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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS.

Sunday January 15th 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr A <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> Psalter Week 2; Yr 1,	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am 10.30am 12.30pm	Sick and Retired Clergy Parish Community Angie Gowler RIP (PW) <i>Baptism</i>
Monday 16 th <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Rafferty & Rock Families RIP (E&RL)
Tuesday 17 th Funeral Mass	10.15am	Christine Mouls RIP
Wednesday 18 th <i>The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins today.</i> <i>Funeral Service</i>	9.30am 1.45pm	Mass For Christian Unity Helen Zienkiewicz
Thursday 19 th <i>Feria</i>	7.00pm	Len Stafford RIP anniv. (JS)
Friday 20 th <i>Feria</i>	9.30am 3.00pm	Margaret Fleming RIP anniv. (WF) <i>Chaplet of Divine Mercy</i>
Saturday 21 st <i>St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr</i>	10.00am 10.30-11am	David Hay (TH) <i>Exposition and Confessions</i>
Sunday January 22nd 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr A <i>Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3; Psalm 26(27):1,4,13-14.</i> <i>1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17. Matthew 4:12-23.</i> Psalter Week 3; Yr 1,	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am 10.30am	JS Morris RIP Parish Community Holy Souls
Cycle of Prayer: <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, and those who care for them.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Marcelle Maghak, Helen Zienkiewicz, Christine Mouls.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: Stuart Price, Edith Irwin, Alex Evans, Len Stafford, James Higham, Elsie Dykstra, Teresa M^cNeff, Dennis and Dora Lane, Fr Laurence Devine, Fr Hugh Healy, Fr Basil Dolan, Fr Joseph Purcell, Fr Joseph Thompson.

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 17th 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 18th January at 1.45pm followed by burial at Oystermouth Cemetery.

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.

<p>SUNDAY OFFERING:</p> <p>Last Sunday: £816. The Second Collection THIS week will be for the Sick and Retired Clergy Fund. Special envelopes available. Many thanks for your generous support.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ROTAS (22nd January)</p> <p>Extraordinary Ministers: 6.30pm: Brian Hughes 8.30am: Joy Stafford 10.30am: <i>Brynfield:</i> Norma Evans <i>West Cross:</i> Wendy Graham <i>Mumbles:</i> Margaret Whitmore Flowers: Joan Morgan, Norma Evans, Fran Jordan. Cleaning: Katerina Dutko, Arlene O`Connell, Maura O`Brien</p>	<p>OUR LADY'S LAMP:</p> <p>£5 per 7-day candle. This week: Len Stafford RIP anniv. (JS)</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">200 CLUB:</p> <p>Subs due THIS weekend. Draw takes place 29th 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

PEACE SUNDAY: Today is the World Day of Prayer for Peace. To view Pope Francis' full message for World Peace 2017 (*Nonviolence: A Style Of Politics For Peace - Message For The 50th World Day Of Peace*) go to: <http://www.iustitiaetpax.va/content/giustiziaepace/en/social-magisterium/wdp/nonviolence--a-style-for-politics-for-peace---message-for-the-50.html>

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The First Holy Communion Class meets Monday 16th January at 4pm in the Hall.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: Meet in the Hall on Monday 16th January at 7pm.

LECTIO DIVINA: Tuesday 24th January at 7pm

PARISH LADIES GUILD: Please note that from Wednesday 18th January meetings will take place from **2pm - 4pm**. All ladies of the parish are welcome to join.

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.

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 28th 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.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2017: The annual White Flower Appeal is a major source of income for the **Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)**. At all Masses on the weekend of 28th/29th January there will be an opportunity to contribute to this appeal by placing a donation in a special basket as you leave. Please also use this basket to place your completed cards in if you wish to be contacted by SPUC with further information about stopping abortion in this country.

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK: with *Mumbles Churches Together* begins with an Ecumenical Service in All Saint's Church, Oystermouth, today, Sunday 15th January at 3pm. Dr Felicity Padley from Llwynderw Parish will speak on "*Reconciliation in 2017 - The Love of Christ Compels Us*". A Mass for Christian Unity will be said here on Wednesday 18th January at 9.30am. All Welcome.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN: There will be a meeting of pilgrims travelling to Spain in May on Saturday 25th 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 17th**.

A man walks into a pub and sees the daily special written on the blackboard: "A pie, a pint, and a kind word: All for just £2.50." "That's a bargain," he thinks to himself, "I'll have some of that." Sitting down at the bar with his pint in one hand and his meat pie in the other, he asks the barman, "What's the kind word?" Shaking his head the barman replies, "Wouldn't eat that pie if I was you."

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