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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS.

Sunday December 11th 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT Yr A. GAUDE SUNDAY and Rite of Enrolment for Confirmation <i>Isaiah: 35:1-6, 10; Psalm 145(146):6-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew: 11:2-11.</i> Psalter Week 3; Yr 1, Advent Week 3	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am 10.30am	Teresa Black RIP (MM) Yolanda Fletcher RIP (J&AJ) Parish Community
Monday 12 th <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	9.30am 2.00pm 7.00pm	Maureen & Patrick O`Connell (KA) Mass at St David`s School <i>Bishop Vaughan School Carol Service at St Joseph`s Cathedral. All Welcome</i>
Tuesday 13 th <i>St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</i>	9.30am	Brian Thomas anniv. (ET)
Wednesday 14 th <i>St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church.</i>	9.30am	Andrea Davies (M&JG)
Thursday 15 th <i>3rd Week of Advent</i>	7.00pm	Sick & Retired Clergy
Friday 16 th <i>3rd Week of Advent</i>	9.30am 3.00pm	Jim Elliot RIP (T&AL) <i>Chaplet of Divine Mercy</i>
Saturday 17 th <i>3rd Week of Advent</i>	10.00am 10.30-11am	Jim Elliot RIP (AB) <i>Exposition and Confessions</i>
Sunday December 18th 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT Yr A. <i>Isaiah: 7:10-14; Psalm 23(24):1-6; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew: 1:18-24.</i> Psalter Week 4; Yr 1, Advent Week 4	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am 10.30am 12.30	Eileen Roberts (VJ, LL, MA) Parish Community David Cook (MR) <i>Baptism</i>
Monday 19th December <i>4th Week of Advent</i>	9.30am 7.00pm	Arthur Meredith RIP (ET) <i>Service of Reconciliation; visiting priests available for individual confession.</i>
Cycle of Prayer (During Advent and Christmastide): Openness to the Word of God; for Migrants and Refugees; and for Expectant Mothers.		
CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES		
SATURDAY 24TH DECEMBER, CHRISTMAS EVE		CHRISTMAS DAY
No Morning Mass 5.40pm 6.00pm Vigil Mass 11.45pm Midnight Mass	Children`s Nativity Brian Davies RIP (MD) Carols Pat & Jim Taylor (JR)	9.30am Mass of Christmas Day Bill Bowling anniv. (KB)
		Monday 26th December Feast of St Stephen
		11.30am Parish Community

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, Roy Millar, Anita Oakley, Doris Renninghoff, Audrey Robinson, Veronica Sked, Tony Taylor, John Williams, and all members of our parish who are unwell at this time.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Sarah Charlwood, Carol Williams.

JIM ELLIOT RIP: Mrs Regina Elliot has written to the parish expressing her sincere thanks for all the love and support she has received following the passing of her husband Jim, expressed in the many Mass cards, prayers, phone calls and sympathy cards, all of which have brought her great comfort at this sad time.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: Peter Hughes, Jeanette Howells, Brian Thomas, Neville Rees, Rena Hatton, Mary Gardener, Joyce Lloyd, Diane O`Hanlon, Margaret Crozier, Ita Kurek, Peter Creamer, Gerald Clement, Allan Pritchard, Mary Daniels, William Brimacombe, Fr John Tole, Fr Michael Finlan, Fr Charles Roberts.

BAPTISM: Please remember in your prayers Dillon Davies who will be welcomed into God`s Holy Family through the Sacrament of Baptism here next Sunday at 12.30pm.

ADVENT: *“Let us love God, brothers [and sisters], let us love God, but let it be with the strength of our arms and the sweat of our brows; for very often many acts of love of God, of devotion, and of other similar affections and interior practices of a tender heart, although very good and desirable, are, nevertheless, very suspect if they don` t translate into the practice of effective love.”*(Advent and Christmas Wisdom from St Vincent de Paul; John E. Rybolt CM; Ligouri, 2012).

SUNDAY OFFERING:

Last Sunday: £834.
Church Flowers: £258. Many thanks for your generous support.

200 Club: December Bonus Prize

Winners:
£80: Mrs Healings (223)
£40: John Hunt (91)
£20: Barbara Mainwaring (39)
New Members Welcome.

Our Lady`s Lamp: £5 per 7-day candle. This week: Gina O`Brien

Rotas (18th December)

Extraordinary Ministers:

6.30pm: Wendy Graham
8.30am: Tess O`Donoghue
10.30am: *Brynfield:* Tony Morgan
West Cross: Norma Evans
Mumbles: Maureen Williams

Flowers: *No Flowers During Advent*

Cleaning: Christine Morris, Colleen Brennan, Brian White.

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

“MR

HOLMES”

Friday 6th

January at 7pm.

Donation £3. All

Welcome.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION: Please remember in your prayers the following children who are now preparing for the second and third sacraments of initiation into the Catholic Church:

First Holy Communion: Dillon Davies, Taliesin Cox and Lauren Oshisanya. To take place at 10.30am on Trinity Sunday 11th June 2017. **Confirmation:** Francesca Hedden, Heidi Rees, Connor Isaac-Clarke, Isaac Evans, Adam Murphy, Eoghan Doheny. To be conferred by Bishop Tom Burns here on Saturday July 1st 2017 at 6.30pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Class meets on Monday 12th December at 4pm in the Hall.

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

PARISH CHRISTMAS SUPPER/GRAND PRIZE DRAW: Many thanks to all who helped prepare the Hall, the catering and the entertainment which resulted in a wonderful evening on Friday. And to all who donated prizes, bought raffle tickets and helped in any way. List of prize winners and unclaimed prizes (which can be collected from the hall) on notice board. All proceeds to **AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED “Shine a Light in Advent Appeal”** helping persecuted Christians around the world, especially at Christmas. <http://www.acnuk.org/shine-a-light-campaign>

CAFOD AT ST DAVID`S SCHOOL: On Thursday before the season of Advent began, Mrs Angela Heald, acting Headteacher at St David`s Primary School invited CAFOD South Wales to talk to the pupils about World Gifts. See more at <https://cafodsouthwales.wordpress.com/2016/12/06/world-gifts-and-compassion-at-st-davids-school/>

LECTIO DIVINA: Tuesday 10th January at 7pm. **SVP:** Meet on Wednesday 14th December at 7pm. All welcome.

It was a few days before Christmas and a business man was returning home after a disastrous business meeting. The airport from which he was flying home from had been decorated in tacky red and green and annoying renditions of cherished Christmas carols were blaring out of the loudspeakers. Being someone who took Christmas very seriously and being tired and not in a good mood, he was appalled to see cheap plastic mistletoe placed above the scales where his luggage was being weighed. Turning to the attendant the business man said “Even if we were married, I would not want to kiss you under such a ghastly mockery of mistletoe.” The attendant replied “That`s not what it`s there for sir. It`s there so you can kiss your luggage goodbye!”

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

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