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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS.

Sunday 30th December THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH Yr C <i>1 Samuel 1:20-28; Psalm 83(84):2-6, 9-10; 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52</i> Psalter Week 1	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 st <i>7th Day of Christmas Octave</i>	9.30am	John Grant (MG)
Tuesday January 1 st 2019 Mary, The Holy Mother Of God (Solemnity)	11.30am	M&N Bidder Ruby Wedding (G&TF)
Wednesday 2 nd <i>Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church.</i>	9.30am	Josephine Thornton RIP (MM) NO COFFEE MORNING (Resumes 9 th Jan.)
Thursday 3 rd <i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	7.00pm	Barbara Mainwaring RIP (SM)
Friday 4 th <i>Weekday before Epiphany</i>	9.30am	Corey Sharpling RIP (HC)
Saturday 5 th <i>Weekday before Epiphany</i>	10.00am 10.30 - 11.00am	Brian Goonan (EJ) <i>Adoration and Confessions</i>
Sunday 6th January THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY) <i>Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 71(72):1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6; Mt. 2:1-12</i> Psalter Week 2	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am 10.30am 5pm	Beryl Brennan (CB) Brian Davies RIP (MPH) Parish Community <i>Vespers and Benediction</i>
Cycle of Prayer: (During Advent and Christmastide): <i>Openness to the Word of God; for Migrants and Refugees; and for Expectant Mothers.</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 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: Fr John Owen.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: Annie O'Brien, Josyp Bancay, Helen Zienkiewicz, Thomas M^cCarthy, Anne Williams, David O'Donnell, William Kinrade, Bert d'Rozario, Stephen Evans, Orlek Zienkiewicz, Edward Cummings, Stella Cummings, Claude Gunning, John & Josie Frawley, Brian Davies, Ellen White, Ellen Smith, Aldo Grattorolla, Ronald Cummings, Fr Patrick Kelly, Fr Edward Lunt.

<p>SUNDAY OFFERING:</p> <p>The Collection at Christmas Masses was the Traditional Christmas Offering for the Support of the Clergy.</p> <p>Many thanks for your generous support.</p>	<p>ROTAS (6th January 2019)</p> <p>Extraordinary Ministers:</p> <p>6.30pm: Anne Bowen 8.30am: Tess O`Donoghue 10.30am: <i>Campion</i>: Maggie Morris <i>West Cross</i>: Tony Morgan <i>Mumbles</i>: Eileen Waters</p> <p>Flowers: Cleaning: Maggie Morris, Bill James, Maura O`Brien</p>	<p>OUR LADY`S LAMP:</p> <p>£5 per 7-day candle. This Week: Private Intentions</p> <hr/> <p>200 CLUB:</p> <p>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.

AT CHRISTMAS, we remember through joyful celebration and thanksgiving the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, who is God made manifest. It is also a time when many people look back on the past year and the events which have shaped it; events of great happiness, and events of great sadness and difficulty. Lives can become exhausted by pain and suffering, especially if lived without hope. At Christmas, the world is given the gift of God`s love and peace and an invitation to Trust in Him, for only God can give us strength for today and hope for tomorrow.

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer” (Romans 12:12).

MOVING ON: It is with much sadness that I inform you that I shall be leaving the Parish of Mumbles following the first weekend in February: i.e 02-03 February 2019 to take up my new role as Parish Priest of Tenby and Saundersfoot. You will be getting a replacement resident priest at No 22 and there will be no change to the current Mass Times. Thank you for all your kind support and generosity during the past five years. I have very much enjoyed being here with you. If I have caused offence to anyone, I am truly sorry, and 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 30th December from 12.15pm to hear personally and at first-hand anything you wish to say to him regarding the above move.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Gwyneth Isaacs who celebrated her 90th birthday on Thursday 27th December.

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 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.

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 4th.

*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.*