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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS.

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>
Monday 20 th ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, (SOLEMNITY)		9.30am	George Plunkett RIP (M&RE)
Tuesday 21 st <i>Weekday, 3rd Week of Lent</i>		9.30am	John Hunt RIP (ET)
Wednesday 22 nd <i>Weekday, 3rd Week of Lent</i>		9.30am	John Williams RIP (C&GM ^c N))
Thursday 23 rd <i>Weekday, 3rd Week of Lent</i>		7.00pm	Veronica Sked RIP (SVP)
Friday 24 th <i>Weekday, 3rd Week of Lent</i>		9.30am 3.00pm 7.00pm	The Parish in Thanksgiving (JR) <i>Chaplet of Divine Mercy</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday 25 th THE ANNUCIATION OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY)		10.00am 10.30 - 11.00am	Michelle Evans RIP <i>Exposition and Confessions</i>
Sunday March 26th 4th Sunday of Lent Yr A <i>Laetare Sunday</i> <i>1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Psalm 22(23);</i> <i>Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41</i> Psalter Week 3; Yr 1,	Sat. Vigil Sunday	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am	Parish Community Derek Stott RIP anniv. (Fouracre Fam.) Mary & John Lynch RIP (MB)
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 Hunt, Kitty Williams, Veronica Sked, Michelle Evans.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: Eileen Curnock, Gladys Walke, Mary Dooley, Brian Morgan, Derek Stott, Paul Murphy, Gordon Mellor, Maura Rees-Williams, Francis Crockett, Marguerite Sullivan, Allan Dacey, Winifred Taylor, Bridget Price, Nora Owen, Julia Fleming, Dorothy Bennett, Fr John Millan, Fr Sylvester Baron.

FUNERAL: Of your charity please pray for the soul of Veronica Sked, who has died. Her Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday 29th March at 11am, at Llanelli Crematorium.

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

<p>SUNDAY OFFERING:</p> <p>Last Sunday: £838.</p> <p>Many thanks for your generous support.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ROTAS (26th March)</p> <p>Extraordinary Ministers:</p> <p>6.30pm: Anne Bowen 8.30am: Joy Stafford 10.30am: <i>Brynfield:</i> Joan Morgan <i>West Cross:</i> Joy Stafford <i>Mumbles:</i> Maureen Williams</p> <p>Cleaning: Stephanie Jeffries, Wendy Graham</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OUR LADY'S LAMP:</p> <p>£5 per 7-day candle. This week: Maria Richardson</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">200 CLUB:</p> <p>March draw takes place after 8.30am Mass next Sunday. 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: *"When we contemplate Christ on the cross, we become aware that we owe our lives to him because – and this is the only reason – he handed over his life so that we might live. Our gratitude, if it is genuine, places us on the same plane, for we hand over our lives as Jesus did. Consequently, every attempt to define Christian attitudes completely in terms of "civil behaviour" turns out to be pretentious. The response to Christ's generosity should not be simply a courteous, conventional "many thanks." Christ's surrender calls for us to give our lives, and our lives are given by following the way of the Lord marked out on the cross. Our gratitude to him should encompass all that we are. This "giving thanks" with our lives becomes real every day in the celebration of the Eucharist, which is the "thanks giving" par excellence and at the same time calls to mind the passion of the Lord....In celebrating the Eucharist, we make present the very hour of the Church's birth, which coincides with the hour of the Lord's death. Our giving thanks is to assume that death and take on its very form. This is what ultimately determines the shape of our belonging to the Church."*
 (Pope Francis, *The Courage of the Cross* in *Open Mind*, Faithful Heart; Herder and Herder, 2013; p.68).

LECTIO DIVINA: Tuesday 4th April at 7pm.

CAFOD FAST DAY: Many thanks to everyone who supported this event, including the Soup and Roll lunch last Sunday. **£1161** was raised.

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

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

CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players: Final part on Tuesday 21st March, 7pm, **Michelangelo**.

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.

ODE TO SPRING: *"Spring has sprung, the grass has riz, I wonder were the birdies is? The little bird is on the wing. But that`s absurd! Because the bird is on the wing!!"*

Clocks go forward one hour NEXT Sunday 2am 😊😊😊😊😊

The Sunday school teacher was carefully explaining the story of Elijah the Prophet and the false prophets of Baal. She explained how Elijah built the altar, put wood upon it, cut the bull in pieces and laid it upon the altar. And then Elijah commanded the people of God to fill four barrels of water and pour it over the altar. He made them do this three times. "Now," said the teacher, "can anyone in the class tell me why the Lord made Elijah pour water over the bull on the altar?" A little girl in the back of the room raised her hand with great enthusiasm: "To make the gravy."

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

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