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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS.

Sunday March 12th 2nd Sunday of Lent Yr A <i>Genesis 12:1-4; Psalm 32(33):4-5, 18-20, 22;</i> <i>2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9</i> Psalter Week 2; Yr 1,	Sat. Vigil Sunday	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 5.00pm	Parish Community Margaret Quick (KB) Angie Gowler RIP (PW) <i>Vespers and Benediction</i>
Monday 13 th <i>Weekday, 2nd Week of Lent</i>		9.30am	George Plunkett RIP (MM)
Tuesday 14 th <i>Weekday, 2nd Week of Lent</i>		7.00pm	Freda Williams RIP (Family)
Wednesday 15 th <i>Weekday, 2nd Week of Lent</i>		9.30am	Margaret Leder RIP anniv. (GC)
Thursday 16 th <i>Weekday, 2nd Week of Lent</i>		6.30pm 7.00pm	Reception into church of mortal remains John Hunt RIP John Hunt RIP (SVP)
Friday 17 th Funeral Mass		10.00am 3.00pm 7.00pm	John Hunt RIP <i>Chaplet of Divine Mercy</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday 18 th <i>Weekday, 2nd Week of Lent</i>		10.00am 10.30 - 11.00am	Winnifred O'Connell RIP <i>Exposition and Confessions</i>
Sunday March 19th 3rd Sunday of Lent Yr A <i>Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9;</i> <i>Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42</i> Psalter Week 3; Yr 1,	Sat. Vigil Sunday	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 12.30pm	John Williams RIP (SVP) Parish Community Patricia & Brian Morgan RIP <i>Baptism</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, 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: John Williams, Stan Hughes, Basil Freeman, John Hunt, Kitty Williams, Veronica Sked.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: James M^cNeff, Nora & Daniel Gallivan, Bernard M^cCarthy, Harold M^cDonald, James Webb, Margaret Leder, Brian Deehan, Jennifer Hicks, Susan Herrieven, Brigid Lynam, Mary Loosemore, Jacqueline Kelly, Bishop Francis Vaughan, Fr Eddie Murphy.

FUNERAL: Of your charity please pray for the soul of John Hunt, who has died, aged 83. His mortal remains will be brought into the church on Thursday 16th March at 6.30pm, prior to his Funeral Mass here on Friday 17th March at 10am, followed by cremation at Morryston Crematorium at 12noon.

BAPTISM: Please remember in your prayers Ciro Di Palma who will be welcomed into God's Holy Family through the sacrament of Baptism next Sunday at 12.30pm.

<p>SUNDAY OFFERING:</p> <p>Last Sunday: £768.</p> <p>Many thanks for your generous support.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ROTAS (19th March)</p> <p>Extraordinary Ministers:</p> <p>6.30pm: Brian Hughes 8.30am: Gaye Clee 10.30am: <i>Brynfield:</i> Wendy Graham <i>West Cross:</i> Margaret Whitmore <i>Mumbles:</i> Norma Evans</p> <p>Cleaning: Katarina Dutko, Arlene O'Connell, Maura O'Brien</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OUR LADY'S LAMP:</p> <p>£5 per 7-day candle. This week: Mary Brearley</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">200 CLUB:</p> <p>Subs due THIS 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

LENTEN REFLECTION: *"Lent is a path: it leads to the triumph of mercy over all that would crush us or reduce us to something unworthy of our dignity as God's children. Lent is the road leading from slavery to freedom, from suffering to joy, from death to life. True, yet we are dust in the loving hands of God, who has breathed his spirit of life upon each one of us, and still wants to do so. He wants to keep giving us that breath of life that saves us from every other type of breath: the stifling asphyxia brought on by our selfishness, the stifling asphyxia generated by petty ambition and silent indifference – an asphyxia that smothers the spirit, narrows our horizons and slows the beating of our hearts. The breath of God's life saves us from this asphyxia that dampens our faith, cools our charity and strangles every hope.... Lent is a time for remembering. It is the time to reflect and ask ourselves what we would be if God had closed his doors to us. What would we be without his mercy that never tires of forgiving us and always gives us the chance to begin anew? Lent is the time to ask ourselves where we would be without the help of so many people who in a thousand quiet ways have stretched out their hands and in very concrete ways given us hope and enabled us to make a new beginning. Lent is the time to start breathing again. It is the time to open our hearts to the breath of the One capable of turning our dust into humanity. It is not the time to rend our garments before the evil all around us, but instead to make room in our life for all the good we are able to do."* (Pope Francis Homily for Ash Wednesday 2017:

http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2017/03/01/pope_francis_celebrates_ash_wednesday_mass_full_text/1295847).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS: meets on Monday 13th March at 4.00pm in the Hall.

LECTIO DIVINA: Tuesday 21st March at 7pm.

CAFOD FAST DAY: After the 10.30am Mass **THIS Sunday** 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**.

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 17th, 24th, 31st, April 14th (Good Friday).

TRAIDCRAFT FORTNIGHT: Many thanks to all who helped to promote and support this event. £140 was raised.

"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 **Monday** 13th March, 7pm, **G.K. Chesterton**. Final part on Tuesday 21st March, 7pm, **Michelangelo**.

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Day of Recollection to be held at Holy Cross Church, Gendros, on Saturday 18th March from 10.30am – 3.00pm. **Attendance is strongly encouraged.**

MUSICIANS AND SINGERS: All are welcome to come and learn new pieces for Easter. Saturday 25th March, 11.30am.

APF RED MISSION BOXES: These are now due for emptying. Please bring them to Church or phone Jackie Rees on 601058 to arrange collection.

MESSAGE FROM Mgr BRIAN: "Re. Basil. Many thanks for all the kind words and cards. Mgr Brian".

Fed up with his hearing difficulties, an elderly gentleman went to have a hearing aid fitted. He was delighted with the result and now he found that he could hear 100%. Returning to his specialist a month later he was asked if his family were pleased that he can hear again. The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told them yet. I just sit around and listen to their conversations. I've changed my will three times already!!"

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

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