

Our Lady Star Of The Sea Catholic Church

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SOME MASSES LISTED BELOW ARE LIVESTREAMED

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intention
Sunday 7th March 3rd Sunday of Lent	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	All sick of the Parish (A L) Parish Community For the intention of Erica John Onigu-Otite, RIP
Monday 8 th <i>Weekday, Third week of Lent</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Stephen Power, RIP (R P)
Tuesday 9 th <i>Weekday, Third week of Lent</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Trevor Davies, RIP (M G)
Wednesday 10 th <i>Weekday, Third week of Lent</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Albert and Anne Tellson, RIP (W A)
Thursday 11 th <i>Weekday, Third week of Lent</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Gina O'Brien RIP (M M)
Friday 12 th <i>Weekday, Third week of Lent</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Mabel Thomas, RIP (C S)
Saturday 13 th <i>Weekday, Third week of Lent</i>	10.00am (Livestreamed)	Gina O'Brien, RIP (E T) <i>(Adoration & Stations of the Cross after Mass)</i>
Sunday 14th March 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	Parish Community Barbara Evans, RIP (E T) John Onigu-Otite, RIP Anniversary Ann Ellington, RIP (B T)

WEEKDAY MASSES: Weekday Masses are livestreamed without a congregation. There will be no in-person attendance at weekday Masses (except where stated otherwise) until further notice. Funerals are not affected.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday evening, 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 (01792 361194; madelineolss@aol.com) or send an email to the Parish email address 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 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: Sarah O'Kane, Jackie Rees.

CAFOD: Thank you all for your kind donations for Lent Fast Day which so far amounts to £411. With fewer numbers at Mass at the moment, this just proves your generosity. Very many thanks also to all those who have donated to CAFOD online.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY ONLINE: Bible study on Monday 8th March 2021 at 7pm on Zoom. Details will be sent to all via email

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 or phone on 01792 512212 or follow us on Twitter: @stdavidscps.

PARISH COFFEE MORNING ON ZOOM: The Zoom coffee morning is at 11.30am every Sunday for half an hour following 10.30am Mass. Access it with the Zoom ID **585 166 8513** (no passcode required). This new ID is permanent: it will not change. You can turn up and leave at your leisure. Have your coffee and biscuit (s) ready to enjoy meeting your friends in a new way. See you. If you have problems joining Zoom, please contact Stephanie Jefferies (402409; stephfernhill@aol.com).

HOLY WEEK, SACRED TRIDUUM & EASTER

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK: 29 TH MARCH CONFESSIONS	6.30pm – 7.30pm	<i>Booking NOT required</i>
MAUNDY THURSDAY: 1 ST APRIL MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	7.00pm	<i>Booking required, livestreamed</i>
GOOD FRIDAY: 2 ND APRIL STATIONS OF THE CROSS CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION	2.15pm 3.00pm	<i>Booking required, livestreamed</i> <i>Booking required, livestreamed</i>
HOLY SATURDAY: 3 RD APRIL THE EASTER VIGIL	8.00pm	<i>Booking required, livestreamed</i>
EASTER SUNDAY MASSES: 4TH APRIL	8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	<i>Booking required</i> <i>Booking required, livestreamed</i> <i>Booking required</i>

CYCLE OF PRAYER DURING LENT: During Lent, we are invited to pray for the following intentions: candidates for the sacraments, women, the needy and hungry of the world, survivors of sexual abuse, penitents, and wanderers.

RED MISSIO BOXES: These are now due for counting. Please bring the boxes to church or call Jackie on 601058 or email jacandmo@ntlworld.com to arrange for collection. *Missio* desperately needs the funds. Thank you.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Veronika Rakovska.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: Veronica Sked, Lilian Phillips, Peter Lloyd, Edward McNeff, George Ronan, Fr Brendan McNamee, Fr Joseph Geraghty, Dermot Gilmore, Kath Williams, Fr Evan Hope, James McNeff, Ray Thomas, Nora & Daniel Gallivan, Bernard McCarthy, Bishop Francis Vaughan.

SUNDAY OFFERING: Last Sunday: £817 (includes standing orders) CAFOD Lent Appeal: £411.10	LIVESTREAM DONATIONS: £20 Thanks to all who donate to support the livestream.
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Reflection for the Third Sunday of Lent (Year B)

Christ purifies us

The season of Lent provides us with an opportunity to spiritually prepare for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery of Christ. In preparing our minds for this celebration, Christ uses the imagery of the Temple in Jerusalem to point to his death and resurrection.

The New Jerusalem Temple: When Jesus challenged the Jews to destroy the Temple and in three days, he would raise it up, they supposed that he was referring to the physical Temple built by human hands. However, Jesus was already pointing to his destiny in the hands of the leaders of the people. Indeed, they would 'destroy' the temple, which is his body, and in the three days he would raise it up. The body of Christ then becomes the New Temple of God where people are called to worship him in truth and in spirit (Jn 2:24). In other words, Christ has replaced the old temple with his own body which shall never be destroyed again. The Church of Christ is also understood as the body of Christ (Col 1:18) where the new people of God gather to worship him. Whenever we gather to worship, we worship in Christ who is the source of the unity of the Church.

The Sacrifice of Christ for the World: The 'destruction' of his body which Christ spoke about referred to his agonizing crucifixion and sacrificial death for the world. St Paul then teaches us in the Second Reading that the crucified Christ has become the power and wisdom of God through whom we are saved. By his passion and death, his body was destroyed. His body was destroyed so that a new people of God would be formed. At the Last Supper, he told his disciples that his body would be given up for them (Lk 22:19). That explains in clearer terms the symbol of his bodily death which he speaks of at the cleansing of the temple. That death was for the salvation of the world.

Christ Purifies His Temple: While we are members of the body of Christ, we are always in need of purification. As Christ purified the old temple in Jerusalem, the New Temple of Christ, the Church, is ever more in need of purification. The season of Lent then provides God's children that unique opportunity for us to purify ourselves through works of penance and charity. The Laws which God gave to the people of Israel as related in the First Reading were not to enslave them but to purify them for the love of God and their neighbours. Today, the Church, the New Temple of God, celebrates the sacraments for the purification of her children so that they would be prepared to rise with Christ on the last day when he comes in all his glory. As God gave the people of Israel his laws to guide them to the Promised Land, God has also given us the sacraments and the law of love to lead us to our Promised Homeland in heaven. May the celebration of the Paschal Mystery of Christ purify us and prepare us for the joys of heaven. Amen.