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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS.

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	Madeline Ryan & Margaret Veale RIP (PW)
	Sunday	8.30am	Pauline Stewart RIP (Stewart Family)
		10.30am	Parish Community
		5pm	<i>Vespers and Benediction</i>
Monday 10 th <i>St John Roberts, Priest and Martyr</i>		9.30am	Anna Lloyd (PC)
Tuesday 11 th <i>2nd Week of Advent</i>		9.30am	Kaye Kehoe
Wednesday 12 th <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>		9.30am	Jim Sander (SSL)
Thursday 13 th <i>St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</i>		7.00pm	Brian Thomas RIP anniv. (ET)
Friday 14 th <i>St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>		9.30am 3pm-4pm	Fr Cadfan RIP (CS) <i>Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary and Adoration</i>
Saturday 15 th <i>2nd Week of Advent</i>		10.00am 10.30 - 11.00am	Sonia Lipscomb RIP (G&T Fane) <i>Adoration and Confessions</i>
Sunday 16th December 3rd Sunday of Advent Yr C (Gaudete Sunday) <i>Zephaniah 3:14-18; Isaiah 12:2-6</i> <i>Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18</i> Psalter Week 3	Sat. Vigil	6.30pm	Parish Community
	Sunday	8.30am	Jackie Rees (JB)
		10.30am	Holy Souls (CS)
		5pm	<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	Wednesday 26th December Feast of St Stephen	
11.45pm	<i>Carols</i>	11.30am	Parish Community
Midnight Mass	Mary Lynch RIP anniv. (MB)		

NATIVITY AND CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS: Children are invited to come dressed as Mary, Joseph, Angels, Shepherds etc.

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, 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: Veronica O`Leary, Owen Elias, Maureen O`Connell, Bridget Reynolds, Clarice John, Peter Hughes, Jeanette Howells, Brian Thomas, Neville Rees, Rena Hatton, Mary Gardener, Joyce Lloyd, Diane O`Hanlon, Margaret Crozier, Ita Kurek, Fr George Nightingale, Fr John Tole, Fr Michael Finlan.

SUNDAY OFFERING: Last Sunday: £961.65 <i>Second Collection for Church Flowers: £426.15</i> Red Wednesday Aid to the Church in Need: £152.00 Many thanks for your generous support.	ROTAS (16th December) Extraordinary Ministers: 6.30pm: Brian Hughes 8.30am: Maggie Morris 10.30am: <i>Campion:</i> Eileen Waters <i>West Cross:</i> Diane Davies <i>Mumbles:</i> Margaret Whitmore Flowers: Cleaning: Fran Falvey, Mary McGinty, Jan Davies	OUR LADY`S LAMP: £5 per 7-day candle. This Week: Private Intentions 200 CLUB: December Winners: £80: C. Clancy (78) £40: G. Clee (38) £20: R. Power (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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS: Monday`s class has had to be cancelled due to a School Governor`s Meeting.

GIFTS AT CHRISTMAS: Everyone, especially children of the parish, are invited to bring gifts during Advent for the homeless, sailors (through the Apostleship of the Sea) and children in need this Christmas. Please mark your gift for who it is intended.

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

ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION: Belmont Abbey. Tuesday 11th December. See Notice Board.

PARISH CHRISTMAS SUPPER/GRAND PRIZE DRAW: Many thanks to all who helped prepare the Hall, the catering and the entertainment which resulted in a wonderful evening on Friday. And to all who donated prizes, bought raffle tickets and helped in any way. List of prize winners and unclaimed prizes (which can be collected from the hall) on notice board. Over £1300 was raised for **Parish Centenary Fund** towards future building improvements. **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 **Bishop Vaughan School** and **St David`s Catholic Primary School** who will be performing here on Wednesday 12th December at **6.00pm. (NOTE change of time)**. Please make every effort to come and support this event. All welcome.

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" plus Pizza, Table Tennis. Yrs 2-8. £3.50. Please bring your own bean bags and cushions.

LECTIO DIVINA: Resumes Tuesday 8th January, 7pm.

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. So far, 45 Christmas bags have been made up for seafarers. 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. Thank 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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ONE CARD FOR ALL: Notice boards and a collection box have been placed in the porch. All Parishioners are invited to send their good wishes to fellow Parishioners on ONE card which can be fixed to the notice board. Monies which would have been spent on Christmas cards can be placed in the box provided. All monies collected will be donated to Swansea Night Shelter.