

## OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS.

<b>Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Yr A</b> <i>Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 129(130); Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45</i> <b>Psalter Week 1; Yr 1,</b>	Sat. Vigil Sunday	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 5pm	John Williams RIP (FJ) Parish Community Patrick Turner RIP (A&MB) <i>Vespers and Benediction</i>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> <i>Weekday, 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</i>		9.30am	Kitty Williams RIP (JM)
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> <i>Weekday, 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</i>		9.30am 10.30am	Dorothy Bennett RIP anniv. (WG) <i>Stations of the Cross with St David's School</i>
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> <i>Weekday, 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</i>		9.30am	Rosemary Harvey RIP (NE)
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> <i>Weekday, 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</i>		<b>6.30pm</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Penitential Service and Holy Hour with Confessions followed by Holy Mass Peter Tennant RIP anniv. (BT)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> <i>Weekday, 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</i>		9.30am 3.00pm 7.30pm	Michelle Evans RIP (TP) <i>Chaplet of Divine Mercy</i> <i>Passion Play at All Saints Church</i>
Saturday April 8 <sup>th</sup> <i>Weekday, 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</i>		10.00am 10.30 - 11.00am	Fr Sean Clancy RIP (AL) <i>Exposition and Confessions</i>
<b>Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup></b> <b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD Yr A</b> <i>Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21(22):8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14 - 27:66</i> <b>Psalter Week 2; Yr 1,</b>	Sat. Vigil Sunday	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am	Parish Community Kitty Williams RIP (RR) Parish Thanksgiving (D&BD)
<b>Cycle of Prayer:</b> (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, Stan and Dora Clarke, Agnes Clement, John Fowler, Gina Grattorolla, Leonardo 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, 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:** Veronica Sked, Michelle Evans.

**WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME:** Edward Mahoney, Peter Howard, Frank Hatton, Laura Hayes, Peter Tennant, Ron Jewell, Fr Patrick Shannon, Fr Oswald Murphy.

**PASSIONTIDE:** The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent is traditionally known as the beginning of the 2 weeks of **Passiontide**; this week being Passion Week and the 2nd week, which begins next Sunday with the celebration of Palm Sunday is Holy Week. The readings of Passion week, show the increasing hatred the Jews had for Christ. The old Gospel reading for Passion Sunday (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent) ends with these words: *"They took up stones therefore to cast at him. But Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple."* (Jn 8:59). According to Saint Augustine, at this moment when "Jesus hid himself," Christ in fact became invisible by virtue of His divine nature. Saint Augustine writes: *"He hides not Himself in a corner of the*

temple, as if afraid, or running into a cottage, or turning aside behind a wall or column: but by His Divine Power making Himself invisible, He **passed through their midst.**" So, in summary: the **veiling of the crucifixes and statues** symbolises the fact that Christ's Divinity was hidden at the time of His Passion and death, the very essence of Passiontide.

<p><b>SUNDAY OFFERING:</b></p> <p>Last Sunday: £846. Second Collection <b>THIS</b> Sunday for CAFOD Emergency Appeal. Many thanks for your generous support.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROTAS (9<sup>th</sup> April)</b></p> <p><b>Extraordinary Ministers:</b> 6.30pm: Wendy Graham 8.30am: Maggie Morris 10.30am: <i>Brynfield:</i> Eileen Waters <i>West Cross:</i> Joy Stafford <i>Mumbles:</i> Brian Hughes <b>Cleaning:</b> Sarah and Tony O`Kane</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OUR LADY'S LAMP:</b></p> <p>£5 per 7-day candle. Unlit during Passiontide</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>200 CLUB:</b></p> <p>March Winners: £40: Mrs S. Garry (217) £20: Mrs W. Graham (61) £10: Mrs P. Kieft (46) Subs due next weekend. 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.

HOLY WEEK		
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Freda Williams RIP (Family)
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	John Hunt RIP (RB)
<b>Wed 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Chrism Mass, St Joseph`s Cathedral (NO MASS HERE)</b> <b>No Morning Coffee</b> <b>Exposition and Confessions (here)</b>
	6.30pm – 7.30pm	
THE SACRED TRIDUUM		
MAUNDY THURSDAY		
<b>Mass of the Lord`s Supper</b>	<b>7pm</b>	Parish Community
<i>Watching with the Lord, till 9.30pm</i>		<i>Night Prayer</i>
GOOD FRIDAY		
	10.30am	Walk of Witness
	3pm	<b>Celebration of The Lord`s Passion</b>
	7pm	Stations of the Cross
HOLY SATURDAY		
		<b>No Morning Mass or Confessions</b>
<b>EASTER VIGIL</b>	<b>8pm</b>	John Williams RIP (T&AL)
EASTER SUNDAY		
<i>Acts 10:34, 37-43, Psalm 117(118): 1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-9</i>		
	<b>8.30am</b>	Theresa Hay (TH)
	<b>10.30am</b>	Parish Community

**READERS FOR EASTER SERVICES:** Please sign up on sheet in the porch.

**MASS OF THE LORD`S SUPPER:** 12 men/women volunteers needed for the **Washing of the Feet.** Please sign up in porch.

**CHRISM MASS:** St Joseph`s Cathedral, Swansea. Wednesday 12th April at 11.30am. All welcome.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 4pm.

**"MEN`S FELLOWSHIP":** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.15pm.

**LECTIO DIVINA:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm.

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

**CLYDACH SVP PASSION PLAY:** Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm at All Saints Church. Tickets £5 at the door.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** April 14<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday).

**CAFOD: Emergency East Africa Crisis Appeal:** A Second Collection will be taken at ALL Masses THIS Sunday to help with this appeal. For more information visit: <http://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/East-Africa-Crisis>

#### A PRAYER FOR OUR DIOCESE

**Almighty and eternal God, give us the grace and strength to carry out the work entrusted to us in the Diocese of Menevia. Bless our families and our parishes. You call men and women from our families to serve you as priests, deacons and in the religious life. May we read the signs of these vocations in others and help them to follow you. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Our Lady, Help of Christians, pray for us.**  
**St Joseph, pray for us. St David, pray for us.**

*An employee went in to see his boss. "Boss," he said, "we`re doing some heavy house-clearing at home tomorrow, and my wife needs me to help with clearing stuff out of the attic, the shed and the garage, and with scrubbing down all the kitchen cupboards." "I`m sorry," said the boss, "but we`re short-staffed at the moment. There`s no way I can give you a day off."*

*"Thanks boss. I knew I could count on you."*

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

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