

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)</b>	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)
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> <i>Weekday, Fourth week of Lent</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Gina O'Brien, RIP (SVP)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> <i>Weekday, Fourth week of Lent</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Gina O'Brien, RIP (B&D D)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> <b>St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland</b>	9.30am (With congregation)	For our parishioners of Irish ancestry
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> <i>Weekday, Third week of Lent</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Mrs Barbara Evans, RIP, (J M)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> <b>St Joseph, Spouse of the BVM</b>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Philomena O'Connell, RIP (E T)
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> <i>Weekday, Third week of Lent</i>	10.00am (Livestreamed)	For the intention of Maria-Elena Cacace
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	Mrs Gina O'Brien, RIP, (E D) Derek Scott, Anniversary (Fouracre family) Philomena O'Connell, RIP, (K H) Caroline Solomon, Thanksgiving (C S) Our Lady's Lamp: Special Intention (E 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](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:** Dave Clarke.

**PARISH BIBLE STUDY ONLINE:** Bible study on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:stephfernhill@aol.com)).

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

**ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS:** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March is the Feast of St Patrick, Patron of Ireland. We thank the Lord for the great work of the Irish people in spreading the faith (including in Nigeria). Mass with a congregation will be celebrated on the day (9.30am). To book a seat, please contact Madeline.

**YEAR OF THE WORD TALK:** Theme: *Mary, the New Eve* by Fr Gabriel Avbenake, OP. Livestreamed on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 11am. To join the livestream, please visit [domsec.org.uk](http://domsec.org.uk)

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pam Savill.

**WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME:** Harold McDonald, James Webb, Margaret Leder, Brian Deehan, Fr Eddie Murphy, Jennifer Hicks, Susan Herriven, Brigid Lynam, Mary Loosemore, Jacqueline Kelly, Eileen Curnock, Gladys Maude Walke, Mary Dooley, Brian Morgan.

<b>SUNDAY OFFERING:</b> Last Sunday: £939 (includes standing orders) CAFOD Lent Appeal: £80	<b>LIVESTREAM DONATIONS: £20</b> Thanks to all who donate to support the livestream.
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### Reflection for the Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year B) The fullness of his grace

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally known as the 'Laetare' (rejoice) Sunday. The expression is taken from the entrance antiphon (Is 66:10). The Church rejoices because She will soon celebrate the Paschal Mystery of her Saviour. We also rejoice because we have been given the fullness of grace of salvation in the Paschal Mystery of Christ.

**The Grace of God in the Life of the People of Israel:** The period of exile in the life of the people of Israel was one in which they realized how much they needed Yahweh to survive. While they were in their own land and country, they supposed that it was by their power that they enjoyed prosperity and fame. This feeling of self-sufficiency made them to sin gravely against and to depart from his law. The result of this was the exile from their land and the harsh persecution they underwent under foreign powers. The First Reading then recounts how unrepentant God's people were and how far they strayed away from God. However, the most important aspect of the reading was the raising of the Cyrus, the king of Persia, by God to deliver the people from bondage. He gave them leave to go to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple of God. This was the grace of God working in the life of his people. It is the fullness of this grace we enjoy in the salvific mission of our Lord Jesus Christ (Jn 1:16-17).

**We Are Saved Through Grace:** Grace is a gift that is freely bestowed on us by God for our salvation. It is through this gift of grace that God invites us to share in his divine life (Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*, I-II, q. 110, a. 1). Just as God raised up Cyrus as an instrument of his grace in the life of the people of Israel, in a superior manner, God sent Christ his Son to bestow his grace upon the whole human race. According to St Paul in the Second Reading, it is through this grace that we have been saved. While we are not saved by any merit of our own, it is through the grace of God that our service to God becomes acceptable to him.

**Grace Through the Death of Christ:** Out of his infinite love for the whole human race, God sent his Son to die for us. While the people of Israel felt condemned by God, the Cross of Christ has become our justification such that we no longer need to feel hopeless in our various human situations. God used Cyrus to draw the people of Israel back to himself while they were separated from him. Through the Cross of Christ by which he has redeemed the world, God continues to gather his people to himself by his own grace. May God's grace be the source of our joy. Amen.