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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS.

Sunday May 7th 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER Yr A World day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life (Good Shepherd Sunday) <i>Acts 2:14, 36-41;</i> <i>Psalm 22(23):1-6;</i> <i>1 Peter 2:20-25; John 10:1-10</i> Psalter Week 4	Sat. Vigil Sunday	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 5.00pm	Bobby Barragry John Hunt RIP (KB) Parish Community <i>Vespers and Benediction</i>
Monday May 8 th <i>4th Week of Eastertide</i>		9.30am	The O'Brien Family (GO`B)
Tuesday 9 th <i>4th Week of Eastertide</i>		9.30am	Jennie Evans RIP (PC)
Wednesday 10 th <i>4th Week of Eastertide</i>		9.30am	Leonardo Grattarola RIP (PC)
Thursday 11 th <i>4th Week of Eastertide</i>		7.00pm	Genio & Mima Di Marco RIP anniv. (S&TM)
Friday 12 th <i>4th Week of Eastertide</i>		9.30am 3pm	Helen Richards RIP anniv. (EW) <i>Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Rosary</i>
Saturday May 13 th <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>		10.00am 10.30 - 11.00am	Leonardo Grattarola RIP (GG) <i>Exposition and Confessions</i>
Sunday May 14th 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER Yr A <i>Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 32(33):1-5, 18-19;</i> <i>1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12</i> Psalter Week 1	Sat. Vigil Sunday	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am	The Thornton Family (MM) John Hunt RIP (ED) Parish Community
Cycle of Prayer: <i>(During Eastertide): New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; The Church; Human Work.</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. Rosary: Fridays in May with Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

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 Fane, John Fowler, Gina Grattarola, Gwyneth Isaacs, Kitty Jewell, Rose Lamprey, Barbara Little, Anne Martin, Kath and Colin Milford, Roy Miller, Anita Oakley, Doris Renninghoff, 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 RECENTLY: Leonardo Grattarola, Lilian Richards, Stephen Hayley.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: Peter Pennick, Edith Usher, John and Ruth Elias, Annie Waters, Glenys Stozzi, Sam Jones, Dennis Frawley, Frank Bottomly, Nora Trick, Erminia di Marco, Helen Richards, Fr Hubert Canneaux, Fr David Lewis.

FUNERAL: Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Lilian Richards who has died. She will be received into St. Joachim & St. Anne, Dunvant on Monday 8th May at 4.00pm. Requiem Mass Tuesday 9th May at 10.30am, followed by interment at Oystermouth Cemetery, 11.45am.

<p>SUNDAY OFFERING:</p> <p>Last Sunday: £787</p> <p>Second Collection: THIS Sunday is for the <i>Priest's Training Fund</i>.</p> <p>Many thanks for your generous support.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ROTAS (14th May)</p> <p>Extraordinary Ministers: 6.30pm: Wendy Graham 8.30am: Maggie Morris 10.30am: <i>Brynfield</i>: Diane Davies <i>West Cross</i>: Tony Lane <i>Mumbles</i>: Ann Lane</p> <p>Flowers: Tess O'Donoghue, Breda Regan, Anne Bowen Cleaning: Norma Evans, Maggie Morris, Bill James</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OUR LADY'S LAMP:</p> <p>£5 per 7-day candle. This Week: A Successful Treatment</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 all non-perishable food items for the poor and needy. Please continue to give generously.

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.**

PRIEST'S TRAINING FUND: The Diocese of Menevia currently has 3 men in formation for the Priesthood. **Matthew Roach-Saunders** (whom we welcome here this weekend), **Robert Davies** and **Gregory Beckett**. Please respond generously to this appeal and continue to pray for vocations to the ordained ministry and religious life in our Diocese.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA CLERGY/LAITY GOLF TOURNAMENT: Monday 5th June at Radyr Golf Club. This event supports the *Priest's Training Fund* and is held every year. Details on the notice board or ask Fr Mansel for further information.

READERS: Many thanks for the excellent way in which you all prepare and conduct this most important of ministries. One way in which the sacredness of both proclaiming and listening to the Word can be enhanced is if all readers would please begin their approach to the lectern *after* the conclusion of the Collect (opening prayer). Many thanks.

PENTECOST SUNDAY: June 4th. The 10.30am Mass will be an International Themed Mass, reflecting the Gift of the Holy Spirit given to all nations and all peoples. If you would like to read one of the *Prayers of Intercession* in a language other than English please let Fr Mansel know. There will be a "bring-a-plate" International lunch to follow the Mass in the Hall.

PLANT SALE: In aid of Church Projects. After **ALL** Masses **THIS** weekend. Donations of plants will be gratefully received.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Class meets Monday 8th May at 4pm.

CATHOLIC MEN'S SOCIETY: Monday 8th May at 7.15pm. New members welcome.

MAY PROCESSION: Belmont Abbey on Wednesday 10th May at 9pm. **Places on bus limited to 12.** Cost £11.

MARIAN MONTH OF MAY: The month of May largely corresponds with the 50 days of Easter. While our primary focus is on the Resurrection of Christ, pious exercises such as praying the rosary should reflect on Our Lady's participation in the Paschal Mystery, and Pentecost.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 14th – 20th May. Volunteers welcomed to collect along our usual streets (see map in porch). Contact Anne Bowen for details.

LECTIO DIVINA: Tuesday 16th May at 7pm.

CAFOD RETREAT: St David's Priory Church, Swansea, Friday 19th May from 10am to 4pm. Bring packed lunch.

WELSH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARDIGAN: Sunday 21st May. Transport available from *Swansea Sick to Lourdes* Group. All details on Notice Board in porch.

YOUTH SURVEY: All 13-29 year olds are invited to take part in an online survey launched by the Catholic Bishop's conference of England and Wales. The responses will be used in a report that will be sent to the Vatican in preparation for the 15th Synod of Bishops, led by Pope Francis in October 2018.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cathnews-synod-youth-poll>

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO VALLADOLID: 14th-19th May. If you need a priest in an emergency **ONLY** please contact Mgr Kinrade on 366305. For Singleton Hospital contact Fr Carlito on 202447.

The penny and the pound had become close friends before they left the Royal Mint. Five years later, they met in a tobacconist's till. What a tale the pound had to tell – trips to the continent, night-clubs, gambling casinos, theatres and expensive restaurants. "Well," said the penny, "I've spent most of my life in and out of slot machines, but I can truthfully say one thing for myself – I never once missed Mass on a Sunday."