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|  **Our Lady Star Of The Sea Catholic Church**The Presbytery, 22 Devon Place, Mumbles, Swansea, SA3 4DRRev. Fr Michael ’Tega Akpoghiran, O.P. Tel: 01792 367283Rev. Fr Clement Oloruntoba, O.P. (Singleton Hospital Chaplain) 07459335606Parish Safeguarding Rep: Mrs Clare Power Tel: 01792 401781 email: mumbles@menevia.org twitter: @OLSS\_Mumbles <https://www.facebook.com/OLSSMumbles/> | **St David`s Catholic Primary School**West Cross, Swansea, SA3 5TSTel 01792 512212Headteacher: Ms E. Richards<http://www.stdavidscatholicprimary.swansea.sch.uk/>email: 6703303\_stdavidscatholicprimaryschool@hwbcymru.net <https://www.facebook.com/StDavidsCPS/>`Love God, Love Learning, Love Life` |

SOME MASSES LISTED BELOW ARE LIVESTREAMED

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| **Date & Liturgical Celebration** | **Time** | **Mass Intention** |
| **Sunday 15th August****The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)** |  Sat. Vigil 6.30pm 8.30am10.30am  11.45am | Jack & Jim Morris, RIP Anniversary (B T)Renėe Delma, Celebration of Life (E W)For the Intention of Joe Blackburn (A & B D)Parish CommunityOur Lady’s Lamp: For Maria & John Grant (C S) |
| Monday 16th  | **10.00am****Mass in Townhill** |  |
| Tuesday 17th *Weekday in Ordinary Time* | 9.30am(Livestreamed) | Doreen Favro, RIP (T O’D) |
| Wednesday 18th *Weekday in Ordinary Time* | 9.30am[Livestreamed] | Fr Jerome Ituah, Ordination Anniversary (A & K, P R) |
| Thursday 19th *Weekday in Ordinary Time* | 9.30am (Livestreamed) | Barrie Matthews, RIP (M E) |
| Friday 20th *St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church* | 9.30am(Livestreamed) | Barrie Matthews, RIP (M M) |
| Saturday 21st *St Pius X, Pope* | 10.00am(Livestreamed) | Laurence Jones, RIP (S M & S M) |
| **Sunday 22nd August****21st Sunday of the Year** | Sat. Vigil 6.30pm8.30am10.30am 11.45am | Fr Michael Fewell, RIP (M A)Barrie Matthews, RIP (E T)Barbara Owen, Birthday Thanksgiving (M W)Parish Community |

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

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**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Anne White, Janet Jones, Lauren Oshisanya, Tal Cox, Theo Oshisanya.

**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.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** There will be collection this week for Sick and Retired Clergy.

**TOWNHILL FUNDRAISER:** There will be a ‘quality’ Bric a Brac Sale on Friday 20th August, outside our parish church, from 11am to 3pm, in aid of our sister parish of Townhill. Donations can be brought to the church or contact Jackie on 601058 or Anne on 07447 422397 to arrange collection. Please support this event.

**CAFOD**: Many Congratulations and a huge THANK YOU to Breda Regan and Lynn Smith for completing their 50 miles of the Welsh Coastal Path. They have raised £790 to support people affected by the climate crisis, the pandemic and poverty. Sincere thanks to all who have so generously supported them.

**OUR PARISH MASSES: NO CHANGES TO SOCIAL DISTANCING:** The current COVID-related arrangement in our parish church (4 Masses every weekend and socially distanced seating at all Masses) will continue in the coming weeks. This arrangement, for the time being, may meet our public worship requirements without any need to abandon the present socially distanced seating in church. Parishioners who attend Mass regularly already have allocated seats, there is extra room for visitors, and there is more capacity in the 11.45am Sunday Mass (where the average attendance is 11). All this may change in the near future. In the meantime, parishioners who wish to switch to a different Mass, or who may not be attending in a weekend, should please inform Madeline (**01792 361194**; **madelineolss@aol.com**), who will release their seats. Please note that face covering is still required. Thank you.

**AWAY NOTICE:** Fr Michael will be away from 16th to 31st August.

**INFORMAL COURSE ON FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP: STARTING 9TH SEPTEMBER:** We will be offering a parish-based informal course on the Christian faith in the Catholic tradition and its relevance for life today. Participants will meet other people, watch inspiring videos, share ideas, explore Catholic beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. Planned to start later this summer, we will meet once a week, starting Thursday, 9th September, 7.30pm-8.30pm. The sessions will cover a range of issues, including happiness, the purpose of life, God, religion and faith. This course will be suitable for anyone who is interested in exploring the Catholic faith, non-practising Catholics who are considering returning to active practice, and Catholics who want to deepen their faith. If you or someone you know would like to join, please get in touch with Father Michael (**mumbles@menevia.org**).

**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:** Robert Morris, Margaret Kavanagh, Gordon Webb, Harold Wood, Fr Basil Rowlands, Paula Lee, William Clancey, Ivor John, Karl Anthony Pritchard, Fr Patrick Daly, Freda Doughty, M.E. Williams, Rocky Rockminster, Fr Patrick Collins, Stephan Holohan.

**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: £894 (includes standing orders)** Thank you for your generosity.

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

**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**) 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 (COVID track and trace).

**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**or phone on 01792 512212 or follow us on Twitter:@stdavidscps.

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| Money raised so far (Third Weekend) | Our target |
| £4,095 | **£5,000** |

**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’.