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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS.

Sunday February 26th 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr A <i>Isaiah 49:14-15; Psalm 61(62):2-3, 6-9;</i> <i>1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Matthew 6:24-34</i> Psalter Week 4; Yr 1,	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am 10.30am 5.00pm	Parish Community Brian Davies RIP (PH) James Wilson RIP (PW) Reception of mortal remains into church of John Williams RIP
Monday 27 th <i>Funeral Mass</i>	10.00am	John Williams RIP
Tuesday 28 th <i>ST DAVID, BISHOP, PATRON OF WALES (SOLEMNITY)</i>	10.00am	Pupils and Staff of St David's School
Wednesday March 1 st ASH WEDNESDAY <i>A day of penance marked by fasting and abstinence from meat.</i>	9.30am 7.00pm	John Williams RIP (ET) Parish Community
Thursday 2 nd <i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i>	NO PARISH MASS	Lenten Station Mass St Joseph's Cathedral 7.00pm
Friday 3 rd <i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i>	9.30am 3.00pm	Maria D'Imperio (GG) <i>Chaplet of Divine Mercy</i>
Saturday 4 th <i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i>	10.00am 10.30 - 11.00am	George Plunkett RIP (TP) <i>Exposition and Confessions</i>
Sunday March 5th 1st Sunday of Lent Yr A <i>Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7;</i> <i>Psalm 50(51):3-6, 12-14, 17;</i> <i>Romans 4:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11</i> Psalter Week 1; Yr 1,	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am 10.30am	Terry Sullivan (MW) Parish Community Deceased Members of Wednesday Club (Wednesday Club) <i>Vespers and Benediction NEXT Sunday</i>
Cycle of Prayer: (During Lent): Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.		

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 5.00pm. 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, Agnes Clement, John Fowler, Gina Grattorolla, Gwyneth Isaacs, Kitty Jewell, Rose Lamprey, Barbara Little, Anne Martin, Kath and Colin Milford, Roy Miller, Anita Oakley, Doris Renninghoff, Lilian Richards, Audrey Robinson, Veronica Sked, Phyllis Spencer, Tony Taylor, and all members of our parish who are unwell at this time, and all those who care for them.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Terry Reilly, John Williams, Stan Hughes, Basil Freeman, John Hunt.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: Celia Sullivan, Thomas Goode, Marjorie Johns, Russell Davies, Rita O'Brien, David Steel-Morgan, Ron Wheeler & Family, Maggie Green, Pat Milford, The Davies Family, Sam Jones, Frederick Richards, Maria D'Imperio, John Smith, Archbishop Michael M^cGrath, Fr James O'Hanlon, Fr Vaughan Beddoes.

FUNERALS: Of your charity please pray for the soul of John Williams who has died. His mortal remains will be brought into the church on Sunday 26th February at 5pm. His Funeral Mass will be here on Monday 27th February at 10am, followed by cremation at Morriston Crematorium at 12noon. Also, John Hunt, whose Funeral Mass will be here on Friday 17th March at 10am, followed by cremation at Morriston Crematorium at 12noon.

BAPTISM: Please remember in your prayers baby Menna Theresa Cox-Evans, who was welcomed into God's Holy Family through the Sacrament of Baptism during the 10.30am Mass last Sunday.

<p>SUNDAY OFFERING:</p> <p>Last Sunday: £766</p> <p>Many thanks for your generous support.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ROTAS (5th March)</p> <p>Extraordinary Ministers: 6.30pm: Wendy Graham 8.30am: Joy Stafford 10.30am: <i>Brynfield</i>: Tony Morgan <i>West Cross</i>: Brian Hughes <i>Mumbles</i>: Eileen Waters</p> <p>Flowers: Joy Stafford, Ann Lane Cleaning: Madeline Aherne, Anne Bowen, Breda Regan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OUR LADY'S LAMP:</p> <p>£5 per 7-day candle. This week: Alby Hacke</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">200 CLUB:</p> <p>Draw takes place THIS Sunday after 8.30am Mass. 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

LENTEN REFLECTION: *"Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God "with all their hearts" (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive. Lent is a favourable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply. (Pope Francis Message for Lent 2017).*

CONFIRMATION CLASS: Saturday 11th March, 4.45pm. **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Monday 13th March, 4pm.

LECTIO DIVINA: Tuesday 7th March at 7pm. **SVP:** Next meeting Wednesday 8th March at **1pm**.

"WALK WITH ME": Copies of this useful devotional guide to prayer during Lent are available in the porch.

LENTEN STATION MASS: Cathedral, Thursday March 2nd at 7pm. Priests will be available for confessions from 6.00pm.

CAFOD FAST DAY: Friday 10th March. Special envelopes for your donations available in the porch which can be placed in the basket in the porch after each Mass that weekend. At all Masses **NEXT WEEKEND** a representative of CAFOD will give a short talk about this year's Lenten Appeal. On Sunday 12th March, after the 10.30am Mass, there will be a **CAFOD "Soup and Roll Lunch"**. Donation £2.50. All welcome.

LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION AT BELMONT ABBEY: Tuesday 14th March. Bus leaves West Cross Shops at 8.30am Cost £10, plus suggested £10 donation to the Abbey. Sign-up sheet in porch.

LENTEN FILM FOR DISCUSSION: Monday 27th March at 7pm in the Hall: **"The Gospel of Us"**, starring Michael Sheen.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE AND HOLY HOUR: Thursday April 6th here at 6.30pm with visiting priests available for individual confessions. Mass will follow at 7.30pm.

CLYDACH SVP PASSION PLAY: Friday 7th April at 7.30pm at All Saints Church, Oystermouth. Tickets £5 available soon.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: Fridays 7pm: March 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, April 14th (Good Friday).

TRAIDCRAFT FORTNIGHT: February 27th – March 12th. Coffee Morning on Wednesdays 1st and 8th will be in aid of TR Aidcraft, with TR Aidcraft goodies available for purchase. New stock available. Easter Eggs/Catalogues due in soon.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday, March 3rd at 2pm at Holy Cross Church, Fairwood Road.

ST DAVID'S SCHOOL AND FAREWELL TO MRS ANGELA HEALD: A big "THANK YOU" and farewell to Mrs Angela Heald who has been in charge of St David's School during Mr Phillip O'Leary's absence, and we wish her continued success as she returns to St Joseph's Cathedral School.

"MEN'S FELLOWSHIP": First meeting Monday March 20th at 7pm in the Hall. Solemnity of St Joseph, Husband of Mary.

CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players: Continues on **Tuesday 28th February, 7pm** in the Hall with part 4, **Blessed John Henry Newman**. Remaining dates: Monday 13th March, 7pm, **G.K. Chesterton**. Tuesday 21st March, 7pm, **Michelangelo**.

PARISH FILM NIGHT: Friday 3rd March at 7pm. **"We Bought A Zoo."** Suggested donation £3 to parish projects.

AWAY ON RETREAT: I shall be away on Retreat from next Sunday afternoon until the afternoon of Friday 10th March. If a priest is needed in the case of an emergency only, please contact Mgr Brian Kinrade on 366305. For Singleton Hospital please call Fr Carlito Reyes on 202447.

A police officer on traffic duty flags down a car. "Sir, you appear to have 12 penguins in the back of your car." "That's right, officer, I do." "Well that's ridiculous – take them to the zoo straight away." "OK officer." And the car drives off. Next day, the same policeman in the same spot sees the same car drive past – with the penguins in the back. He flags him down again. "I thought I told you to take them to the zoo..." "Yes, officer, and it was great – today I'm taking them to the cinema."

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