

## OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*Love God, Love Learning, Love Life*

### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS.

<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year B</b> <i>Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 18(19):8-11;</i> <i>1Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25</i> <b>Psalter Week 3</b>	Sat. Vigil Sunday	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 5.00pm	Parish Community Colin Milford RIP (JS) Maureen & Patrick O`Connell (KA) <i>Vespers and Benediction</i>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent</i>		9.30am	Chris Seymour RIP
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent</i>		9.30am	Luigi Cascarini RIP anniv. (MR)
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent</i>		9.30am	Colin Milford RIP (B&DD)
Thursday March 8 <sup>th</sup> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent</i>		7.00pm	Thanksgiving (SM)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent</i>		9.30am 3pm-4pm 7.00pm	Steve Myatt RIP (NE) <i>Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary, Adoration</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent</i>		10.00am 10.30 - 11.00am	Joan and Arwel Morgan 40 <sup>th</sup> Wedding anniv. (EW) <i>Adoration and Confessions</i>
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year B</b> <b>Laetare Sunday</b> <i>2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23;</i> <i>Psalm 136(137):1-6; Ephesians 2:4-10;</i> <i>John 3:14-21</i> <b>Psalter Week 4</b>	Sat. Vigil Sunday	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am	Mary Brearley (JJ) Parish Community Clive Solomon RIP (CS)
<b>Cycle of Prayer:</b> <i>(During Lent): 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, Mary Brearley, 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:** Clive Solomon, Chris Seymour, Sr Margaret Hessian, Steve Myatt.

**WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME:** John Smith, Stephen Power, Barry Statham, Luigi Cascarini, John M<sup>c</sup>Neff, Veronica Sked, Peter Lloyd, Edward M<sup>c</sup>Neff, George Ronan, Dermot Gilmore, Kath Williams, Bishop James Hannigan, Mgr Michael O`Shaughnessy, Fr John Moran, Fr Brendan M<sup>c</sup>Namee, Fr Joseph Geraghty, Fr Evan Hope.

<p><b>SUNDAY OFFERING:</b></p> <p>Last Sunday: £862.73.</p> <p><i>Traidcraft Big Brew:</i> £105.60</p> <p>Many thanks for your generous support.</p>	<p><b>ROTAS (11<sup>th</sup> March)</b></p> <p><b>Extraordinary Ministers:</b></p> <p>6.30pm: Anne Bowen 8.30am: Tess O`Donoghue 10.30am: <i>Campion:</i> Brian Hughes <i>West Cross:</i> Joy Stafford <i>Mumbles:</i> Eileen Waters</p> <p><b>Cleaning:</b> Ann Richards, Judy Mulcahy</p>	<p><b>OUR LADY`S LAMP:</b></p> <p>£5 per 7-day candle. This Week: Special Intentions</p> <hr/> <p><b>200 CLUB:</b></p> <p>February Winners: £40: T. O`Donoghue (138) £20: M. Hughes (90) £10: G. Clee (196) Subs due: NEXT weekend. 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.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 4.p.m.      **CONFIRMATION CLASS:** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 4.45pm.

**CAFOD "SOUP AND ROLL LUNCH":** Many thanks to all who helped to make this event such a success. Special thanks to CAFOD`s Gemma Salter for her enlightening presentation, and Therese Warwick for her supportive presence. The lunch raised £90.10, while the total from the CAFOD Fast Day is currently £1344.69. Many thanks for your generous support.

**LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION:** Many thanks to Fr Michael Akpoghiran OP for his wonderful Day of Recollection last week, and to all who braved the freezing weather to join the event.

**CATHOLIC MENS SOCIETY:** Meet Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7.15 in the Hall. Guest speaker Debra John on *Aspects of World War 1. This event is open to all the parish.*      **LECTIO DIVINA:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm.

**POLAND PILGRIMAGE:** 18<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**TODDLER TOTS AT ST DAVID'S:** Toddler 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.

**APF RED MISSION BOXES:** These are now due for emptying. Please bring them to Church or phone Jackie Rees on 601058 to arrange collection.

**BAD WEATHER:** During this current spell of extremely cold weather and dangerous conditions I strongly urge you all not to take any risks in venturing outside, and in coming to Church. It is most important that you stay warm and safe. Please continue to pray for all those who are homeless or live in inadequate conditions.

**LENTEN EVENTS**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> (\*\*Note Change of date\*\*):** Film "Of Gods and Men" 7pm in the Hall

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Penitential Service and Holy Hour from 6.30pm Holy Mass at 7.30pm

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

**THOUGHTS FOR LENT:** (Taken from The Power of Silence, by Robert Cardinal Sarah). *To refuse silence filled with confident fear and adoration is to refuse God the freedom to take hold of us by his love and presence. Sacred silence allows man to place himself joyfully at God`s disposal. It enables him to overcome the arrogant attitude that would claim that God is at the disposal of all the whims of his children. ....sacred silence offers us a way of leaving the profane world and the incessant turmoil of our metropolitan cities so as to allow God to take hold of us. Sacred silence is truly the only place where we can encounter God, because we come to him with the proper attitude of a man who trembles and stands at a distance while hoping confidently. (230 Silence, the Mystery, and the Scared).*

**Catholic Definitions:**      **Choir:** A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the congregation to lip-sync.

**Procession:** The ceremonial formation at the beginning of Mass, consisting of altar servers, the celebrant, and late parishioners looking for seats.      **Recessional:** The ceremonial procession at the end of Mass—lead by parishioners trying to beat the crowd and get home for Strictly Come Dancing or X-Factor.

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