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'Love God, Love Learning, Love Life'

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS.

Sunday December 4th 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT Yr A. <i>Isaiah: 11:1-10; Psalm 71(72): 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew: 3:1-12.</i> Psalter Week 2; Yr 1, Advent Week 2	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>
Monday 5 th <i>2nd Week of Advent</i>	9.30am	Mel Davies RIP anniv. (JD)
Tuesday 6 th <i>2nd Week of Advent</i>	7.00pm	Ludwick Obara RIP (KO)
Wednesday 7 th DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH (FEAST)	9.30am	Tom Baker RIP anniv. (CB)
Thursday 8 th THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (SOLEMNITY)	7.00pm	Yolanda Fletcher RIP (MH)
Friday 9 th <i>2nd Week of Advent</i>	9.30am 3.00pm	Arthur Meredith RIP (J&MR) <i>Chaplet of Divine Mercy</i>
Saturday 10 th <i>St John Roberts, Priest, Martyr</i>	10.00am 10.30-11am	Teresa Thomas (VU) <i>Exposition and Confessions</i>
Sunday December 11th 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT Yr A. GAUDATE SUNDAY <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

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 24 TH DECEMBER, CHRISTMAS EVE		CHRISTMAS DAY	
No Morning Mass 5.40pm	<i>Children`s Nativity</i> Brian Davies RIP (MD) <i>Carols</i> Pat & Jim Taylor (JR)	9.30am Mass of Christmas Day	Bill Bowling anniv. (KB)
6.00pm Vigil Mass 11.45pm		Monday 26th December Feast of St Stephen	
Midnight Mass		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, Anita Oakley, Doris Renninghoff, Audrey Robinson, Veronica Sked, Tony Taylor, John Williams, Carol Williams, and all 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: Kenneth Hunter, Molly Clinton, Josephine Hunt, Thomas Baker, Mel Davies, Ann Hawkins, Gladys Williams, Jeanette Rees, Bettie Lloyd, Jean Datta, George Aldridge, Veronica O`Leary, Owen Elias, Maureen O`Connell, Bridget Reynolds, Fr George Anwyll, Fr George Nightingale.

ADVENT: Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation, much like Lent. Prayer, penance and fasting are appropriate during this season. Advent is not as strict as Lent, and there are no rules for fasting, but it is meant to be a period of self-preparation. The purple colour associated with Advent is also the colour of penance.

SUNDAY OFFERING:

Last Sunday: £893.
Second Collection THIS 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 NEXT weekend.
New Members Welcome.

Our Lady's Lamp: £5 per 7-day candle. This week: Private Intention

Rotas (11th December)

Extraordinary Ministers:

6.30pm: Margaret Whitmore
8.30am: Anne Bowen
10.30am: *Brynfield:* Tony Lane
West Cross: Brian Hughes
Mumbles: Ann Lane

Flowers: *No Flowers During Advent*

Cleaning: Ann Lane, Liz Lyons, Diane Davis

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.



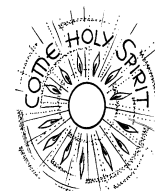
PARISH FILM NIGHT

"MR HOLMES"

Friday 6th January at 7pm.
Donation £3. *All Welcome.*



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



ADVENT SERVICE OF HEALING PRAYER: Monday, 5th December, 2016 at 7:00pm, Sacred Heart Church, School Rd, Morrision, SA6 6HZ. Advent Healing Service in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament organised by the Sacred Heart Charismatic Prayer group. A time for quiet shared prayer, healing and prayer ministry. All welcome.

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 6th December. Leaving West Cross shops 8.30am.

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

ST DAVID'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: The *Friends of St David's* will be holding a Bazaar on Friday 9th December 3.30pm till 6pm. Lots of stalls including an International Food Stall!! All Welcome.

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

PARISH CHRISTMAS SUPPER/GRAND PRIZE DRAW: Friday 9th December at 6.30pm. Payment of £5 will be collected from those coming to the Christmas Supper at all Masses this weekend. Please return raffle ticket counterfoils showing name, tel.no. & cash in envelope **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 13th December at 7pm. **CAKE SALE:** £192 (for Hall chairs) raised last weekend. Many thanks.

BEYOND CARAVAGGIO: National Gallery, London. Thursday, 5th January. Cost £39. See notice board for details.

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

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PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN: Sunday May 14th to Friday May 19th 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.

Two old ladies were swapping news. One old lady says, "The other day my Harold went into the vegetable patch to pull up a cabbage, and he dropped dead of a heart attack." "Oh dear," says her friend. "Whatever did you do?" The old lady replies, "I had to defrost some peas."

Q. What's the best way to open a jar with a stuck lid?

A. Put it on the table and tell the kids to leave it alone.