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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS.

Sunday January 1st MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (SOLEMNITY) <i>Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 66(67):2-8; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21.</i> Psalter Week 2 (for weekdays up to Epiphany. EP of BVM for Sunday); Yr 1,	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am 10.30am 5pm	Thomas Little RIP (BL) O`Kane & Gilmore Families (SO`K) Parish Community <i>Vespers and Benediction</i>
Monday 2 nd <i>Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church.</i>	10.00am	Special Intentions (PH)
Tuesday 3 rd <i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	9.30am	Tim Hannifin RIP (ED)
Wednesday 4 th <i>Weekday before Epiphany</i>	9.30am	Esther & Tony Harris (KM) COFFEE MORNING RESUMES
Thursday 5 th <i>Weekday before Epiphany</i>	NO MASS	
Friday 6 th <i>Weekday before Epiphany</i>	9.30am 3.00pm	Brian Davies RIP anniv. (MD) <i>Chaplet of Divine Mercy</i>
Saturday 7 th <i>Weekday before Epiphany</i>	10.00am 10.30-11am	Delia Hughes (MR) <i>Exposition and Confessions</i>
Sunday January 8th THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY) <i>Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 71(72):1-2, 7-8, 10-13. Ephesians 3:2-6; Matthew 2:1-12.</i> Psalter Week 1; Yr 1,	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am 10.30am 5pm	Marcelle Maghak RIP (TL) Parish Community Bob Shaw RIP (JB) <i>Vespers and Benediction</i>
Cycle of Prayer: (During Advent and Christmastide): <i>Openness to the Word of God; for Migrants and Refugees; and for Expectant Mothers.</i>		

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 Miller, 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, Ian Percival, Marcelle Maghak Helen Zienkiewicz, Christine Moule.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: David O`Donnell, William Kinrade, Bert d`Rozario, Stephen Evans, Omek Zienkiewicz, Edward Cummings, Stella Cummings, Claude Gunning, John & Josie Frawley, Brian Davies, Ellen White, Ellen Smith, Aldo Grattorolla, Ronald Cummings, Florence Taylor, Mary Whooley, Mary-Ann O`Mahony, Delia Hughes, Fr Patrick Kelly, Fr Edward Lunt.

BAPTISM: Please remember in your prayers Ethan and Aidan Smith who will be welcomed into God`s Holy Family through the Sacrament of Baptism here on Sunday 15th January at 12.30pm.

SUNDAY OFFERING:

Last Sunday: The Collection last week was the Traditional Christmas Offering for the Clergy. Many thanks for your generous support.

200 CLUB: Subs due weekend of 14th/15th January.

Draw takes place 29th January. New Members Welcome.

OUR LADY'S LAMP:

£5 per 7-day candle.

This week: Brian Davies

ROTAS (8th January)**Extraordinary Ministers:**

6.30pm: Wendy Graham

8.30am: Maggie Morris

10.30am: *Brynfield:* Eileen Waters

West Cross: Tony Morgan

Mumbles: Brian Hughes

Flowers: Joy Stafford, Ann Lane, Diane Davies.

Cleaning: Madeline Aherne, Anne Bowen, Breda Regan.

TO ALL OUR CHURCH HELPERS:

Many thanks to everyone who helps in any way in and around our lovely church and parish; serving on the various Ministry Rotas, working quietly behind the scenes to ensure everything runs smoothly. Your help is invaluable and greatly appreciated by everyone.

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.

AT CHRISTMAS, we remember through joyful celebration and thanksgiving the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, who is God made manifest. It is also a time when many people look back on the past year and the events which have shaped it; events of great happiness, and events of great sadness and difficulty. In 2016 the world has witnessed extraordinary pain and suffering from natural disasters, personal death and sickness, and from the continuing of "Man's inhumanity to Man, which makes countless thousands mourn" (Robert Burns 1785). Lives can become exhausted by pain and suffering, especially if lived without hope. At Christmas, the world is given the gift of God's love and peace and an invitation to Trust in Him, for only God can give us strength for today and hope for tomorrow.

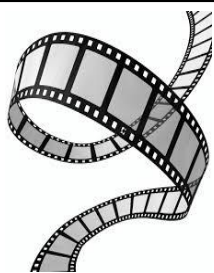
"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer" (Romans 12:12).

Sincere thanks for all your kind cards and gifts.

Wishing you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas, and a Peaceful New Year.

Fr Mansel, Mgr Brian, and Baz.

CRIB OFFERINGS: 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> and Diocesan Refugee Fund.

**PARISH FILM NIGHT****"MR HOLMES"**

Friday 6th January at 7pm.

Donation £3. All Welcome.

CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players: A series of 6 films by Bishop Robert Barron that "illuminates a handful of saints, artists, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization." Beginning fortnightly on **Tuesday 17th January, 7pm** in the Hall with **St Francis of Assisi**. All welcome.

LECTIO DIVINA: Tuesday 10th January at 7pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION: Confirmation class meets on Saturday 14th January at 4.45pm in the hall. The First Holy Communion Class meets Monday 16th January at 4pm in the hall.

HOUSE BLESSINGS: During the month of January I shall be available for the Traditional New Year's Blessing of Homes. Please telephone me for a suitable appointment. I am away from Monday 9th to Friday 13th January.

BEYOND CARAVAGGIO: National Gallery, London. Thursday, 5th January. Bus leaves West Cross shops at 6am.

A doctor stops at a bar every evening on his way home from work for his favourite drink, a hazelnut daiquiri. The bartender would always have his drink ready at 6.05pm precisely. One evening, the bartender began to prepare the doctor's restorative, but was dismayed to find he was out of hazelnut extract. Thinking quickly, he added hickory nut extract instead. The doctor came in and sat down, right on time, and took a sip of his drink. "This isn't a hazelnut daiquiri!" "No, I'm sorry," replied the bartender. "It's a hickory daiquiri, Doc."

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

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