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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS.

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; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt. 2:1-12</i> Psalter Week 1	Sat. Vigil Sunday	6.30pm 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>End of Christmastide</i>		9.30am	Sr Margaret (AL)
Tuesday 9 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time Yr 2</i>		9.30am	Delia Hughes RIP anniv. (MR)
Wednesday 10 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time Yr 2</i>		9.30am	Rose Galligan (RP)
Thursday 11 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time Yr 2</i>		7.00pm	Alma (Bracchi) Beasley (JB)
Friday 12 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time Yr 2</i>		9.30am 3pm-4pm	Sr Ray (AL) <i>Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary, Adoration</i>
Saturday 13 th <i>Votive Mass of Our Lady</i>		10.00am 10.30 - 11.00am	Hugh Blackie RIP (AL) <i>Adoration and Confessions</i>
Sunday 14th January 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B, <i>1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19; Psalm 39 (40):2,4, 7-10; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20; John 1:35-42</i> Psalter Week 2	Sat. Vigil Sunday	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am	Sick and Retired Clergy Anna Lloyd (MD) Parish Community
Cycle of Prayer: <i>(In the Winter Season of Ordinary Time): Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; Victims of Human Trafficking and Those Who Work to Combat It; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; The Unemployed.</i>			

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, Thomas McCarry, Maureen Davies.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: Mary Whooley, Mary O`Mahoney, Delia Hughes, Jack McLoughlin, Angela Davies, Thomas Cummings, Johanna O`Donoghue, Terence O`Brien, Nesta Morris, Ken Falvey, Terrence Sullivan, John Weaver, Muriel Morris, Gwyneth Thomas, Wendy John, Angela O`Bree, Fr John Quinn, Fr Leopold Cunningham

FUNERAL: Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Dr Thomas McCarry. His Requiem Mass will take place here on Wednesday 17th January at 9.30am followed by committal at Morryston Crematorium at 11.30am.

<p>SUNDAY OFFERING: Last Sunday: £843.04. The Second Collection NEXT week will be for the <i>Sick and Retired Clergy Fund</i>. Special Gift Aid envelopes available in porch. Many thanks for your generous support.</p>	<p>ROTAS (13th January) Extraordinary Ministers: 6.30pm: Anne Bowen 8.30am: Joy Stafford 10.30am: <i>Brynfield</i>: Margaret Whitmore <i>West Cross</i>: Tony Lane <i>Mumbles</i>: Ann Lane Flowers: Ann Lane, Diane Davies, Sandra Morgan Cleaning: Madeline Aherne, Anne Bowen, Breda Regan</p>	<p>OUR LADY'S LAMP: £5 per 7-day candle. This Week: Special Intention</p> <hr/> <p>200 CLUB: January Subs due Next Weekend. 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.

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.

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.

SVP: Meet Wednesday 10th January at 7pm. All Welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION: Confirmation class meets on Saturday 13th January at 1.30pm at TenPin Bowling ParcTawe. The First Holy Communion Class meets Monday 15th January at 4pm in the Hall.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: Meet in the Hall on Monday 15th January at 7pm.

PARISH FILM NIGHT: Friday, 2nd February: “

LECTIO DIVINA: Tuesday 23rd 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.

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK: begins on Thursday 18th January. There will be an Ecumenical Service in All Saint's Church, Oystermouth on Sunday 21st January at 3pm. All Welcome.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2018: The annual White Flower Appeal is a major source of income for the **Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)**. At all Masses on the weekend of 20th/21st January there will be an opportunity to contribute to this appeal by placing a donation in a special basket as you leave.

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.

AWAY: I am away from Monday 8th to Friday 12th January. If a priest is needed in an emergency only and for Singleton Hospital, please telephone Fr Andrzej Kuklinski on 07495633002.

Once upon a time there was a Prince who, through no fault of his own, was cast under a spell by an evil witch. The curse was that the Prince could speak only one word each year. However, he could save up the words so that if he did not speak for a whole year, the following year he was allowed to speak two words. One day he met a beautiful princess and fell madly in love. With the greatest difficulty he decided to refrain from speaking for two whole years so that he could look at her and say "my darling". But at the end of the two years he wished to tell her that he loved her. Because of this he waited three more years without speaking (bringing the total number of silent years to 5). But at the end of these five years he realised that he had to ask her to marry him. So, he waited another four years without speaking. Finally, as the ninth year of silence ended, his joy knew no bounds. Leading the lovely princess to the most secluded and romantic place in that beautiful royal garden the prince heaped a hundred red roses on her lap, knelt before her, and taking her hand in his, said huskily, "My darling, I love you! Will you marry me?" The princess tucked a strand of golden hair behind a dainty ear, opened her sapphire eyes in wonder, and parting her ruby lips, said: "Pardon?"