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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS.

Sunday 31st December The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Feast) <i>Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3;</i> <i>Psalm 104(105):1-6, 8-9;</i> <i>Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Luke 2:22-40</i> Psalter Week 1	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am 10.30am	Arthur Edwards RIP anniv. (VE) Parish Community Ann & Tony Lane (TO`D)
Monday January 1 st 2018 MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (SOLEMNITY)	11.30am	Thanksgiving (ET)
Tuesday 2 nd <i>Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen,</i> <i>Bishops and Doctors of the Church</i>	9.30am	Mary Hunter (JM)
Wednesday 3 rd <i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	9.30am	Brian Davies RIP anniv. (PH) COFFEE MORNING RESUMES
Thursday 4 th <i>Weekday before Epiphany</i>	7.00pm	Alan Davies (NE)
Friday 5 th <i>Weekday before Epiphany</i>	9.30am 3pm-4pm	Jamie Robertson RIP (JM) <i>Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary, Adoration</i>
Saturday 6 th <i>Weekday before Epiphany</i>	10.00am 10.30 - 11.00am	Ann & Tony Lane (EW) <i>Adoration and Confessions</i>
Sunday 7th January THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD <i>Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 71(72): 1-2, 7-8, 10-13;</i> <i>Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt. 2:1-12</i> Psalter Week 1	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am 10.30am 5.00pm	Elizabeth Davies (JC) Special Intentions (PH) Parish Community <i>Vespers and Benediction</i>
Monday 8 th THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (FEAST) <i>The end of Christmastide</i>	9.30am	Sister Margaret (AL)
Cycle of Prayer: <i>(During Advent and Christmastide): Openness to the Word of God; for Migrants and Refugees; and for Expectant Mothers.</i>		

TO ALL OUR CHURCH HELPERS: Many thanks to everyone who helps in any way in and around our lovely church and parish; serving on the various Ministry Rotas, working quietly behind the scenes to ensure everything runs smoothly. Your help is invaluable and greatly appreciated by everyone. If you would like to join any of the rotas, please do not hesitate to come forward. New helpers are always welcome.

CONFESSIONS: after Saturday morning Mass, and from 6.00pm – 6.15pm Saturday evening, and on request.

EUCARISTIC ADORATION: following the Saturday morning Mass with simple Benediction; and every Friday 3pm – 4pm with Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Rosary.

VESPERS AND BENEDICTION: Usually first Sunday of each month at 5pm. Check newsletter.

MARIAN DEVOTION: Decade of the Rosary after each weekday Mass.

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, 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: Brenda Bladen.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: Anne Williams, David O`Donnell, William Kinrade, Bert d`Rozario, Stephen Evans, Orlek Zienkiewicz, Edward Cummings, Claude Gunning, Stella Cummings, John and Josie Frawley, Brian Davies, Ellen White, Ellen Smith, Aldo Grattarola, Ronald Cummings, Florence Taylor, Fr Patrick Kelly, Fr Edward Lunt.

<p>SUNDAY OFFERING: Last Sunday: £760.95.</p> <p>Many thanks for your generous support and kind gifts this Christmas.</p>	<p>ROTAS (7th January) Extraordinary Ministers: 6.30pm: Margaret Whitmore 8.30am: Tess O`Donoghue 10.30am: <i>Brynfield:</i> Eileen Waters <i>West Cross:</i> Diane Davies <i>Mumbles:</i> Wendy Graham</p> <p>Flowers: Cleaning: Ann Richards, Judy Mulcahy</p>	<p>OUR LADY`S LAMP: £5 per 7-day candle. This Week: No Intention</p> <hr/> <p>200 CLUB: January Subs due 13th /14th 6 or 12mths subs can be paid in advance.</p> <p>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.

Sincere thanks for all your kind cards and gifts.

Wishing you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas, and a Peaceful New Year.

Fr Mansel, and Mgr Brian.

"God could have come wrapped in glory, splendour, light and power, to instill fear, to make us rub our eyes in amazement. Instead he came as the smallest, the frailest and weakest of beings. Why? So that no one would be ashamed to approach him, so that no one would be afraid, so that all would feel close to him and draw near to him, so that there would be no distance between us and him. God made the effort to plunge, to dive deep within us, so that each of us, each of you, could speak intimately with him, trust him, draw near to him and realise that he thinks of you and loves you... He loves you! Think about what this means! If you understand this, if you remember what I am saying, you will have understood the whole of Christianity". (Blessed Pope Paul VI, Christmas 1971).

CRIB OFFERINGS 2017: Swansea Hope Night Shelter. Churches in Swansea, working together to meet the needs and care for homeless people through the coldest months, providing emergency accommodation and a hot meal for rough sleepers. **Many thanks to all who have volunteered to help with this project.**

PARISH FILM NIGHT: Friday, 5th January: "A Street Cat Named Bob", starring Luke Treadway and BOB as Bob.

LECTIO DIVINA: Resumes Tuesday 9th January, 7pm.

CATHOLIC MENS SOCIETY: Monday 5th February at 7.15pm. Guest speaker: Bishop Tom Burns, speaking on Military Chaplaincy. All men of the parish welcome.

HOUSE BLESSINGS: During the month of January I shall be available for the Traditional New Year`s Blessing of Homes. Please telephone me for a suitable appointment. I am away from Monday 8th to Friday 12th January.

The passenger tapped the taxi driver on the shoulder to ask him something. The driver screamed, lost control of the car, nearly hit a bus, went up on the pavement, and stopped inches from a department store window. For a second everything went quiet in the taxi, then the driver said, "Look mister, don't ever do that again. You scared me half to death!" The passenger apologised and said he didn't realise that a little tap could scare him so much. The driver replied, "I'm sorry. It's not your fault. Today is my first day as a taxi driver. I've been driving a hearse for 25 years."