

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 21st March 5th Sunday of Lent	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	Christopher Richards, RIP (A R) Derek Stott, Anniversary (Fouracre family) Philomena O'Connell, RIP (K H) Caroline Solomon, Thanksgiving (C S) Our Lady's Lamp: Special Intention (E T)
Monday 22 nd <i>Weekday, Fifth week of Lent</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Gina O'Brien, RIP (J M)
Tuesday 23 rd <i>Weekday, Fifth week of Lent</i>	9.30am	Gina O'Brien, RIP (T O'D) National Day of Reflection for COVID-19
Wednesday 24 th <i>Weekday, Fifth week of Lent</i>	9.30am	Martin Radley, RIP Anniversary (B R)
Thursday 25 th The Annunciation of the Lord	9.30am	Susan Philippart, RIP Anniversary (C Mc)
Friday 26 th <i>Weekday, Fifth week of Lent</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Christopher Richards, RIP (J M)
Saturday 27 th <i>Weekday, Fifth week of Lent</i>	10.00am (Livestreamed)	Fr Sean Clancy, RIP Anniversary (A L) Clocks go forward for start of BST tonight
Sunday 28th March 6th Sunday of Lent Palm Sunday	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	David Jordan, RIP Anniversary (F J) Thanksgiving (J & M R) Gina O'Brien, RIP (T & S M) Parish Community Our Lady's Lamp: SVP Members

WEEKDAY MASSES WITH A CONGREGATION: In-person attendance at weekday Masses will resume on Tuesday 23rd March and will be for **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays only (except stated otherwise)**. Pre-booking is not required; details of those attending will be recorded upon arrival. Thank you.

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: Carolyn Cullen, Eileen Jones, Judy Mulcahy, Seren Jones, Julie Beaumont-Rees, Ethan Jones, Paul Richards.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY ONLINE: Bible study on Monday 29th 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@swanseae.dunet.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). 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: 29TH MARCH CONFESSIONS	6.30pm – 7.30pm	<i>Booking NOT required</i>
MAUNDY THURSDAY: 1ST APRIL MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	7.00pm	<i>Booking required, also livestreamed</i>
GOOD FRIDAY: 2ND APRIL STATIONS OF THE CROSS CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION	2.15pm 3.00pm	<i>Booking required, also livestreamed Booking required, also livestreamed</i>
HOLY SATURDAY: 3RD APRIL THE EASTER VIGIL	8.00pm	<i>Booking required, also livestreamed</i>
EASTER SUNDAY MASSES: 4TH APRIL	8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	<i>Booking required Booking required, also 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.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: Derek Stott, Fr John Millan, Paul Murphy, Gordon Mellor, Maura Rees Williams, Frances Crockett, Fr Sylvester Baron, Marguerite Sullivan, Allan Dacey, Winifred Taylor, Gina Grattarola, Brigid Price, Nora Owen, Julia Fleming, Dorothy Bennett, Chris Richards, Susan Philippart, Ellis Lyons, Vera Anderson, Fr William Finucane, Archbishop John Aloysius Ward, Fr Sean Clancy, Nancy Watt.

SUNDAY OFFERING: Last Sunday: £967 (includes standing orders) CAFOD Lent Appeal: £35	LIVESTREAM DONATIONS: £50 Thanks to all who donate to support the livestream.
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Reflection for the Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B)

Blessings of the New Covenant

As we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Lent, we are now in the Passiontide. This means that we are much closer to the period of the passion of our Lord. For this reason, the readings of today's liturgy speak of the new covenant God has made with the human race in the blood of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Old Covenant Came Through Moses: The central theme of the First Reading is the new covenant which God promised to make with the human race. This presupposes that there was an existing covenant. This covenant was first made with Abraham through whom God blessed the human race (Gen 17:7). Then he renewed this covenant with the people of Israel when he brought them out from the land of Egypt when he said to them, "I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God" (Ex 6:7). This covenant was sealed when he gave them his laws on Mount Sinai through Moses (Ex 20:1-17). He also reiterated this covenant through his prophets (Ez 36:28; Jer 7:23). However, God promised to make a new covenant with his people: "See, the days are coming" (Jer 31:31). The text indicates that those days were not to be fulfilled in the time of Jeremiah but in later days.

The New Covenant in Christ: Because Christ is the fulfilment of the laws and prophets, it is through his paschal mysteries that God has made the new covenant he promised. At the Last Supper, Christ made this clear to his disciples when he told them that his blood, which will be shed for the forgiveness of sins, sealed the new and eternal covenant. This blood was both sacramental and physical. At the Last Supper, he gave them his blood in a sacramental manner. The same blood was shed physically on the cross. Thus, while the sacrifice of the Cross was offered in a bloody manner, that of the Mass is offered in an unbloody manner (Vatican II, *Presbyterorum ordinis*, n. 2 § 4). Yet, the sacrifice of the Mass and that of the Cross are one and the same because it is the blood of Christ that is offered in the two.

The Superiority of the New Covenant: The sacrifice of Christ is superior not just because it came after the old but because it is the most efficacious we could have. In the time of old, the covenant was renewed in the blood of goats and bulls. This did not actually take sins away (Heb 10:4) but only foreshadowed of the blood of Christ (Heb 10:1), the unblemished lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (Jn 1:29). Thus, it is only the blood of Christ that truly sanctifies us for eternal life.

Christ is Glorified through Obedience: Notably, Christ fulfilled his mission of shedding his blood when he was nailed to the wood of the cross. In the Gospel Reading, he spoke to his disciples of the kind of death he was to suffer. His message was that it was necessary for him to die that we may live. Nonetheless, he would not be overcome by death, but he would be glorified by the Father because of his obedience through suffering (Phil 2:8). Our hope is that when we die, we also shall be glorified like Christ at the resurrection of the dead. May we receive the blessings of the new covenant we celebrate at the Holy Mass. Amen.