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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS.

Sunday December 17th 3rd Sunday of Advent Year B (Gaudete Sunday) <i>Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11; Luke 1:46-50, 53-54;</i> <i>1Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28</i> Psalter Week 3	Sat. Vigil	6.30pm	Declan McCourt RIP (M&RE)
	Sunday	8.30am 10.30am Family Mass 5.00pm	Parish Community Pat Webb RIP (A&TL) <i>Vespers and Benediction</i>
Monday 18th <i>3rd Week of Advent</i>		9.30am 7.00pm	David Cook RIP (MR) <i>Service of Reconciliation; visiting priests available for individual confession.</i>
Tuesday 19th <i>3rd Week of Advent</i>		9.30am 2pm	John Williams RIP (JW) <i>Mass at St David's School</i>
Wednesday 20th <i>3rd Week of Advent</i>		9.30am	Peter Cascarini RIP anniv. (MR) NO COFFEE MORNING (Resumes 3 rd Jan.)
Thursday 21st <i>3rd Week of Advent</i>		7.00pm	Gill Lewis (JB)
Friday 22nd <i>3rd Week of Advent</i>		9.30am 3pm – 4pm 7pm – 8pm	Peter Cottle RIP anniv. (SC) <i>Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary, Adoration</i> Confessions
Saturday 23rd <i>3rd Week of Advent</i>		10.00am 10.30 - 11.00am	Wally Peck & John Sheridan RIP (KM) <i>Adoration and Confessions</i>
Sunday 24th December 4th Sunday of Advent Yr B <i>2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16;</i> <i>Psalms 88(89):2-5, 27, 29;</i> <i>Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38</i> Psalter Week 4	Sat. Vigil	6.30pm	Tom Byrne RIP anniv. (A&MB)
	Sunday	8.30am 10.30am	Brian Davies RIP anniv. (MD) Parish Community

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

SUNDAY 24 TH CHRISTMAS EVE		CHRISTMAS DAY	
5.40pm	<i>Children's Nativity</i>	9.30am Mass of Christmas Day	Bill Bowling anniv. (KB)
6.00pm Vigil Mass	Parish Community		
11.45pm	<i>Carols</i>	Tuesday 26th December Feast of St Stephen	
Midnight Mass	Mary Lynch RIP anniv. (A&MB)	11.30am	Parish Community

Cycle of Prayer: (During Advent and Christmastide): *Openness to the Word of God; for Migrants and Refugees; and for Expectant Mothers.*

NATIVITY AND CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS: Children are invited to come dressed as Mary, Joseph, Angels, Shepherds etc.

GIFTS AT CHRISTMAS: Children attending the Christmas Masses are invited to bring gifts for the homeless, sailors (through the Apostleship of the Sea) and children who are needy this Christmas. Please mark your gift for who it is intended.

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

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.

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.

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: Carol Hyde, Anna Macari, Brenda Bladen.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: Mary Daniels, William Brimacombe, Patrick O`Brien, Joseph Walke, David Cook, Peter Parish, Peter Cascarini, John Morris, Julie Carr, James Whooley, Tom Byrne, Peter Cottle, Amelia Davies, William Jones, William Henry Jones, James Madigan, Maurice Hunt, Fr Charles Roberts, Fr Paul Gallagher

SUNDAY OFFERING: Last Sunday: £787.90. <i>Second Collection for Church Flowers:</i> £317.00. The Collection at Christmas Masses is the Traditional Christmas Offering for the Support of the Priest. Many thanks for your generous support	ROTAS (24th December) Extraordinary Ministers: 6.30pm: Brian Hughes 8.30am: Maggie Morris 10.30am: <i>Brynfield:</i> Tony Lane <i>West Cross:</i> Wendy Graham <i>Mumbles:</i> Joan Morgan Flowers: Volunteers needed after 10.30 Mass. You don't have to be a flower arranger for this!! Cleaning: Christine Morris, Coleen Brennan, Brian White	OUR LADY'S LAMP: £5 per 7-day candle. This Week: Kathleen Morgan 200 CLUB: December Winners: £80: Geraldine Fane (1) £40: Fran Jordan (80) £20: Kate Healings (223) 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.

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

PARISH CHRISTMAS SUPPER/GRAND PRIZE DRAW: Many thanks to all who helped to make this event such a huge success. **£1359.30** raised for St. David's School.

ST DAVID'S SCHOOL: Congratulations to Miss Elizabeth Richards on her appointment as new Headteacher at St David's.

SCHOOL CONCERTS: Many congratulations to all the children of St David's School, St Joseph's Cathedral School, and the Choir of Bishop Vaughan School, who put on such wonderful concerts and services recently. A true and deep understanding of the Christmas story was beautifully enacted and sung. Well done and many thanks to the teachers, TAs, staff and parents for all your help and support.

GOING AWAY FOR CHRISTMAS: If you are travelling this Christmas to visit family and friends, or to escape the cold and the damp, please take with you our good wishes and prayers for a very Happy and Holy Christmas. Travel safely.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS: Many thanks for the generous donation which has provided new Christmas lights outside the church.

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.

There was once a great Tsar in Russia named Rudolph the Red. He stood looking out the windows of his palace one day while his wife, the Tsarina Katerina, sat nearby knitting. He turned to her and said, "Look my dear, it has begun to rain!" Without even looking up from her knitting she replied, "It's too cold to rain. It must be sleeting." The Tsar shook his head and said, "I am the Tsar of all Russia, and Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear!"

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