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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS.

Sunday May 28th ASCENSION OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY) <i>Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 46(47):2, 6-9;</i> <i>Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20.</i> Psalter Week 3	Sat. Vigil Sunday	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am	John Dolan (FJ) Dilwyn Lloyd RIP anniv. (AL) Parish Community
Monday 29 th <i>7th Week of Eastertide</i>		10.30am	D. Lloyd RIP anniv. (PH)
Tuesday 30 th <i>7th Week of Eastertide</i>		9.30am	John Fane RIP (GO`B)
Wednesday 31 st <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> <i>(Feast)</i>		9.30am	Dora & Stan Clarke 70 th Wedding anniversary (PC)
Thursday June 1 st <i>St Justin, Martyr</i>		7.00pm	John Fane RIP (T&AL)
Friday 2 nd <i>7th Week of Eastertide</i>		9.30am 3pm – 4pm	Intentions to the Sacred Heart (GC) <i>Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary and Adoration</i>
Saturday 4 th <i>St Charles Lwanga and Companions,</i> <i>Martyrs</i>		10.00am 10.30 - 11.00am	Joe Harte RIP anniv. (ET) <i>Exposition and Confessions</i>
Sunday June 5th PENTECOST SUNDAY (SOLEMNITY) <i>Acts 2:1-11;</i> <i>Psalm 103(104):1, 21, 29-30, 31, 34;</i> <i>1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13</i> <i>John 20:19-23</i> Psalter Week 1	Sat. Vigil Sunday	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 5pm	Parish Community Annie Stott (Fouracre Family) Don Falvey RIP anniv. (PF) <i>Vespers and Benediction. (The end of Eastertide)</i>
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 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: Jennie Evans, John Fane.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: Theresa Byrne, Dilwyn Lloyd, Francis Cecil Hayes, Hugh Hamil, Patricia Stroud, Marion Jones, Albert Edwards, Jim White, Len Davies, Ellie Cookson, Tom and Muriel Lane, Melita Dowson, Jessica Wilford, John Mullaney, Joseph Harte, Don Falvey, Bishop John Petit, Fr Jean Jacques Pochard.

FUNERAL: Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of John Fane. His funeral will be at St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church, Hirwaun on Thursday 1st June at 12.30pm.

<p>SUNDAY OFFERING: 14th May: £893. Last Sunday: £803. <i>Priests Training Fund</i> Total: £1413. Second Collection Last Week: World Communications Day: £186. Many thanks for your generous support.</p>	<p>ROTAS (4th June) Extraordinary Ministers: 6.30pm: Wendy Graham 8.30am: Anne Bowen 10.30am: <i>Brynfield:</i> Joy Stafford <i>West Cross:</i> Brian Hughes <i>Mumbles:</i> Eileen Waters Flowers: All flower arrangers meet at 11am on Saturday 3rd June to prepare for Pentecost Cleaning: Ann Lane, Liz Lyons, Diane Davies</p>	<p>OUR LADY'S LAMP: £5 per 7-day candle. This Week: Daniel Fouracre</p> <hr/> <p>200 CLUB: May Draw: After 8.30am Mass THIS 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 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.**

PARISH FILM NIGHT: Friday 2nd June at 7pm. *The Hunt For the Wilderpeople.* All welcome.

THE EMMAUS EXPERIENCE: *Exploring a Living Faith in Today's World*: a day of prayer and reflection on the Scriptures. Given by the Menevia Pastoral & Catechetical Team at Blessed Sacrament Church, Gorseinon, Saturday 24th June, 10am – 3pm. Bring packed lunch.

SPAIN PILGRIMAGE: Our thanks are warmly extended to the **Royal English College at Valladolid**, where we were given a very hospitable welcome by all the staff and students during our recent stay. It was good to meet the three students there and especially to see Greg Beckett, our student for Menevia looking and doing so well. We keep them all in our prayers.

PAINTING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We will soon be looking to touch up the exterior of the Church Porch. If anyone has any painting skills and would like to help in this project, please see Fr Mansel.

Bill, an unscrupulous painter, would often thin down his paint when hired to do a job, and pocket the money he'd save. One day, the local church decided to do some long-awaited maintenance, and hired Bill for the job. Bill gets to work, and after a good few hours, he's nearly finished. As he stands on his scaffolding to finish off the steeple, he smiles to himself: the paint job looks pretty good, he's made a decent profit, and he'll be home before dinner. Suddenly, a huge bolt of lightning knocks Bill right off his scaffolding; the skies open up, and all of Bill's paint washes right off the church. Bill knows it's a sign from God. He falls to his knees in a puddle of rainwater and paint, and cries, "Oh God, forgive me! What should I do?" And from the thunder, comes a booming voice: "REPAINT! REPAINT! AND THIN NO MORE!"

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Congratulations to Lauren and Taliesin who made their First Confessions last Monday. Dillon will be making his First Confession on Wednesday 31st May. Their First Holy Communion will be on Sunday June 11th at 10.30am.

70th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Congratulations to Dora and Stan Clarke who will be celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday 31st May 2017.

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.

LECTIO DIVINA: Tuesday 30th May at 7pm.

CATHOLIC MEN'S SOCIETY: Meet First Monday of each month. Next meeting Monday 5th June at 7.15pm. New members welcome.

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.