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## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS.

<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Yr C</b> <i>Micah 5:1-4; Psalm 79(80):2-3, 15-19;</i> <i>Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45</i> <b>Psalter Week 4</b>	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>
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Week of Advent</i>	9.30am	Brian Davies RIP (MD)
<b>MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER</b> <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	5.40pm 6.00pm Vigil Mass 11.45pm Midnight Mass	<i>Children's Nativity</i> Parish Community <i>Carols</i> Mary Lynch RIP anniv. (A&MB)
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	9.30am Mass of Christmas Day	Bill Bowling anniv. (KB)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> St Stephen, The First Martyr (Feast)	<b>11.30am</b>	Parish Community <b>NO COFFEE MORNING</b> (Resumes 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan.)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> <i>St John, Apostle and Evangelist</i> <i>(Feast)</i>		<b>NO MASS</b>
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Feast)</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	Bob Lashley (M&G)
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr</i>	10.00am 10.30 - 11.00am	Maureen & Patrick O'Connell (KA) <i>Adoration and Confessions</i>
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH Yr C</b> <i>1 Samuel 1:20-28; Psalm 83(84):2-6, 9-10; 1John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52</i> <b>Psalter for Christmastide</b>	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am 10.30am 5pm	Arthur Edwards RIP anniv. & Dorothy Day RIP (VE) Rob Mackay RIP (TL) Parish Community <i>Vespers and Benediction</i>
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> <i>7<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas Octave</i>	9.30am	Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
Tuesday January 1 <sup>st</sup> 2019 <b>Mary, The Holy Mother Of God (Solemnity)</b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Parish Community
<b>Cycle of Prayer:</b> (During Advent and Christmastide): Openness to the Word of God; for Migrants and Refugees; and for Expectant Mothers.		

**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:** Usually every 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** Fr Tudor Owen John

**WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME:** Peter Cottle, Amelia Davies, William Jones, William Henry Jones, James Madigan, Maurice Hunt, Maria Snaize, Susannah Morris, Roxy Malinki, Donald Phillip, Elizabeth Dennis, Sidney Dennis, Mary Lynch, Greta Wood, Mrs B. O`Sullivan, Salvatore Scozzi, Percy Bowling, Mary Davies, Arthur O`Bree, Constance Chiplin, Arthur Edwards, Albert Oliver, Margaret Fane, Frank Ellis, David Jackson, Elsie Dykstra, Christine Moulds, Fr Liam Wilcock, Fr Paul Glendinning.

<b>SUNDAY OFFERING:</b> Last Sunday: £842.40  The Collection at Christmas Masses is the Traditional Christmas Offering for the Support of the Clergy.  Many thanks for your generous support.	<b>ROTAS (30<sup>th</sup> December)</b> <b>Extraordinary Ministers:</b> 6.30pm: Margaret Whitmore 8.30am: Anne Bowen 10.30am: <i>Campion:</i> Wendy Graham <i>West Cross:</i> Diane Davies <i>Mumbles:</i> Norma Evans <b>Flowers:</b> <b>Cleaning:</b> Madeline Aherne, Anne Bowen, Breda Regan	<b>OUR LADY'S LAMP:</b> £5 per 7-day candle. This Week: Private Intentions  <b>200 CLUB:</b> December Winners: £80: C. Clancy (78) £40: G. Clee (38) £20: R. Power (30) Subs due 12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup> January 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to Gwyneth Isaacs who celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> December.

**MOVING ON:** It is with much sadness that I inform you 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*.

**BISHOP TOM:** has kindly agreed to be here on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December from 12.15pm to hear personally and at first-hand anything you wish to say to him regarding the above move.

**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. And to all who visit the sick and the housebound. Your help is invaluable and greatly appreciated by everyone.

**SCHOOL CONCERTS:** Many congratulations to all the children of St David's School, St Joseph's Cathedral School, and the Choir of Bishop Vaughan School, who put on such wonderful concerts and services recently. A true and deep understanding of the Christmas story was beautifully enacted and sung. Well done and many thanks to the teachers, TAs, staff and parents for all your help and support.

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

**JUNIOR FILM CLUB:** Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January from 5.30pm. Film "TBA" plus Pizza, Table Tennis. Yrs 2-8. £3.50. Please bring your own bean bags and cushions.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** 2 Unclaimed Raffle Prizes in the names of Jo Clement and Jack Connelly.

**WELCOME:** During the month of January we welcome Robert Davies, one of our Seminarians at Oscott College, who will be on Pastoral Placement, gaining valuable experience of Parish Life in our Diocese. Robert will be arriving on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

*Sincere thanks for all your kind cards and gifts this Christmas.  
Wishing you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas, and a Peaceful New Year.  
Fr Mansel, and Mgr Brian.*