

Our Lady Star Of The Sea Catholic Church

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Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intention
Sunday 28th March Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	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
Monday 29 th <i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	9.30am	Sue Philippart, RIP (M M)
Tuesday 30 th <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	9.30am	Pam Savill, RIP (J B)
Wednesday 31 st <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	9.30am	Gina O'Brien, RIP (J & M R)
Thursday 1 st April Maundy Thursday	7pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper	Bill O'Donoghue, RIP (W O'D)
Friday 2 nd Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord	2.15pm: Stations of the Cross 3pm: Passion of the Lord	
Saturday 3 rd Holy Saturday	8pm: Easter Vigil	Sue and Jim Sander, 60 th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday 4th April Easter Sunday of the Resurrection	8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	Gina O'Brien, RIP (E D) Ruth Kershaw, Thanksgiving (A & K T) Gerry McNeff, RIP (M M)

GOOD FRIDAY: This service is now fully booked, with a waiting list. As an alternative, parishioners are invited to attend the service at our sister Parish, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Townhill, for which booking is not required. Stations 2.15pm; Passion Service 3.00pm.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Starting Monday, 29th March, **ALL WEEKDAY MASSES** will be celebrated with a congregation. Pre-booking is not required; details of those attending will be recorded upon arrival. Booking is still required for weekend Masses. Thank you.

HOLY PLACES: There will be a collection for Holy Places at the Good Friday Service.

CONFESSIONS BEFORE EASTER: 6.30pm – 7.30pm on Monday 29th March and Tuesday 30th March.

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 (weekday Masses and Sunday 10.30am Mass). 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: Rachel Evans, Noreen Hyden, Kirsten Kieft, Stephanie Jefferies.

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@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). 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).

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: Harry D Wood, John O'Donnell, Nancy Lewis, Basil Bayliss, Michael O'Farrell, Edward Fleming, Audrey Thomas, Brian Morris, Gwym & Sally Jones, Dorothea Hunt, Doreen Pickering, Betty Whyte, Seymour Hay, Brother Paul Rosario, Gerald Graham, Christopher Gouvignon, Edward Mahoney, Nora Metcalfe.

HOLY WEEK: In Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his earthly life, from his messianic entry into Jerusalem, until his blessed Passion and glorious Resurrection.

HOLY WEEK, SACRED TRIDUUM & EASTER		
MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK: 29 TH MARCH CONFESSIONS	6.30pm – 7.30pm (Fr Clement)	<i>Booking NOT required</i>
TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK: 30 TH MARCH CONFESSIONS	6.30pm – 7.30pm (Fr Michael)	<i>Booking NOT required</i>
MAUNDY THURSDAY: 1 ST APRIL MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	7.00pm	<i>Booking required, also livestreamed</i>
GOOD FRIDAY: 2 ND APRIL STATIONS OF THE CROSS CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION	2.15pm 3.00pm	<i>Booking required, also livestreamed</i> <i>Booking required, also livestreamed</i>
HOLY SATURDAY: 3 RD APRIL THE EASTER VIGIL	8.00pm	<i>Booking required, also livestreamed</i>
EASTER SUNDAY MASSES: 4TH APRIL	8.30am	<i>Booking required</i>
	10.30am	<i>Booking required, also livestreamed</i>
	11.45am	<i>Booking required</i>

TOWNHILL PARISH: Maundy Thursday 6.00pm; Good Friday 2.15pm Stations of the Cross, 3pm Service of the Lord's Passion.

ON SACRED TRIDUUM AND EASTER CELEBRATIONS: Due to COVID-based liturgical guidelines, the celebrations of the Sacred Triduum and Easter may seem different to what we normally have (for example abbreviated services, no congregational singing). We are grateful that we can have these celebrations as a worshipping community.

SUNDAY OFFERING: Last Sunday: £922 (includes standing orders) CAFOD: £5	LIVESTREAM DONATIONS: £10
Collections at Easter Masses will be the traditional Easter offering (gift) for the priest. Many thanks for your generous support.	Thanks to all who donate to support our Parish livestreams.

Reflection for the Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year B)

His Passion purifies us

With the liturgy of Palm Sunday, the Church enters into the Passion Week of our Lord Jesus Christ. The mood of the liturgy from today till Easter speaks more profoundly of the Christ's suffering, death and resurrection through which he restored life to us. It is the significance of the beginning of his passion and death we celebrate today.

Jesus is the Suffering Servant: The prophecy of Isaiah in the First Reading (50:4-7) which speaks about the sufferings of the Servant of God points to Jesus. At his trial, Jesus did not present any argument in defence of his innocence. Rather, he humbly submitted to the plan of God which required that he bore the shame of our sins. He gave his back to the soldiers who struck him. He was mocked for our sins and suffered for our transgressions (Jn 19:1-3).

Jesus Draws Near to Jerusalem: By his divine knowledge, Christ knew that he was destined to go to Jerusalem to suffer and die for our sins. When the time was right for him to complete his saving mission, Christ, accompanied by his disciples, journeyed to Jerusalem. (The four evangelists who have given us accounts of the life of Jesus all agree that he suffered and died in Jerusalem). As he approached Jerusalem, he knew he was approaching his passion. Christ also takes us on this journey to 'Jerusalem'. He wants us to accompany him as his disciples did. It is this journey to 'Jerusalem' we have started today. It is a journey that could be full of challenges, sufferings, trial, disappointments, frustrations. As we go through our own passion in life, Jesus draws us closer to himself that we may understand the significance of his passion for our salvation. It is only when we understand the meaning of Christ's passion for our salvation that we can more readily embrace the daily challenges of our lives.

The Palm of Peace: Today's liturgical designation, Palm Sunday, received its name from the action of the people who cut palms and spread them on the road for Jesus to pass (cf. Mt 21:8). Today, we place before Jesus, not palms and clothes, but our lives and all that bother us. We implore Jesus to take them up and purify them by his passion. May the passion of Jesus purify us and draw us closer to God's heavenly kingdom. Amen.