

## Our Lady Star Of The Sea Catholic Church

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### SOME MASSES LISTED BELOW ARE LIVESTREAMED

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intention
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b> <b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Solemnity)</b>	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	For the Intention of the Bandali Family (M A) Annie Stott, RIP & Birthday Remembrance (Fouracre Family) For the Holy Souls Parish Community O/L Lamp: Private Intention (S M)
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> <i>St Clement 1, Pope &amp; Martyr</i>	9.30am	For the Holy Souls
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest &amp; Companions, Martyrs</i>	9.30am	For the Holy Souls
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin &amp; Martyr</i>	9.30am	For the Holy Souls
Thursday 26 <sup>h</sup> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	For the Holy Souls
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Kenneth Hunter & Katherine Doel, RIP Anniv. (J M)
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	For the Holy Souls Parish Community Mrs Christiana Akpoghiran, RIP For the Holy Souls

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday evenings from 6pm-6.15pm, and on request.

**FACE COVERINGS AT MASS:** In keeping with Welsh Government guidance, face coverings must be worn at Mass by adults and children aged 11 and over. The face covering may be removed in order to receive Holy Communion. By wearing a face covering you will be helping to protect others.

**HOW TO PRE-BOOK SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE:** To book a place at Sunday Masses, please contact **Madeline Ahearne** on phone or email (**01792361194**; [madelineolss@aol.com](mailto:madelineolss@aol.com)) or send an email to the Parish email address [mumbles@menevia.org](mailto:mumbles@menevia.org). Please provide your name, the number attending Mass, and contact phone number when you book. This record will be held for 14 days solely for track and trace (COVID-19).

**LIVESTREAMED MASSES:** Masses are livestreamed from our Parish every day. For a link to livestreamed Masses please go to our Parish website [www.ourladystaroftheseamumbles.org.uk](http://www.ourladystaroftheseamumbles.org.uk) and click "Livestream" on the menu bar. You can also find us on **YouTube** by searching for **Our Lady Star of the Sea Mumbles**.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Fr Victor, Andree Arthur, Anna Howe.

**NOVEMBER – PRAYING FOR HOLY SOULS:** November is the month traditionally dedicated to praying for the Holy Souls. If you would like your deceased relatives, friends and loved ones remembered in a special way at each Mass during November, please put their details in one of the brown envelopes. They can be put through the letterbox in the Presbytery. If any of our housebound parishioners need any help with collection, please contact Maggie on 362212. They will be placed in front of the altar at each Mass in November. Anniversary Mass intentions will be shared with the list.

**SVP THANKS:** The SVP wish to express grateful thanks to our Priests and Parish for the recent donation of £500 from the SVP/Poor Box in Church for SUDAN BABY FEEDING. This Appeal helps the SVP to feed children in the refugee camps and is very much needed in these difficult times. Thank you for your generosity.

**OUR CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Our local Catholic Primary school is **St David's** on West Cross Avenue, a welcoming and happy school, where children are cared for and nurtured to develop, educationally, spiritually and emotionally. The contact details for St David's are at the top of this Newsletter - do get in touch to secure a place for your child.

[st.davids.primaryschool@swansea-edunet.gov.uk](mailto:st.davids.primaryschool@swansea-edunet.gov.uk) or Phone on 01792 512212 or follow us on Twitter: @stdavidscps.

**PARISH BIBLE STUDY ONLINE:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 7pm on Zoom. Details will be sent to all via email.

**BEREAVEMENT SERVICE (WITH LIGHTING OF CANDLES):** Livestreamed from the parish on Saturday, 05/12/20 at 11am. This service is open to all (especially those who have lost a loved one during the year). If you would like a candle lit for a departed loved one or if you would like to attend, please contact Eileen on 07592829091. To join the livestream please go to our Parish website.

**ONLINE DAY OF REFLECTION:** An Online Day of Reflection will be held on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2020. The reflection will be given by Rev. Fr. Jerome Ituah, OCD. The theme for the day is "The Lamb of God" in the Gospel of John'. Time: 11am to 1pm. To access the Talk on the day, please go to DOMSEC website [www.domsec.org.uk](http://www.domsec.org.uk) and click "Livestream" on the top menu bar.

**DAILY ROSARY:** Please join us in saying a decade of the Rosary from Monday to Friday at 9.20am (before Mass).

**"WALK WITH ME" BOOKLET:** If you would like a copy of the booklet, please ring Maggie on 362212. Thank you.

**DEFENDING THE RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN:** Sadly, abortion is currently available in the UK right up to birth for babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot. All of these conditions can be corrected. Some of our MPs across parties have come together to bring forward the Abortion (Cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot) Bill. Our Catholic faith teaches that life is sacred and it is to be protected from the moment of conception to the point of natural death (CCC 2258, 2270). For this reason, we are soliciting for the help of our parishioners in ending the abortion of unborn children with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot in the UK. Please visit [www.standupandsmile.org.uk](http://www.standupandsmile.org.uk) to email your MP asking them to support the Bill.

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## Reflection for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year A)

### Christ is the King of Our Hearts

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Today, we celebrate the universal kingship of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This celebration marks the last Sunday in the Church's liturgical year. The close of the liturgical year is a reminder that Christ will come again and so we should keep on building a just and peaceful society until he comes.

**Christ is the Promised King of the Universe:** In the Old Testament, the promised Messiah is already portrayed as a king. According to the prophecy of Isaiah (9:6-7), the promised Messiah would reign on David's throne and he would establish justice and righteousness on earth forever. Because of David's sincerity in serving Yahweh, God made a covenant with him that his kingdom would last forever (Ps 89:2-3). However, we know that the ancient kingdom of David has ended but as God does not deceive, he has continued this kingdom in the salvific mission of Christ who is the eternal Son of David (Mk 10:48; Mt 21:9). Thus, God has fulfilled the promise of everlasting Davidic kingdom in Jesus whom we worship as the King of the universe. Hence, Matthew traces the lineage of Jesus back to David (Mt 1:1). While the kingship of Jesus is traced back to King David his ancestral father, he is greater than David because he existed even before Abraham who was the ancestor of David (Jn 8:58).

**Christ is the Shepherd-King:** As our King, Jesus looks after us and guards us as a shepherd guards his flock (Jer 31:10). Christ is the shepherd who cares for his weak and wounded sheep. As his sheep, we have faced dangers in life, but he never deserts us during these difficult times. When our hearts are wounded with grief and despair, he dresses them with the soothing oils of his grace and the hope of salvation.

**Christ is the Judge Who Saves:** The First Reading ends with the shepherd's promise to judge his sheep. This leads us to the Gospel Reading (Matthew 25:31-46) which seemingly describes the manner of the last judgment. We see in this description the marks of those who belong to Christ in their manners of life. It teaches us Christians how we are to live out our lives as we await the coming of the Lord. The Christian life

is one which is characterised by good works. Doing good works simply means responding to the concrete needs of the poor. In the light of this, St John encourages us that our love for our brothers and sisters should not end in mere words but should be lived out in active and genuine care for them (1 Jn 3:18). This includes feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, caring for the sick, homeless, forgotten and marginalised. With such actions, Christ saves the world through us. Through these works of mercy, those who feel unloved come to know that our Father in heaven loves them also.

**Building the Kingdom of Peace and Justice:** When asked by Pilate if he was the king of the Jews and about the nature of his kingship, Jesus stated that his kingdom is not of this world (Jn 18:33-37). With this, he meant that the origin of his kingship is not of this world but of heaven. It is the kingdom of justice, peace and love which unites all who are members of the kingdom. We join in building this kingdom of justice and peace through the works of love we render to others. The loving and peaceful society we build here on earth then becomes an anticipation of the everlasting joy we hope to enjoy in heaven.

**Christ Reigns in Our Hearts:** As the king of the universe, Christ reigns over all and he holds all things in being (Col 1:17). As our Lord and Saviour, Christ also reigns in our hearts and he wants us to let him come into the difficult corners of our lives. It is in these 'secret places' of our hearts that we tend to lock up our pains and sorrows. When we let him in whenever he knocks, (Rev 3:20), he comes to comfort us, and he restores our hope in him. May Christ the king of the universe reign in our hearts that we may show his loving face to the world. Amen.

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