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SOME MASSES LISTED BELOW ARE LIVESTREAMED

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| **Date & Liturgical Celebration** | **Time** | **Mass Intention** |
| **Sunday 25th July**  **17th Sunday of Ordinary Time** | Sat. Vigil 6.30pm  8.30am  10.30am  11.45am | Maureen Holley, RIP (M A)  Intention of Loretta Hunt (H B)  Parish Community  Barbara Owen, 100th Birthday Thanksgiving |
| Monday 26th  ***Mass for the Dead*** | **11.00am**  **[Livestreamed]** | Christiana Akpoghiran, RIP Anniversary |
| Tuesday 27th  *Weekday in Ordinary Time* | 9.30am  [Livestreamed] | Rhiannon O’Connell, RIP (M & A O’C) |
| Wednesday 28th  *Weekday in Ordinary Time* | 9.30am  [Livestreamed] | Sarah & David Davies, RIP (C B) |
| Thursday 29th  *St Martha* | 9.30am  (Livestreamed) | Mary Price, RIP Anniversary (R C) |
| Friday 30th  *St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church* | 9.30am  (Livestreamed) | For an end to the pandemic |
| Saturday 31st  *St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest* | 10.00am  (Livestreamed) | Intention of Sisters & Staff of Stella Maris |
| **Sunday 1st August**  **18th Sunday of Ordinary Time** | Sat. Vigil 6.30pm  8.30am  10.30am  11.45am | John & Chris Richards, RIP Anniv/Birthday (A R)  Christiana Akpoghiran, RIP  Parish Community  For Caldey Monastic Community |

**CONFESSIONS:**  Saturday morning after 10am Mass, Saturday evening 6pm-6.15pm, and on request.

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**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Rachel Webb, David Clarke, Connor Isaac-Clarke, Joy Stafford.

**TOWNHILL LIVESTREAMS:** Townhill Parish Masses are typically livestreamed 11am on Sunday and 10am on Monday. To access the livestream link, please use the Mumbles Parish website the usual way, or search for Our Lady of Lourdes Townhill on YouTube.

**INFANT BAPTISM:** Wryz Audrey Necesito on Sunday 1st August at the 11.45am Mass.

**DOMSEC ONLINE COURSE: A BIBLICAL EXPLANATION OF THE MASS:** This livestreamed talk by Fr Michael Akpoghiran OP will be on Saturday 31st July 11.00am-1.00pm. Please visit **www.domsec.org.uk**

**FR VICTOR'S VISIT:** We welcome Fr Victor back as he spends his holiday with us. At this weekend’s Masses, he will tell us about his work at the Dominican University in Nigeria and how we can support the postgraduate studies of Dominican priests who are sent here.

**AED (Automatic Electronic Defibrillator):** A meeting was held with Mr. Henry Gilbert this week to confirm the placement of a new defibrillator which will be placed to the left of the gate when approaching the steps to the church hall. He is the leader of a charity which hopes to enable Swansea to be well supplied with these AEDs. This will benefit the community, visitors, and parishioners. Hopefully, its use will be a rarity for us all. For more information, please contact Tony O'Kane (234682)

**MEMORIAL MASS FOR MRS CHRISTIANA AKPOGHIRAN:** It will be a year on 26th July since my mother passed away. Due to COVID restrictions, we did not have a Parish Memorial Mass last year. I am inviting you to a Memorial Mass for her on Monday, 26th July at 11.00am. **After the Mass, there will be light refreshments outside.** Thank you. Fr Michael, OP.

**CAFOD:** Breda Regan and Lynn Smith will walk 50 miles of the Welsh Coastal Path to raise funds for people affected by the climate crisis, the pandemic and poverty. Please support them by donating at ***https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/WelshTrekkers*** or with cash to Breda.

**WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND, AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:** Isabelle Gilfedder, Bernard Gregory, Bill Gill, Claire Clancy, Roy Miller, Frank Bowen, Michael Guerin, Theresa Plunkett, Eira Hooper, Janet Ohwo, John Grant, Kath Bowling, Doris Renninghoff, Pat Davies, Frances Traylor, Rosemary Ronan, Mary Brearley, Audrey Robinson, Maria Davies, Angela Matthews, Millie Richards, Janet Blackburn, Eleanor Scowcroft, Joe Blackburn, Yvonne Richards, Maria Watkins.

**WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME:** Mary Dyer, Elsie Hatton, Mair Ward, Bishop Langton Fox, Christiana Akpoghiran, Rhiannon O’Connell, John Hunt, Joseph Simon, Anthony Taylor, James Clinton, Ellen Steel-Morgan, John O’Kane, Aldo Grattarola, Royston Brett, Patrick Byrne, George Inger, Clement Alan Sander, Rita Jewell, June Milford, Graham Benton.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please for the repose of the soul of Hywel Rees (husband of Beryl Rees) who passed away on Monday 19th July. May the Lord grant him eternal rest and give comfort to the family. Amen.

**A MESSAGE FROM FATHER VICTOR**

On Friday, July 23, 2021, I celebrated Mass at Mumbles Parish after over six months of my return to Nigeria and being away from the Parish. It was a joyful reunion with the Parishioners that sunny day as it has been till this moment. I am using this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the Parishioners for the love and care I received while I was with you during my postgraduate studies at Swansea University.

On my return to Nigeria and as intended by my Superior, I was enrolled as a staff of the Dominican University. There, I have three portfolios. First, I work as the Head of the Personnel Affairs Unit of the Registry. Second, I was appointed as the Director of Students’ Internship Programme by the Vice Chancellor. Third, I also serve as the coordinator of Scholarship programmes at the University.

I can confidently say that I was duly prepared for these responsibilities with my qualification in Human Resource Management to which you immensely contributed. The Dominican University is still in need of qualified Dominican Priests who will help to achieve her goals. After sharing my awesome experience with my Superior, he has now joyfully approved two young priests to come to study in Wales, one of whom will be serving you in Mumbles. He is Fr Matthew Achunine, OP. He will be coming to study a master’s degree in Engineering Project Management. This will prepare him to be part of the team charged with the development of the permanent site of the Dominican University in Nigeria. As you have contributed to preparing me to work at the University, may I kindly request that you do even more for him regarding his studies.

In addition, Nigeria has many intelligent but indigent young ones who cannot afford quality university education. The Scholarship Unit of the University which I coordinate then sources for scholarships for such students. At this juncture, I must thank Rick and Jenny VanderHorst who, through the VanderHorst Foundation, now sponsor students at the Dominican University. At the moment, it costs about **£1,500** ($2000 USD) to fully sponsor a student for a year at the University. This sponsorship covers the tuition fees, accommodation fees and even upkeep allowance. It is quite cheap to sponsor a student in Nigeria, you would say!

I now wish to appeal to you to financially support the postgraduate studies of the Student Priest of our Parish or take up the sponsorship of an intelligent but indigent student in Nigeria. Once again, thank you for all you do for the Dominicans in Swansea and for all you shall do to train us for the Dominican University.

**Fr Victor Ogundipe, OP**

**SUNDAY OFFERING: £985 (includes standing orders)** Thank you for your generosity.

| **LIVESTREAM DONATIONS:** Thank you for your generosity.

**How to Support the Student Priest who Serves Us**

Our Superior pays the tuition fees of the priests who are sent to study here in Swansea and who also serve us in the parish. To support our Superior in this, we propose that we raise at least **a third of the tuition fee which is £5000**. Donation envelopes will be made available in the porch. Cheques could be made payable to ‘Diocese of Menevia Mumbles Parish’. Information about standing order will be made available later.

**Face Covering 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 (weekday Masses and Sunday 10.30am Mass). For a link to livestreamed Masses please go to our Parish website [**www.ourladystaroftheseamumbles.org.uk**](http://www.ourladystaroftheseamumbles.com)and click "Livestream" on the menu bar. You can also find us on ***YouTube*** by searching for ***Our Lady Star of the Sea Mumbles***

**Our Catholic Primary School:**Our local Catholic Primary school is **St David's** on West Cross Avenue, a welcoming and happy 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. Email: **6703303\_stdavidscatholicprimaryschool@hwbcymru.net**

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