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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS.

Sunday 2nd December 1st Sunday of Advent Yr C <i>Jeremiah 33:14-16;</i> <i>Psalms 24(25):4-5, 8-9, 10, 14</i> <i>1Thessalonians 3:12- 4:2;</i> <i>Luke 21:25-28, 34-36</i> Psalter Week 1	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am 10.30am 5pm	Maggie Morris (TG) Barbara Mainwaring RIP (ED) Parish Community <i>Vespers and Benediction</i>
Monday 3 rd <i>St Francis Xavier, Priest</i>	9.30am	Roberto Cascarini RIP anniv. (MR)
Tuesday 4 th <i>1st Week of Advent</i>	7.00pm	Thanksgiving (AH)
Wednesday 5 th <i>Requiem Mass</i>	9.30am	Kath Milford RIP
Thursday 6 th <i>1st Week of Advent</i>	7.00pm	Mel Davies RIP anniv. (JD)
Friday 7 th <i>Dedication of the Cathedral Church (Feast)</i>	9.30am 3pm-4pm	Molly & James Clinton RIP (SW) <i>Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary and Adoration</i>
Saturday 8 th <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)</i>	10.00am 10.30 - 11.00am	Corey Sharpling RIP (VU) <i>Adoration and Confessions</i>
Sunday 9th December 2nd Sunday of Advent Yr C <i>Baruch 5:1-9; Psalm 125(126);</i> <i>Philippians 1:3-6,8-11; Luke 3:1-6</i> Psalter Week 2	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am 10.30am 5pm	Madeline Ryan & Margaret Veale RIP (PW) Pauline Stewart RIP (Stewart Family) Parish Community <i>Vespers and Benediction</i>
Cycle of Prayer: (During Advent and Christmastide): Openness to the Word of God; for Migrants and Refugees; and for Expectant Mothers.		

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

MONDAY 24 TH DECEMBER, CHRISTMAS EVE		CHRISTMAS DAY	
9.30am	Brian Davies RIP (MD)	9.30am Mass of Christmas Day	Bill Bowling anniv. (KB)
5.40pm	<i>Children's Nativity</i>		
6.00pm Vigil Mass	Parish Community	Monday 26th December Feast of St Stephen	
11.45pm	<i>Carols</i>	11.30am	Parish Community
Midnight Mass	Mary Lynch RIP anniv. (MB)		

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: Each Sunday of Advent at 5pm, and then usually every 1st Sunday. Please check newsletter.

MARIAN DEVOTION: Decade of the Rosary after each weekday Mass.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: the elderly clergy and religious of the diocese; Janet Blackburn, June Blackhurst, Joe Bracchi, Mary Brearley, Claire Clancy, Pat Davies, John Fowler, Bill Gill, John Grant, Gwyneth Isaacs, Kitty Jewell, Rose Lamprey, Barbara Little, Anne Martin, Roy Miller, Anita Oakley, Doris Renninghoff, Millie Richards, Audrey Robinson, Jane Rudd, Tony Taylor, 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: Robert Mackay, Kath Milford.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: Francis Sanders, Roberto Cascarini, Denis Gott, Molly Clinton, Josephine Hunt, Thomas Baker, Mel Davies, Ann Hawkins, Gladys Williams, Jeanette Rees, Bettie Lloyd, Jean Datta, George Aldridge, Bro. Dominic, Fr John O'Connell, Fr Bonaventure Welsford, Fr George Anwyll.

FUNERAL: Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Kath Milford. Requiem Mass Wednesday 5th December at 9.30am, followed by interment at Oystermouth Cemetery.

SUNDAY OFFERING: Last Sunday: £809.50 <i>Second Collection THIS weekend for Church Flowers.</i> Many thanks for your generous support.	ROTAS (9th December) Extraordinary Ministers: 6.30pm: Wendy Graham 8.30am: Joy Stafford 10.30am: <i>Campion:</i> Maggie Morris <i>West Cross:</i> Tony Morgan <i>Mumbles:</i> Janice Jones Flowers: Cleaning: Christine Morris, Coleen Brennan, Katerina Dutko	OUR LADY'S LAMP: £5 per 7-day candle. This Week: Peter Mason 200 CLUB: November Winners: £40: Ann Lane (78) £20: James Hyden (38) £10: Fran Jordan (30) New Members Welcome.
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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.

ADVENT: Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas, when Christ's first coming to us is remembered: and as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation. As with the season of Lent, while there are many ways of preparing, the importance of stillness and silence should not be overlooked.

ADVENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION: Here on Tuesday 11th December at 7pm. Fr Andrzej Kuklinski and Fr John Browne will be available for confessions.

ADVENT DAYS OF RECOLLECTION: at Our Lady of Lourdes, Townhill. Saturday 8th December, 10am-2.30pm, with the new Diocesan Team for Evangelisation and Catechesis. Please bring own packed lunch. See Notice Board. Also, at Belmont Abbey. Tuesday 11th December. See Notice Board.

PARISH CHRISTMAS SUPPER/GRAND PRIZE DRAW: Friday 7th December at 6.30pm. ***Please return raffle ticket counterfoils showing name & tel.no. & cash ASAP.*** Proceeds to **Parish Centenary Fund. Thank you.**

DEBORAH JOHN: will be presenting "**Christmas Tales**" in the Parish Hall on Sunday 9th December at 3pm. This is a free event, but donations are invited for the Parish Centenary Fund. All welcome.

CAROL SERVICE: We are delighted to welcome pupils from Bishop Vaughan School and St David's School who will be performing here on Wednesday 12th December at 6.30pm. Please make every effort to come and support this event.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS DEMONSTRATION: Ann Lane will be giving a demonstration of table flower arrangements on Thursday 13th December at 3pm in the Parish Hall. No charge, but donations accepted for the church flower fund.

JUNIOR FILM CLUB: Friday 14th December from 5.30pm. Film "HOME ALONE"

CONGRATULATIONS: to Fr Andrzej Kuklinski who was incardinated into the Diocese of Menevia last week. We give thanks to God for Fr Andrzej's generosity in coming to Menevia.

WELCOME: During the month of January we welcome Robert Davies, one of our Seminarians at Oscott College, who will be on a month's Pastoral Placement, gaining valuable experience of Parish Life in our Diocese.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA: Paul & Carolyn Cullen would like to thank everyone for all donations of clothes and toiletries. All items have been taken to the Mission at Port Talbot and so far, 45 Christmas bags have been made up for seafarers coming through in the next few weeks. We hope to continue making up bags, so everyone will have a small gift around Christmas when they are far from home. We also intend to visit seafarers on board at Port Talbot and Swansea to give good wishes and blessings at this special time of year. Your donations are greatly appreciated. God bless you for your generosity.

SVP: If you know of anyone in the Parish who would like a visit from the SVP, at home, in care, or in hospital, please contact Father Mansel or Eileen Waters.

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

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