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‘Love God, Love Learning, Love Life’

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS.

<p>Sunday 24th December 4th Sunday of Advent Yr B <i>2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16;</i> <i>Psalm 88(89):2-5, 27, 29;</i> <i>Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38</i> Psalter Week 4</p>	<p>Sat. Vigil Sunday</p>	<p>6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am</p>	<p>Tom Byrne RIP anniv. (A&MB) Brian Davies RIP anniv. (MD) Parish Community</p>
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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

SUNDAY 24 TH CHRISTMAS EVE	CHRISTMAS DAY
<p style="text-align: center;">5.40pm 6.00pm Vigil Mass 11.45pm Midnight Mass</p> <p><i>Children`s Nativity</i> Parish Community <i>Carols</i> Mary Lynch RIP anniv. (A&MB)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9.30am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mass of Christmas Day</p> <p>Bill Bowling anniv. (KB)</p>
<p>Tuesday 26th St Stephen, The First Martyr (Feast)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>11.30am</u></p> <p>Parish Community</p>
<p>Wednesday 27th St John, Apostle and Evangelist (Feast)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9.30am</p> <p>Fr Paul Gallagher RIP anniv. (NE) NO COFFEE MORNING (Resumes 3rd Jan.)</p>
<p>Thursday 28th The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Feast)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7.00pm</p> <p>Brenda Bladen RIP (JT)</p>
<p>Friday 29th <i>5th Day of Christmas Octave</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9.30am</p> <p>George Plunkett RIP (TP & Family)</p>
<p>Saturday 30th <i>6th Day of Christmas Octave</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.00am 10.30 - 11.00am</p> <p>Peter Parish RIP anniv. (NE) <i>Adoration and Confessions</i></p>
<p>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</p>	<p>Sat. Vigil Sunday</p> <p>6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am</p> <p>Arthur Edwards RIP anniv. (VE) Parish Community Ann & Tony Lane (TO`D)</p>
<p>Monday January 1st 2018 MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (SOLEMNITY)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>11.30am</u></p> <p>Thanksgiving (ET)</p>

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

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: Maria Snaize, Susannah Morris, Roxy Malinki, Donald Phillip, Mary Lynch, Greta Wood, Mrs B. O'Sullivan, Salvatore Scozzi, Percy Bowling, Mary Ellen Davies, Arthur O'Bree, Constance Chiplin, Albert Oliver, Margaret Fane, Frank Ellis, David Jackson, Elsie Dykstra, Christine Moulds, Annie O'Brien, Josyp Bancay, Helen Zienkiewicz, Fr Liam Wilcock, Fr Paul Glendinning.

<p>SUNDAY OFFERING: Last Sunday: £924.52.</p> <p>The Collection at the Christmas Masses is the Traditional Christmas Offering for the Support of the Clergy.</p> <p>Many thanks for your generous support</p>	<p>ROTAS (31st December) Extraordinary Ministers: 6.30pm: Maureen Williams 8.30am: Anne Bowen 10.30am: <i>Brynfield:</i> Maggie Morris <i>West Cross:</i> Tony Morgan <i>Mumbles:</i> Joy Stafford</p> <p>Flowers: Volunteers needed after 10.30 Mass. You don't have to be a flower arranger for this!!</p> <p>Cleaning: Fran Falvey, Mary M'Ginty, Jan Davies</p>	<p>OUR LADY'S LAMP: £5 per 7-day candle. This Week: Peter Mason</p> <hr/> <p>200 CLUB: December Winners: £80: Geraldine Fane (1) £40: Fran Jordan (80) £20: Kate Healings (223) January Subs due 13th /14th 6 or 12mths subs can be paid in advance. 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.
The Sisters wish to express their sincere thanks to St David's School who collected a tremendous amount of food and gifts during Advent. Congratulations to Year 2 who topped the Collection Charts!!

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.*

SCHOOL CONCERTS: Well done to 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. **St Joseph's Cathedral School Choir can be heard in concert with the BBC Wales Chorus and the BBC National Orchestra which will be broadcast on BBC Wales Radio Christmas Eve 11.00pm and Christmas Day 2pm.**

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.

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.

Millions of years ago, there was no such thing as the wheel. The only way to move things was by carrying or dragging. One day, some primitive guys were watching their wives drag a dead Woolly Mammoth to the food preparation area. It was exhausting work. The guys were getting tired just WATCHING. Then they noticed some large, smooth, rounded boulders and they had an idea. They could sit on the boulders and watch! This was the first in a series of breakthroughs that ultimately led to television.

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