

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 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
Monday 19 th <i>Weekday 3rd Week of Eastertide</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Francis Gilfedder, RIP (I G)
Tuesday 20 th <i>St Beuno, Abbot</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Gina O'Brien, RIP (A L)
Wednesday 21 st <i>St Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i>	9.30am [Livestreamed]	John Onigu-Otite, RIP
Thursday 22 nd <i>Weekday 3rd Week of Eastertide</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Gina O'Brien, RIP (M P H)
Friday 23 rd <i>St George, Martyr</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Gina O'Brien, RIP (J S)
Saturday 24 th <i>Weekday 3rd Week of Eastertide</i>	10.00am (Livestreamed)	John Onigu-Otite, RIP
Sunday 25th April 4th Sunday of Eastertide	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	Parish Community Kathleen Archer, RIP Anniversary Fr Michael: Ordination Anniversary Chris McNeff, RIP (E T)

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: Kaitlin Law, Bernard Gregory, Christine Murphy.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY ONLINE: Bible study on Monday 26th April 2021 at 7pm on Zoom. **Zoom Meeting ID: 89520213920**

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.

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.

FOOD BANK: During Lockdown, your gifts have gone to the local Swansea Food bank. The Missionaries of Charity are now resuming their work so your donations will once again be taken there. Thank you all for your amazing generosity in these difficult times.

PLANT SALE: At Ann Lane's front drive (22 Havergal Close, Caswell) on Saturday 8th May, 11am-1.30pm. Proceeds to our Parish and Maggie's Cancer Support. Plant contributions will be most welcome. Please contact Ann (367512). Thank you.

LIVESTREAMING EQUIPMENT FOR TOWNHILL PARISH: Equipment for livestreaming is urgently needed for Townhill Parish. This will cost approximately £2300. Thanks to donations already received in a few days, £930 has been handed in. We need more donations please. Townhill and Mumbles Parishes have a common bond, both being served by the Dominicans. Mumbles parishioners have always been very generous. Cheques should be made out to "Diocese of Menevia Townhill Parish". For cash donations or other ways to donate, please contact Father Michael or Jackie Rees (601058). Thank you very much for your support.

CHARITY SHOP IN TOWNHILL PARISH: The charity shop and parish hall are main sources of income of Townhill Parish. Due to the pandemic, the parish has desperately missed these incomes and the meagre resources of the parish have been drained. They need our help. Please consider donating surplus clothing to the Townhill Parish charity shop. Many of our parishioners have faithfully supported the shop over the years, and they are very grateful. For more information, please contact Jackie Rees (601058). Thank you.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection at all Masses next weekend for the Priests' Training Fund. Thank you.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Offertory envelopes are now available in the porch for collection after Mass. Thank you very much.

FUNERAL OF CHRIS McNEFF, RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Chris McNeff who passed away on Friday 2nd April. Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 27th April at 10.30 am. The Mass will be livestreamed. May the Lord grant Chris eternal rewards. Amen.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: Dina Di Francesco, Gavin de Combes, Mary E. Probert, Freda Williams, Leonardo Grattarola, Peter Francis, Bill Davies, Esperia Evans, Eugenio de Marco, Janet James, Thomas Little, Doris Rathcliffe, Denis Crowson, Hazel Rees, Gerald Joseph Bishop, Tom, Bridie, Eamon O'Sullivan, Peter Lane, Bernadette Hutchings, Robert Wood, George Isaac, Joyce Winter, Gerry Cummins, June, Bill & Stephen Clarke, Patrick Morrissey, Patrick Morgan, Charles McGaritty, Liam O'Toole, Canon Stanley Luff, John Evans.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £985 (includes standing orders)
Many thanks for your generosity.

LIVESTREAM DONATIONS: £10
Thanks to all who donate to support our Parish livestreams.

Reflection for the Third Sunday of Eastertide Christ's resurrection brings us new life

After his resurrection, Christ showed himself to his disciples to deepen their faith in him. He knew that they needed to see his glorious body for them to become stronger witnesses to this unfathomable work of God. Indeed, the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Risen Lord. Thus, we are also filled with joy because our Lord is risen, and his presence remains with us always.

The Resurrection of Christ Brings Us into the Communion of Saints: While they were battling with their fears and doubts, the disciples of Christ remained united, and they supported one another. Christ as well appeared to them in pairs and in groups so that their witnessing would be stronger. The Church believes in the communion of saints as she learns from the life of the early Christians who were united in prayer. They formed one family in the spirit of the Risen Christ (CCC 959). As members of the Church, we are also united with the saints through the power of Christ's resurrection which is the foundation of our faith.

The Resurrection of Christ Assures Us the Forgiveness of Sins: Apostle Peter reminded the leaders of the people of their roles in the death of Christ. His message was that in the whole event of Christ's passion in the hands of the people, God was working out his plans of salvation. Through his power, God raised Jesus from the dead. St Peter then exonerated the people of their sins, saying that they acted in ignorance. Here, Peter's words are similar to those of Jesus who prayed for and forgave those who took part in his passion and death (Lk 23:34). The remission of our sins which Christ prayed for on the cross has been accomplished in its fullness in his resurrection. When our sins are forgiven, it becomes a form of rising from our states of lowliness to meet God who lives on high.

We Profess the Resurrection of the Body: When Christ rose from the dead, he took on a glorious body. This body is real and not a phantom or a ghost. At the resurrection of the dead, our bodies will also rise in glory like that of Christ (1 Cor 15:44; Phil 3:21). Thus, the "resurrection of the flesh" (the literal formulation of the Apostles' Creed) means not only that the immortal soul will live on after death, but that even our "mortal body" will come to life again through the power of God (CCC,990, 1002). May the resurrection of Christ bring us new life as we await our resurrection and those of our loved ones. Amen.
