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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS.

Sunday 28th January 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B <i>Deuteronomy 18:15-20;</i> <i>Psalms 94(95):1-2, 6-9; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35;</i> <i>Mark 1:21-28</i> Psalter Week 4	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am 10.30am <i>Family Mass</i>	Parish Community Margaret Quick RIP anniv. (KB) Ciaran Byrne RIP anniv. (A&MB)
Monday 29 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time Week 4</i>	9.30am	Gino Cresci RIP anniv. (AL)
Tuesday 30 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time Week 4</i>	9.30am	David Hay (TH)
Wednesday 31 st <i>St John Bosco, Priest</i>	9.30am	Margaret Fleming RIP anniv. (WF)
Thursday 1 st February <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time Week 4</i>	7.00pm	Monthly Mass for Vocations
Friday 2 nd <i>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (FEAST)</i>	9.30am 3pm-4pm	Patricia Hughes (TH) <i>Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary, Adoration</i>
Saturday 3 rd <i>St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr</i>	10.00am 10.30 - 11.00am	Colin Milford RIP (GO`B & Family) <i>Adoration and Confessions</i>
Sunday 4th February 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B <i>Job: 7:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 146(147):1-6;</i> <i>1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39</i> Psalter Week 1	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am 10.30am 5pm	Colin & Melita Dowson RIP anniv. (WK) Bill Adams RIP anniv. (JA) Parish Community <i>Vespers and Benediction</i>
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.

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; Janet Blackburn, June Blackhurst, Joan Bowden, John Fowler, Gina Grattarola, Gwyneth Isaacs, Kitty Jewell, Rose Lamprey, Barbara Little, Anne Martin, Kath 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: Colin Milford, Dudley Price, Cath Baker.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: Richard Clinton, Mary Cheal, Ciaran Byrne, Jim Williams, Barry Richards, Gino Cresci, Rebecca Wright, Claire Gregory, Margaret and Charles Rees, Margaret Fleming, Catherine Bewick, Joyce Fowler, Dorothy Inger, Eamon O`Sullivan, Daniel Sheehan, Eileen Milford, Tony Power, Edward Cummings, Bill Adams, Terry Reilly, Fr Seamus Brennan.

FUNERAL: Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Colin Milford who has died. His mortal remains will be received into the church on Wednesday 7th February at 4.30pm. His Requiem Mass will take place here on Thursday 8th February at 9.30am followed by interment at Oystermouth Cemetery.

WEDDING: Please remember in your prayers Marita Lambert and Robert Jones who will be joined together through the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony here on Friday 23rd February 2018 at 12.30pm.

<p>SUNDAY OFFERING:</p> <p>Last Sunday: £793.83.</p> <p>White Flower Appeal: £247.48.</p> <p>Many thanks for your generous support.</p>	<p>ROTAS (4th February) Extraordinary Ministers:</p> <p>6.30pm: Anne Bowen 8.30am: Tess O'Donoghue 10.30am: <i>Campion:</i> Maggie Morris <i>West Cross:</i> Tony Morgan <i>Mumbles:</i> Brian Hughes</p> <p>Flowers: Ann Lane, Norma Evans, Anne Bowen Cleaning: Stephanie Jefferies, Wendy Graham</p>	<p>OUR LADY'S LAMP: £5 per 7-day candle. This Week: Thanksgiving (EW)</p> <hr/> <p>200 CLUB: January Draw after 8.30am Mass this Sunday. 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.

SEMINARIANS: Please remember our seminarians in your prayers as they continue their formation to priesthood. Robert Davies is currently on a 4-week pastoral placement at Clydach while Greg Beckett is at Margam. Deacon Rev. Matthew Roche-Saunders has returned to Oscott and is preparing for his Priestly Ordination on August 4th 2018 at the Cathedral.

VISIT OF THE PAPAL NUNCIO: His excellency Archbishop Edward Adams will be visiting the Diocese from Tuesday 13th February to Thursday 15th February 2018. We wish his excellency a very warm welcome and pray for a fruitful visit. Thank you to all who contributed in the overwhelming response to the ballot to select 2 people to represent this parish at a buffet reception in honour of Archbishop Adams. Mrs Sue Philippart and Mrs Jackie Rees will be attending on behalf of the parish.

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: **Confirmation Class** will next meet on Saturday 3rd February at 4.45pm in the Hall. The next **First Holy Communion Class** will take place on Monday 5th February at 4pm in the Hall.

BISHOP VAUGHAN SCHOOL: Please remember in your prayers the staff and pupils at Bishop Vaughan School who are receiving an inspection by ESTYN this week. Please remember also the inspectors in your prayers.

HELP FOR REFUGEES: If you wish to offer any help and support to refugees, either through giving your time or any donations, including good quality clothing, please contact Sue Raad at St Teilo's Church, Bishopston. Email her at sueraad@googlemail.com or rector.bishopston@btinternet.com

PARISH BEREAVEMENT GROUP: Many thanks to all who have responded to this initiative. Training for volunteers is currently being arranged and details will be announced shortly.

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

LECTIO DIVINA: Tuesday 6th February, 7pm.

PARISH FILM NIGHT: *"CONTACT"* Starring: Jodie Foster and Matthew McConaughey. Friday 2nd February, 7pm. Donation £3. All Welcome.

KNITTING GROUP: Next meeting Friday 9th February 2pm. All welcome.

"WALK WITH ME": Copies of this useful devotional guide to prayer during Lent, which begins on **Ash Wednesday 14th February** are now available in the porch. Suggested donation 50p.

LENTEN STATION MASS: St David's, Swansea, Wednesday 14th February (Ash Wednesday) at 7pm. Principal Celebrant will be the Papal Nuncio, his excellency Archbishop Edward Adams. Mass of Ash Wednesday will be celebrated here at 9.30am.

OTHER EVENTS IN LENT: February: Friday 23rd CAFOD Family Fast Day; Sunday 25th CAFOD Soup and Roll Lunch after 10.30am Mass; Tuesday 27th Day of Recollection at OLSS with Fr Michael Akpoghiran OP; **March:** Tuesday 13th 7pm Film *"Of God's and Men"*; Thursday 22nd Penitential Service and Holy Hour from 6.30pm Holy Mass at 7.30pm.

BANKING: The Mumbles branch of NatWest, where this parish deposits its Sunday collection, will be closing in June this year. To assist our counters, you may wish to consider contributing your weekly offering via a monthly Standing Order. Please ask for details. Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

One afternoon, 9-year-old Johnny is picked up from school by his father after the parts for the school play were given out. Johnny's is asked which character he's been asked to play. Johnny proudly announced: "I play a man who's been married for twenty years." "That's great, son. Keep up the good work and before you know it they'll be giving you a speaking part."