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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS.

Sunday 13th January THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (FEAST) <i>Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 103(104); Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22</i> Psalter Week 1	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am 10.30am	Vivian Dyer RIP (TO`D) Parish Community Bernie Wilkes RIP (A&BW) <i>The end of Christmastide</i>
Monday 14 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time Yr 1</i>	9.30am	Jackie & Maurice Rees (AM)
Tuesday 15 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time Yr 1</i>	9.30am	Joyce Harding (CS)
Wednesday 16 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time Yr 1</i>	9.30am	Ray Maylor RIP (BR)
Thursday 17 th <i>St Anthony, Abbot</i>	7.00pm	Kath Milford RIP (SVP)
Friday 18 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time Yr 1 Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins.</i>	9.30am 3pm-4pm	Charles Collins RIP (RB) <i>Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary, Adoration</i>
Saturday 19 th <i>Votive Mass of Our Lady</i>	10.00am 10.30 - 11.00am	Len Stafford RIP anniv. (JS) <i>Adoration and Confessions</i>
Sunday 20th January 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr C <i>Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 95 (96):1-3, 7-10; 1Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11</i> Psalter Week 2	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am 10.30am 3pm	Barbara Mainwaring RIP (Dainea) Samuel & Edith Jones (BJ-J) Parish Community <i>Christian Unity Service, All Saints, Oystermouth</i>
Cycle of Prayer: <i>(In the Winter Season of Ordinary Time): Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; Victims of Human Trafficking and Those Who Work to Combat It; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; The Unemployed.</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 at 5pm. 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: Angela O`Bree, Helena O`Bree, Ashon Macari, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Stuart Price, Edith Irwin, George Plunkett, Winifred Bishop, Alex Evans, Len Stafford, James Higham, Canon David O`Flynn, Fr Richard Appleyard, Fr Laurence Devine, Fr Hugh Healy, Fr Basil Dolan, Fr Joseph Purcell.

<p>SUNDAY OFFERING: Last Sunday £919.45 Swansea Night Shelter from <i>OneCardForAll</i>: £276.50 Second Collection next Sunday for Sick & Retired Clergy Many thanks for your generous support.</p>	<p>ROTAS (20th January 2019) Extraordinary Ministers: 6.30pm: Wendy Graham 8.30am: Joy Stafford 10.30am: <i>Campion</i>: Janice Jones <i>West Cross</i>: Sue Morgan <i>Mumbles</i>: Margaret Whitmore Flowers: Joy Stafford, Brenda Regan, Fran Jordan Cleaning: Ann Lane, Liz Lyons, Diane Davies</p>	<p>OUR LADY'S LAMP: £5 per 7-day candle. This Week: Len Stafford</p> <hr/> <p>200 CLUB: Subs due THIS weekend January Draw after 8.30am Mass 27th 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.

SUMMARY OF PASTORAL MESSAGE FROM BISHOP TOM: *"Last Sunday (30th Dec. 2018) I shared with you an unexpected development that had occurred since issuing my original Pastoral Message to you two Sundays before that. As a result of our conversation, Father Michael OP, whom a number of you have met already at Days of Recollection, is willing to become Parish Priest of Mumbles, and will reside in the presbytery. Mumbles will not be twinned with any other parish, and all times of Masses and other Services will continue as they are at the moment, without any reductions. Father Clement OP will assume the role of RC Chaplain to Singleton Hospital. This generous offer I commended to you last Sunday. Though not achieving your main objective of retaining Father Mansel in Mumbles, I believe the consensus of last Sunday's meeting was your points have been heard and acted upon as much as possible. You will be receiving a most able priest who will continue Father Mansel's highly appreciated pastoral approach and activities among you. I have also taken careful note of your points about consultation and communication, which were well made and understood. In conclusion, the appointment of Father Michael Akpoghiran OP as your new Parish Priest will take place from Friday 08 February 2019. Please give him a warm welcome that weekend."* **+Thomas Matthew** Bishop of Menevia 04 January 2019

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2019: The annual White Flower Appeal is a major source of income for the **Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)**. At all Masses **THIS** weekend there will be an opportunity to contribute to this appeal by placing a donation in a special basket as you leave.

LADIES GUILD: Next meeting: 16th January at 2.30pm.

PRAYER GROUP: Resumes on Thursday 17th January after 7.00pm Mass. Meets every two weeks. All welcome.

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK: begins on Friday 18th January. There will be a Christian Unity Service at All Saint's Church, Oystermouth on Sunday 20th January at 3pm. All Welcome.

CURRY EVENING: Authentic Curry in the Parish Hall on Friday 18th January at 7pm £5 pp. Please see sign up list in Porch.

LECTIO DIVINA: Meet Tuesday 22nd January, 7pm.

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION FOR FR. MANSEL: The Parish will be holding a thanksgiving event for Father Mansel on Friday 25th January from 7pm until midnight in the Oyster Lounge (4 Western Lane, Mumbles). All Parishioners are welcome. There is a sign-up sheet in the porch. £5 per person, to include a cold finger buffet and a glass of fizz for the toast!

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: Meet in the Hall on Monday 28th January at 7pm.

PARISH FILM NIGHT: Friday 1st February. *"The King's Speech"*, starring Colin Firth and Geoffrey Rush. Doors open 6.30pm.

CATHOLIC MENS SOCIETY: Monday 4th February at 7.15pm.

JUNIOR FILM CLUB: Friday 15th February from 5.30pm. Film "TBA"; plus Pizza and Table Tennis.
Yrs 2-8. £3.50. Please bring your own bean bags and cushions.

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.

MOVING ON: It is with much sadness that I shall be leaving the Parish of Mumbles in February 2019 to take up my new role as Parish Priest of Tenby and Saundersfoot. 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*

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

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