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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS.

Sunday 25th February 2nd Sunday of Lent, Year B <i>Genesis 22:1-2, 13, 15-18;</i> <i>Psalms 115(116): 10, 15-19;</i> <i>Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10</i> Psalter Week 2	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am 10.30am <i>FAMILY MASS followed by</i> <i>CAFOD Soup & Roll Lunch</i>	John Williams RIP anniv. (FJ) Brian Thomas (ET) Parish Community
Monday 26 th <i>2nd Week of Lent</i>	9.30am	Billy Burke (T&GF)
Tuesday 27 th <i>2nd Week of Lent</i>	9.30am <i>Followed by Day of Recollection</i>	Clive Solomon RIP (M&JG)
Wednesday 28 th <i>2nd Week of Lent</i>	9.30am	Terry Jones RIP (JB)
Thursday March 1 st ST DAVID, BISHOP, AND PATRON OF WALES (SOLEMNITY)	10.00am Mass with St David's School	Pupils and Staff of St David's School
Friday 2 nd <i>2nd Week of Lent</i>	9.30am 3pm-4pm 7.00pm	Betty Brennan (CB) <i>Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary, Adoration</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday 3 rd <i>2nd Week of Lent</i>	10.00am 10.30 - 11.00am	Clive Solomon RIP (T&AL) <i>Adoration and Confessions</i>
Sunday 4th March 3rd Sunday of Lent, Year B <i>Exodus 20:1-17; 18(19):8-11;</i> <i>1Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25</i> Psalter Week 3	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am 10.30am 5.00pm	Parish Community Colin Milford RIP (JS) Maureen & Patrick O'Connell (KA) <i>Vespers and Benediction</i>
Cycle of Prayer: (During Lent): <i>Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.</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, Millie Richards, 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, Clive Solomon.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: Celia Sullivan, Thomas Goode, Marjorie Johns, Russell Davies, Rita O'Brien, David Steel-Morgan, Ron Wheeler, Maggie Green, Pat Milford, The Davies Family, Sam Jones, Frederick Richards, Maria D'Imperio, Archbishop Michael M'Grath, Fr James O'Hanlon, Fr Vaughan Beddoes.

CONGRATULATIONS: Please remember in your prayers Marita Lambert and Robert Jones who were joined together through the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony here on Friday 23rd February 2018.

CONGRATULATIONS: also, to Phyllis Spencer who is celebrating her 103rd birthday today.

SUNDAY OFFERING: Last Sunday: £833.47. Many thanks for your generous support.	ROTAS (4th March) Extraordinary Ministers: 6.30pm: Brian Hughes 8.30am: Ann Bowen 10.30am: <i>Campion:</i> Diane Davies <i>West Cross:</i> Maggie Morris <i>Mumbles:</i> Tony Morgan Cleaning: Fran Falvey, Mary McGinty, Jan Davies	OUR LADY'S LAMP: £5 per 7-day candle. This Week: Nick Collier
		200 CLUB: Draw takes place THIS Sunday after 8.30am Mass. New Members Welcome.

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.

- ST DAVID'S DAY:** Thursday March 1st. Mass at **10am** here with the children and staff of St David's School.
- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS:** Monday 5th March, 4pm. **CONFIRMATION CLASS:** Saturday 10th March, 4.45pm.
- CAFOD "SOUP AND ROLL LUNCH":** after the 10.30am *Family Mass*, this Sunday. Donation £2.50. All welcome.
 In light of recent news reports CAFOD has issued a statement about safeguarding vulnerable communities on cafod.org.uk (a copy is available in the porch).
- LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION:** On Tuesday 27th February we welcome Fr Michael Akpoghiran OP who will be leading us in a Day of Recollection, beginning with Holy Mass at 9.30am. Programme of events is available in the porch. Tea/Coffee provided. Please bring a packed lunch. All Welcome.
- WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** Friday, 2nd March, 11am Tabernacle United Reformed Church, followed by a Soup and Cheese lunch. All welcome, including men.
- EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND MINISTERS OF THE WORD:** Day of Recollection and Prayer. Holy Cross Church Gendros. Saturday 3rd March. Led by Fr Cyril Thadathil. 11am—3pm (Mass at 12 noon). Tea/Coffee provided; bring a packed lunch.
- CATHOLIC MENS SOCIETY:** Meet Monday 5th March at 7.15 in the Hall. All men welcome.
- LECTIO DIVINA:** Tuesday 6th March, 7pm.
- POLAND PILGRIMAGE:** 18th -22nd June 2018. Various places of interest connected with St. Faustina the Apostle of Divine Mercy and St. John Paul II the Pope of Mercy. For details, please speak to Fr Mansel.
- TODDLE TOTS AT ST DAVID'S:** Toddle Tots is a community playgroup run at St David's Catholic Primary in West Cross every Friday afternoon in term time from 1.30pm - 3.15pm. All pre-school children welcome to come and join in the fun and meet new playmates. £1.50 per 'family' including snacks.

THOUGHTS FOR LENT: (Taken from *The Power of Silence*, by Robert Cardinal Sarah). *"I can imagine that a person who never prays is incapable of understanding God's silent speech. Nevertheless, when we are lovers, we always notice the slightest gesture of the one whom we love. It is the same with prayer. If we are accustomed to praying often, we can grasp the meaning of God's silence. There are signs that only two fiancés can understand. The person of prayer is also the only one to grasp the silent signs of affection that God sends him (174). God is a discreet friend who comes to share joys, pains, and tears without expecting anything in return. We must believe in this friendship (175).*

February	March
Sunday 25th CAFOD Soup and Roll Lunch after 10.30am <i>Family Mass</i>	Monday 12th (**Note Change of date**) Film " <i>Of Gods and Men</i> " 7pm in the Hall Thursday 22nd Penitential Service and Holy Hour from 6.30pm Holy Mass at 7.30pm
Tuesday 27th OLSS Day of Recollection with Fr Michael Akpoghiran OP	

Also, every Friday in Lent:
 Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary, and Adoration 3pm-4pm. Stations of the Cross 7pm.

Newsflash: Early this morning the personal library of President Trump was destroyed by fire. Both books were lost in the blaze. Sadly, due to his hectic schedule, the president had not had time to colour in the second one.

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