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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS.

Sunday December 3rd 1st Sunday of Advent Year B <i>Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8</i> <i>Psalms 79(80):2-3, 15-19;</i> <i>1 Corinthians 1:3-9;</i> <i>Mark 13:33-37</i> Psalter Week 1	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am 10.30am	Thanksgiving (MW) Parish Community Roberto Cascarini RIP anniv. (MR)
Monday 4 th <i>1st Week of Advent</i>	9.30am	Ann & Tony Lane (J&MR)
Tuesday 5 th <i>1st Week of Advent</i>	9.30am	Esther & Tony Harris RIP (KM)
Wednesday 6 th <i>1st Week of Advent</i>	9.30am	Mel Davies RIP anniv. (JD)
Thursday 7 th DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST JOSEPH (FEAST)	7.00pm	Ann & Tony Lane (ET)
Friday 8 th THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (SOLEMNITY)	9.30am 3pm – 4pm	George Plunkett RIP (TP & Family) <i>Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary, Adoration</i>
Saturday 9 th <i>1st Week of Advent</i>	10.00am 10.30 - 11.00am	Leonardo Grattarola RIP (GG) <i>Adoration and Confessions</i>
Sunday December 10th 2nd Sunday of Advent Year B <i>Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 84(85):9-14;</i> <i>2Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8</i> Psalter Week 2	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am 10.30am 5.00pm	Parish Community Special Intention (Stewart Family) Claire O'Neill (L&J) <i>Vespers and Benediction</i>
Cycle of Prayer: <i>(During Advent and Christmastide): Openness to the Word of God; for Migrants and Refugees; and for Expectant Mothers.</i>		
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES		
Saturday 23rd December		SUNDAY 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE
<i>3rd Week of Advent</i> Mass 10.00am 10.30 - 11.00am <i>Adoration and Confessions</i>		5.40pm 6.00pm Vigil Mass 11.45pm Midnight Mass <i>Children`s Nativity</i> Parish Community <i>Carols</i> Mary Lynch RIP anniv. (A&MB)
Sunday 24th December 4th Sunday of Advent		MONDAY 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY
Sat. Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am 10.30am	Tom Byrne RIP anniv. (A&MB)	Mass of Christmas Day 9.30am Bill Bowling anniv. (KB)
		Tuesday 26th December Feast of St Stephen 11.30am Parish Community

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

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

ADVENT: Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming. As with the season of Lent, while there are many ways of preparing, the importance of stillness and silence should not be overlooked.

VESPERS AND BENEDICTION: 2nd and 3rd Sundays of Advent, 5.00pm then, usually first Sunday of each month.

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, Anna Macari, 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: Brian Hudson.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: Roberto Cascarini, Denis Gott, Molly Clinton, Josephine Hunt, Thomas Baker, Mel Davies, Ann Hawkins, Gladys Williams, Jeanette Rees, Bettie Lloyd, Jean Datta, George Aldridge, Veronica O'Leary, Fr George Anwyll.

SUNDAY OFFERING: Last Sunday: £805.75 Second Collection NEXT weekend for Church Flowers. Many thanks for your generous support. Many thanks for your generous support	ROTAS (10th December) Extraordinary Ministers: 6.30pm: Anne Bowen 8.30am: Tess O'Donoghue 10.30am: <i>Brynfield:</i> Joy Stafford <i>West Cross:</i> Eileen Waters <i>Mumbles:</i> Norma Evans Flowers: Cleaning: Ann Lane, Liz Lyons, Diane Davies	OUR LADY'S LAMP: £5 per 7-day candle. This Week: Rhian Cockwell; Sarah Chalwood; and Special Intention 200 CLUB: November Winners: £40: Ioan Kneath (127) £20: Jeanette Thomas (187) £10: Gaye Clee (55) Subs due THIS weekend. New Members Welcome
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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.

CONGRATULATIONS: Ann and Tony Lane who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Next class Monday 11th December at 4pm. **CONFIRMATION:** Next class Saturday 16th December at 4.45pm. **** Please note change of date. ****

REDWEDNESDAY: Coffee Morning and Collections raised £180 for Aid to the Church in Need. Many thanks to all who participated and gave so generously. **LECTIO DIVINA:** Resumes Tuesday 12th January, 7pm.

WALK WITH ME ADVENT BOOKLETS: Available in the porch. Suggested donation 50p.

PARISH CHRISTMAS SUPPER/GRAND PRIZE DRAW: Friday 8th December at 6.30pm. £5 due from those coming to the Christmas Supper at all Masses this weekend. Please return raffle ticket counterfoils showing name & tel.no. & cash ASAP. Proceeds to St. David's School.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD: Please note that Fr Mansel will be recommissioning all Readers at **all Masses** NEXT weekend (Bible Sunday). Resources to encourage us all to engage with the Scriptures during Advent and beyond are available to download at: <http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/Home/Featured/Catholic-Bible-Sunday-2017>

DVD: "THE WOMAN" Thursday 14th December: (Following Mass at 7pm) "In the Gospels we hear Jesus refer to his mother Mary as "Woman", drawing our attention to the woman mentioned in the book of Genesis, as well as in the book of Revelation. But who is this "Woman", and why is she so central in the Christmas story and in the history of Salvation". (Film length: 40 mins. Followed by Discussion over tea and coffee).

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING DEMONSTRATION: Friday 15th December at 4.15pm in Church Hall.

ADVENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION: Here on Monday 18th December at 7pm. Fr Jason Jones and Fr John Browne will be available for confessions.

VESPERS AND BENEDICTION: 2nd and 3rd Sundays of Advent at 5pm.

AWAY: I shall be away on my Advent Retreat from Sunday afternoon until Friday 8th December. Fr Patrick Lobo will be supplying for me. If a priest is required in an emergency only and for Singleton Hospital, please call Fr Patrick on 367283.

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

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