, Barbara Little, Kath and Colin 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:** Arthur Meredith.

**WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME:** Mary White, Catherine Doel, Susan Davies, Francis Hayes, Malcolm Dacey, Colin Lamprey, John Williams, Ronald Edge, Patrick Vaughan, Stuart Lloyd, Patrick Aldridge, Bernard Reynolds, Francis Saunders, Roberto Cascarini, Denis Croft, Fr Thomas Turner, Fr John Kenneth Hughes, Fr John O`Connell, Fr Bonaventure Welsford, Bro. Dominic O.C.S.O.

**ADVENT:** Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas, when Christ's first coming to us is remembered: and as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation. As with the season of Lent, while there are many ways of preparing, the importance of stillness and silence should not be overlooked.

**SUNDAY OFFERING:**

Last Sunday: £837.  
Second Collection NEXT weekend for Church Flowers. Many thanks for your generous support.

**200 Club:** November Winners:

£40: M. Ryan (113)  
£20: E. Thomas (58)  
£10: A. Lane (78)  
Subs due **THIS** weekend  
New Members Welcome.

**Our Lady's Lamp:** £5 per 7-day candle. This week:  
Private Intention (C&R).

**Rotas (4<sup>th</sup> December)**

**Extraordinary Ministers:**

6.30pm: Brian Hughes  
8.30am: Gaye Clee  
10.30am: *Brynfield:* Joan Morgan  
*West Cross:* Maggie Morris  
*Mumbles:* Eileen Waters

**Flowers:** *No Flowers During Advent*

**Cleaning:** Stephanie Jefferies, Wendy Graham

**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.



***PARISH FILM NIGHT***  
***"PADDINGTON"***

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 7pm.  
Donation £3. *All Welcome.*



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION:** There will be a meeting with all parents of First Holy Communion **AND** Confirmation children on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in the Hall. Confirmation classes begin on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 4.45pm in the hall. The First Holy Communion Classes will begin on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm in the hall.



**SVP MASS:** A Mass of Celebration and Thanksgiving to mark the 30th Anniversary of the Mumbles Parish Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be said on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7pm**, followed by light refreshments in the Hall. We extend an open invitation to past Members and all parishioners, in thanksgiving for all the wonderful support received over the years.

**WALK WITH ME ADVENT BOOKLETS:** providing an ideal way to help prepare for the coming of a great light into our lives, "...the light that shines in the darkness, a light that the darkness cannot overcome" (Jn 1:15). Available in the porch. Suggested donation 50p.

**ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION AT BELMONT ABBEY:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Bus leaves West Cross shops at 8.30am. Cost £10 plus suggested donation to Belmont Abbey £10. See notice board for sign-up sheet. Deposit payable.

**ADVENT SERVICE OF RECOLLECTION:** Here on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. Fr Jason Jones and Fr Andrzej from Sacred Heart Church, Morryston, will be available to hear confessions.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS:** Advent Calendars and other goodies now on sale in the porch.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS SUPPER/GRAND PRIZE DRAW:** Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm. (**Reserve name list only now available**). Prize Draw tickets £1 per strip available in porch; please return counterfoils showing name, tel.no. & cash in envelope provided (see sample ticket in porch) **ASAP**. All proceeds to **AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED "Shine a Light in Advent Appeal"** helping persecuted Christians around the world, especially at Christmas. Thank you for your support.

**CHRISTMAS WREATHS:** Now available to order from Ann Lane. See order form in porch. Cost £10 (profit to CAFOD).

**LECTIO DIVINA:** Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm.

**BEYOND CARAVAGGIO:** National Gallery, London. Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> January. Cost £39. Bus leaves West Cross shops at 6am. See notice board for details.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN:** Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday May 19<sup>th</sup> 2017. Flying from Heathrow to Madrid; staying at the Royal English College, Valladolid, and visiting Avila, Segovia, Salamanca and Leon. Cost £850. **Spaces limited to 20 only**. Contact Fr Mansel to register your interest and for details.

**THE FINAL HOME-BAKED CHRISTMAS THEME CAKE SALE:**

**After ALL THIS WEEKEND.** Proceeds to Parish Projects (Re-covering of Hall Chairs).

*A school class goes on a field trip to the local police station where they see pictures of the country's ten most wanted criminals. A little boy points to a picture and asks if it really is the photo of wanted person. "Yes", said the policeman. "The detectives want to capture him very badly." The boy replies: "So why didn't you keep him when you took his picture?"*