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SOME MASSES LISTED BELOW ARE LIVESTREAMED

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intention
Sunday 19th September 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	Norman Evans, RIP Anniversary (A & M B) Parish Community For the intention of Afure Iloka Mabel Thomas, RIP (C S)
Monday 20 th	10.00am Mass in Townhill	
Tuesday 21 st St Matthew Apostle & Evangelist (Feast)	9.30am (Livestreamed)	John Fowler, RIP Anniversary (C F-H)
Wednesday 22 nd <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am [Livestreamed]	Mel Davies, RIP/Birthday (J D)
Thursday 23 rd <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Joanie O'Donoghue, RIP/Birthday (T O'D)
Friday 24 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Chris McNeff (A & M B)
Saturday 25 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am (Livestreamed)	For the Intention of Joe Blackburn
Sunday 26th September 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	John Lynch, RIP (A & M B) SVP Members & Benefactors, Thanksgiving David Akpoghiran, RIP Parish Community

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Arlene O'Connell, Brian Davies.

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 a collection this weekend for Home Mission Sunday.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK: Could you help with collecting the *Missio* Red Boxes? Jackie Rees is stepping down after many years of devoted service to the Missions and now Fr Michael is looking for a volunteer! Please speak to Father if you can help with the collection of the boxes which takes place twice a year. This would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS – OCTOBER 2023: On 9-10 October 2021, Pope Francis will open the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. It will be a three-year 'synodal journey' (2021-2023) consisting in three phases of consultations and discernment at diocesan, continental and universal levels. Its theme is: *For a Synodal Church: communion, participation, and mission.*

107TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES – 26TH SEPTEMBER 2021: On the 26th of September 2021, the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) will be celebrated. This year's theme is: *Towards an Ever Wider We.* It is a call to ensure that "after all this, we will think no longer in terms of them and those but only us".

THE THREAT OF ASSISTED SUICIDE: A Second Reading of the Assisted Dying Bill is expected in the House of Lords. The Bishops' Conference has made an urgent appeal for the faithful to write to peers, particularly if they have stories they are able to share, to give voice to the concerns and fears of disabled people and to offer personal stories of those with medical expertise in end-of-life care.

INFORMAL COURSE ON FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP:

Last Thursday (16/09): Film 2 and Discussion on THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

[*Why bother thinking about religion? Five reasons not to believe in God. Arguments for the existence of God?*]

Next Thursday (23/09): Film 3 and Discussion on A GOD WHO SPEAKS

[The hiddenness of God. When God broke the silence. Discovering the face of God.]

Using the **Sycamore** contents, this informal course explores 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. We meet once a week, on Thursdays in the Parish Hall, 7.30pm-8.30pm. If you or someone you know would like to join, please get in touch with Father Michael (mumbles@menevia.org).

DOMSEC: THE HAPPY LIFE: ST THOMAS AQUINAS ON HAPPINESS AND VIRTUE. A series of online talks by Fr Michael Akpoghiran, OP on Tuesdays, 6.30pm - 8.30pm beginning on Tuesday September 21st. Please visit www.domsec.org.uk

WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND, AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS: Isabelle Gilfedder, Bill Gill, Claire Clancy, Roy Miller, Frank Bowen, Michael Guerin, Theresa Plunkett, Eira Hooper, 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: Esau Morris, Bernard Duhigh, Katie Flynn, Fr Joseph Jackson, Clarice John, Fr Arthur Smallwood, Fr William Bayliss, Christopher French Mullen, Ann Mullaney, Olga Riordan, James Cummins, Mel Davies, John Leonard, Barbara Mainwaring, Edith Estein.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £854 (includes standing orders) Education Sunday: £225.55, Sick & Retired Priests: £40 Thanks

From the teachings of Saint Thomas Aquinas

Selection 3: 19th September 2021

That the truth about divine things which is attainable by reason is fittingly proposed to man as an object of belief

(Continued from last week)

The second inconvenience is that those who would arrive at the discovery of the aforesaid truth would scarcely succeed in doing so after a long time. First, because this truth is so profound that the human intellect is only enabled to grasp it by reason after long practice. Second, because many things are required beforehand, as stated above. Third, because the mind is not fit for the knowledge of so sublime a truth at the time of youth, when tossed about by the various movements of the passions, but calm gives prudence and knowledge, as it says in *7 Physics* 3, 7. Hence mankind would remain in the deepest darkness of ignorance if the path of reason were the only available way to the knowledge of God, because the knowledge of God, which especially makes men perfect and good, would be acquired only by the few, and by these only after a long time.

The third inconvenience is that much falsehood is mingled with the investigations of human reason, on account of our intellect's weakness in forming judgments, and the admixture of phantasms. Consequently, many would remain in doubt about those things even which are most truly demonstrated while ignoring the force of the demonstration, especially when they perceive that different things are taught by the various people who are called wise. Moreover, among the many demonstrated truths there is sometimes a mixture of falsehood, which is not demonstrated but asserted for some probable or sophistical reason which at times is mistaken for a demonstration. Therefore, it was necessary that definite certainty and pure truth about divine things should be offered to man by the way of faith.

Therefore, the divine clemency helpfully provides that even some things which reason is able to investigate are held by faith, so that all may share in the knowledge of God easily, and without doubt or error.

- Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Contra Gentiles*, Book I, chapter 4

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 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.