

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 11th April 2nd Sunday of Eastertide (Divine Mercy Sunday)	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	David and Anne Hopkins, RIP (M B) Gina O'Brien, RIP (S M) Nora and Danny Gallivan, RIP (M B) Parish Community
Monday 12 th <i>Weekday 2nd Week of Eastertide</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	For the Intention of fellow Parishioners (J & M R)
Tuesday 13 th <i>Weekday 2nd Week of Eastertide</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Mr John Morris, RIP Anniversary (B T)
Wednesday 14 th <i>Weekday 2nd Week of Eastertide</i>	10.30am [Livestreamed]	Funeral Mass: Margaret (Peggy) Jones, RIP
Thursday 15 th <i>Weekday 2nd Week of Eastertide</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Gina O'Brien, RIP (A & T L)
Friday 16 th <i>Weekday 2nd Week of Eastertide</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Catherine Palmer, RIP (W O'D)
Saturday 17 th <i>Weekday 2nd Week of Eastertide</i>	10.00am (Livestreamed)	Special Intention, (E K)
Sunday 18th April 3rd Sunday of Eastertide	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	Veronica Rakovska, RIP (M M) For family & friends (J & M R) Gina O'Brien, RIP (R & L B) Parish Community

WEEKDAY MASSES: 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.

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 (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: Joe Blackburn.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY ONLINE: Bible study on Monday 12th April 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).

Please note that this Sunday's coffee morning on the 11th April will be the last in the series. Further coffee mornings may take place as and when needed. Thanks to Stephanie the facilitator and all those who participated.

CONFIRMATION: We rejoice with and pray for Katie Percy who will be baptised and confirmed at the 11.45am Mass on Sunday 11th April.

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER: During Eastertide, we are asked to pray for these intentions: New members of the Church; Vocations; the Right use of the Media; the Church; Human Work.

GRATITUDE TO RICHARD COTTLE: Many thanks to Richard Cottle for purchasing a new public address system amplifier and microphones for the Parish. We are grateful for the contributions that the Cottle family continue to make to the Parish.

DOMSEC TALK: A livestreamed talk on *Scriptural Spirituality: Prayer in the Bible and the Bible in Prayer* by Canon John Udris. This event can be viewed live on Saturday 17th April (11am – 1pm) or later. Please visit www.domsec.org.uk

DOMSEC ONLINE COURSE ON THE HOLY SPIRIT: Father Matthew Roche-Saunders will be delivering livestreamed talks on the Holy Spirit, starting 27th April. These talks (4 in all, 1 per week) will prepare viewers for Pentecost. Details will follow later.

MARGARET (PEGGY) JONES, RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Peggy Jones (parishioner at Three Cliff Drive Pennard) who passed away on Monday 29th March. Funeral Mass will be on Wednesday 14th April at 10.30am in our Parish church. May the Lord grant Peggy eternal rewards. Amen.

CHRIS McNEFF, RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Chris McNeff who passed away on Friday 2nd April. May the Lord grant Chris eternal rewards. Amen.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: William Anthony Clements, Edward & Veronica Fleming, William Renninghoff, Beatrice Oshisanya, Francesco di Francesco, Derek Adams, John Morris, Sr Martina Bayliss, Kathleen Morgan, Fr Adolf Evans, Fr Michael Donnellan, Shirley Brown, Michael Walsh, Thomas Riordan, Fr Paul Sartori, Agnes Manley, Anne & Peter Drew, Rhian Clay, Mary Harris.

HOLY PLACES: £114 Many thanks for your generosity.	LIVESTREAM DONATIONS: Thanks to all who donate to support our Parish livestreams.
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APPRECIATION

Many thanks for your Easter cards, messages, and gifts. Thanks specially for your prayers. We are deeply grateful for your kindness and support.

Fr Michael OP, Fr Clement OP and Monsignor Brian Kinrade

Reflection for the Second Sunday of Eastertide (Divine Mercy Sunday)

His mercy gives us peace

The Church continues to rejoice in the resurrection of her Lord as she celebrates the divine mercy Sunday on the Second Sunday of Eastertide. The world has received the fullness of God's mercy through the sacrificial death and the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. At his resurrection, Christ also brings his peace to the world so that all peoples may experience God's mercy.

The Peace of Christ Frees Us from Fear: The disciples of Jesus were locked in the room for fear of the Jews who may continue to persecute them as they did their Master. They would have thought that if their Master could be tortured and crucified, then they were not safe themselves (Jn 15:20). However, Christ knew that they were gripped with fear and so he gave them his peace (Jn 14:27). For them to bear witness to the truth and power of his resurrection, Christ's disciples needed to overcome their fear. It was only through the peace of the Risen Christ that this fear could be dispelled. In our lives as well, there have been moments when we have been gripped with the fear of the unknown; times when we have allowed the fear of the future to deny us of our peace. At such lonely and fearful states, we ask Christ to come with his peace to calm our fears and to make us witnesses to his resurrection.

The Peace of Christ Dispels Our Doubt: When the other disciples informed Thomas of the resurrection of Jesus, he refused to believe because he doubted the possibility of Jesus rising from the dead. Knowing the lowly state of Thomas' faith, Christ himself visited him to strengthen his faith (Lk 17:5-6). At Easter, Christ visits us to help our little faith. Life's challenges and setbacks might have weakened our faith in God, but the resurrection is an assurance that God will fulfil his promises to us. If we have doubted the power of God to save us up till this moment, the experience of Thomas is a reminder that God is ever faithful. He does not fail, and he will not fail us.

The Mercy of God is Great: At his resurrection, Christ gave his disciples the power to forgive sins. It is through this forgiveness of sins that we receive the mercy of God. Through the ministry of the Church, God also grants pardon and peace to penitents. Thus, the resurrection of Christ is the surest sign of the mercy of God. May the divine mercy which we receive in the resurrection of Christ grant us peace and salvation. Amen.
