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*`Love God, Love Learning, Love Life`*

### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS.

<b>Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup></b> <b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b> <b>(SOLEMNITY)</b> <i>Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 71(72):1-2, 7-8, 10-13.</i> <i>Ephesians 3:2-6; Matthew 2:1-12.</i> <b>Psalter Week 1; Yr 1,</b>	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am 10.30am <b>5pm</b>	Marcelle Maghak RIP (TL) Parish Community Bob Shaw RIP (JB) <b>Vespers and Benediction</b>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> <b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (FEAST)</b>	9.30am	Johanna O`Donoghue (TO`D)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Sister Ray (AL)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Freda Williams RIP (Family)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feria</i>	7.00pm	Jim M`Donnell (DO`C)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feria</i>	9.30am 3.00pm	Sarah Charlwood RIP (A&TL) <i>Chaplet of Divine Mercy</i>
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> <i>Votive Memorial of Our Lady</i>	10.00am 10.30-11am	Ann Lyons RIP (MK) <i>Exposition and Confessions</i>
<b>Sunday January 15<sup>th</sup></b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr A</b> <i>Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; Psalm 39(40):2, 4, 7-10.</i> <i>1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34.</i> <b>Psalter Week 2; Yr 1,</b>	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am 10.30am 12.30pm	Sick and Retired Clergy Parish Community Angie Gowler RIP (PW) <i>Baptism</i>
<b>Cycle of Prayer:</b> <i>(In the Winter Season of Ordinary Time): Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; Victims of Human Trafficking and Those Who Work to Combat It; The Sick and Those Who Care For Them; Students and Teachers; The Unemployed.</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:** Ian Percival, Marcelle Maghak, Helen Zienkiewicz, Christine Mouls.

**WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME:** Jack M`Loughlin, Angela Davies, Thomas Cummings, Johanna O`Donoghue, Terence O`Brien, Nesta Morris, Ken Falvey, John Weaver, Muriel Morris, Gwyneth Thomas, Wendy John, Angela O`Bree, Helena May O`Bree, Ashon Macari, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Canon David O`Flynn, Fr John Quinn, Fr Leopold Cunningham.

**FUNERALS:** Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of Christine Mouls and Helen Zienkiewicz who have died. The Funeral Mass of Christine Mouls will take place here on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 10.15am followed by cremation at Morryston Crematorium at 12 Noon. The Funeral Service of Helen Zienkiewicz will take place here on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 1.45pm followed by burial at Oystermouth Cemetary.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> January at 12.30pm.

<p><b>SUNDAY OFFERING:</b></p> <p>Last Sunday: £831. The Second Collection NEXT week will be for the <b>Sick and Retired Clergy Fund</b>. Special envelopes available. Many thanks for your generous support.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROTAS (8<sup>th</sup> January)</b></p> <p><b>Extraordinary Ministers:</b> 6.30pm: Margaret Whitmore 8.30am: Tess O'Donoghue 10.30am: <i>Brynfield:</i> Ann Lane <i>West Cross:</i> Diane Davies <i>Mumbles:</i> Tony Lane <b>Flowers:</b> Ann Lane, Andrea Lehane. <b>Cleaning:</b> Norma Evans, Maggie Morris, Bill James.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OUR LADY'S LAMP:</b></p> <p>£5 per 7-day candle. This week: Roy Miller (MR)</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>200 CLUB:</b></p> <p>Subs due NEXT weekend. Draw takes place 29<sup>th</sup> January. New Members Welcome.</p>
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**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

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

**PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Meet in the Hall on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm.

**LECTIO DIVINA:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm

**SVP:** Meet on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm. 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 17<sup>th</sup> January, 7pm** in the Hall with **St Francis of Assisi**. All welcome.

**CATHOLIC BIBLE SCHOOL: HEROES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT:** Alan de Ste Croix explores the stories of the major characters of the Old Testament and why they are still relevant to us today. Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January from 10am to 3pm at St David's Priory, St David's Place, Swansea, SA1 3NG. Tea/Coffee available, but bring a packed lunch.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January.

**PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN:** There will be a meeting of pilgrims travelling to Spain in May on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm in the Hall, to discuss travel details, itinerary, health and travel insurance etc. A reminder that insurance is NOT included and all insurance MUST be arranged by each individual. Please make every effort to attend. In the meantime, a payment of **£249** per person is due **before February 17<sup>th</sup>**.

**CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK:** with *Mumbles Churches Together* begins with an Ecumenical Service in All Saint's Church, Oystermouth on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 3p.m. Dr Felicity Padley from Llwynderw Parish will speak on "Reconciliation in 2017 - The Love of Christ Compels Us". All Welcome.

*Fred and his wife lived in Anchorage, Alaska. One winter morning while listening to the weather report on the radio they heard the announcer say, "We are expecting 8 to 10 inches of snow later today. To help the authorities clear the snow would all residents please park their cars on the even numbered side of the street, so the snow plough can get through." Fred dutifully went out and moved his car.*

*A week later while they were eating breakfast, the weather reporter announced that they were expecting 10 to 12 inches of snow later that day and to help the authorities clear the snow would all residents please park their cars on the odd numbered side of the street, so the snow plough can get through." Fred once again dutifully went out and moved his car to where the weather reporter had said.*

*The next week, as they were having breakfast again, the weather reporter announced they were expecting 12 to 14 inches of snow today, and that people should park...." At which point there was a power cut. Fred turned to his wife and said, "Well, what do you think I should do now? Where should I park so the snow plough can get through?" Patiently and kindly Fred's wife said, "Well now, Fred dear, why don't you just leave it in the garage this time?"*