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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS.

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 Sunday 8.30am 10.30am <i>Family Mass</i> 5pm	Parish Community Jackie Rees (JB) Holy Souls (CS) <i>Vespers and Benediction</i>
Monday 17 th <i>3rd Week of Advent</i>	9.30am	Fr Paul Gallagher RIP anniv. (NE)
Tuesday 18 th <i>3rd Week of Advent</i>	9.30am	David Cook (MR)
Wednesday 19 th <i>3rd Week of Advent</i>	9.30am	Peter Parish RIP anniv. (NE) NO COFFEE MORNING (Resumes 9 th Jan.)
Thursday 20 th <i>3rd Week of Advent</i>	7.00pm	Peter Cascarini (MR)
Friday 21 st <i>3rd Week of Advent</i>	9.30am 2pm 3pm-4pm 7pm – 8pm	Tricia Murphy (PP) <i>Mass at St David's School</i> <i>Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary and Adoration</i> <i>Confessions</i>
Saturday 22 nd <i>3rd Week of Advent</i>	10.00am 10.30 - 11.00am	Vivian Dyer RIP (AL) <i>Adoration and Confessions</i>
Sunday 23rd December 4th Sunday of Advent Yr C <i>Micah 5:1-4; Psalm 79(80):2-3, 15-19;</i> <i>Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45</i> Psalter Week 4	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am 10.30am 5pm	Robert Mackay RIP (FK) Parish Community Tom Byrne RIP anniv. (A&MB) <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:

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: Peter Creamer, Gerald Clement, Allan Pritchard, Mary Daniels, William Brimacombe, Patrick O'Brien, Joseph Walke, David Cook, Peter Parish, Peter Cascarini, John Morris, Julie Carr, James Whooley, Tom Byrne, Fr Charles Roberts, Fr Paul Gallagher.

<p>SUNDAY OFFERING: Last Sunday: £858.00</p> <p>The Collection at Christmas Masses is the Traditional Christmas Offering for the Support of the Clergy.</p> <p>Many thanks for your generous support.</p>	<p>ROTAS (23rd December) Extraordinary Ministers: 6.30pm: Anne Bowen 8.30am: Janice Jones 10.30am: <i>Campion:</i> Ann Lane <i>West Cross:</i> Joan Morgan <i>Mumbles:</i> Tony Lane</p> <p>Flowers: All Flower Arrangers meet Monday 24th December at 10am. Cleaning: Ann Richards, Judy Mulcahy</p>	<p>OUR LADY'S LAMP: £5 per 7-day candle. This Week: Private Intentions</p> <p>200 CLUB: December Winners: £80: C. Clancy (78) £40: G. Clee (38) £20: R. Power (30) Subs due 12th/13th January 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.

MOVING ON: It is with much sadness that I inform you today that I shall be leaving the Parish of Mumbles in February 2019 and taking up my new role as Parish Priest of Tenby and Saundersfoot. Fr John Browne will succeed me as your Parish Priest while continuing to have responsibility for the parish of Dunvant. There will have to be some adjustments to Mass times in both parishes (see notice board and separate sheet). These changes will take place from the second weekend in February: i.e 09-10 February 2019. Thank you for all your kind support and generosity during the past five years I have been here with you. If I have caused offence to anyone, I ask and pray that you will forgive me. God bless you all. *Fr Mansel.*

TO ALL OUR CHURCH HELPERS: Many thanks to everyone who helps in any way in and around our lovely church and parish; serving on the various Ministry Rotas, working quietly behind the scenes to ensure everything runs smoothly. Your help is invaluable and greatly appreciated by everyone.

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.

GOING AWAY FOR CHRISTMAS: If you are travelling this Christmas to visit family and friends, or to escape the cold and the damp, please take with you our good wishes and prayers for a very Happy and Holy Christmas. Travel safely.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE: Thank you to the pupils and staff of Bishop Vaughan RC Comprehensive School and St David's Catholic Primary School for the wonderful Advent Carol Service here last Wednesday. Thanks to all who supported this event.

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING: All the children of the parish are invited to come along and help decorate the church Christmas Tree after the 10.30am Mass next Sunday.

CRIB OFFERINGS 2018: "STREET LAUNDERETTE" – a practical and charitable initiative to help those living on our streets so that they can have their clothes washed and returned to them, with even the opportunity of receiving new clothes from our parish charity shops. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH FILM NIGHT: Friday 4th January, 7pm. "The Ghost", starring: Ewan McGregor and Kim Cattrall.

JUNIOR FILM CLUB: Friday 11th January from 5.30pm. Film "TBA" 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.

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.

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.

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

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