

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 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
Monday 27 th	10.00am Mass in Townhill	
Tuesday 28 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Jean Evans, Birthday Thanksgiving (A & M B)
Wednesday 29 th Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels (Feast)	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Joanie O'Donoghue, RIP (T O'D)
Thursday 30 th <i>St Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Special Intention (B R)
Friday 1 st October <i>St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Hilda Woodward, RIP Birthday
Saturday 2 nd <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	10.00am (Livestreamed)	Holy Souls
Sunday 3rd October 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	Parish Community David Akpoghiran, RIP Holy Souls John Akpoghiran, RIP O/L Lamp: Special Intention

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Debbie Horton

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.

CONGRATULATIONS: We congratulate Matthew and Jemma Morgan who were married in our Parish Church on Friday 24th September. May the Lord grant them many years of happy married life together.

INFANT BAPTISM: Caleb Joshua Maxwell-Carr on Sunday 26th September at the 11.45am Mass.

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.

MONTH OF THE ROSARY: October is traditionally a month of devotion to Our Lady. Please join us in saying a decade of the Rosary every day in October at 9.25am (before Mass).

MARIAN DAY OF RECOLLECTION: A Marian Day of Recollection will be livestreamed from our parish on Saturday 2nd October, starting with Mass at 10.00am. **Speaker: Fr Gerald Isiguzo OP.** There will be Exposition & Adoration, Rosary, Confession, Talk, Benediction. To join the livestream, please go to our parish website and click "Livestream" or go to the DOMSEC website (www.domsec.org.uk).

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.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: This year will be on Friday 1st October to help support those communities most affected by climate change. Donations can be made online at cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis or phone 0303 303 3030 or use a CAFOD envelope. Thank you.

RACE FOR LIFE (Cancer Research): Jan Davies will be taking part again on October 3rd and would be grateful for sponsors. Sponsorship forms will be in the Porch. You can contact Jan on 07733342040. Thank you.

INFORMAL COURSE ON FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP:

Last 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.*]

Next Thursday (30/09): Film 4 and Discussion on WHO IS JESUS?

[*He came to bring life to the world. The Saving Death of Jesus. The light of the Resurrection.*]

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. **Next Talk: Tuesday September 28th.** 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, Margaret Whitmore.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: Clifford Waters, Ellen Holland, Eileen Griffiths, Katherine Gilmore, Eric McGraine, Doris Smith, Billy Hoole, Frank Edward Neale, Emma Rossi, Cecil Richardson, Elizabeth Scott-Morris, Saleena and John Jones, Sr Maria Agatha, Gwynfryn Jones, Olimpio Macari, Bernard Simon.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £896 (includes standing orders) Home Mission Sunday: £160.80 Thanks for your generosity.

From the teachings of Saint Thomas Aquinas

Selection 4: 26th September 2021

Can the human being attain happiness?

Happiness is the attainment of the Perfect Good. Whoever, therefore, is capable of the Perfect Good can attain Happiness. Now, that man is capable of the Perfect Good, is proved both because his intellect can apprehend the universal and perfect good, and because his will can desire it. And therefore man can attain Happiness. This can be proved again from the fact that man is capable of seeing God, as stated in I, 12, 1: in which vision, as we stated above (I-II:3:8) man's perfect Happiness consists.

Can one attain "perfect" happiness in this life?

A certain participation of Happiness can be had in this life: but perfect and true Happiness cannot be had in this life. This may be seen from a twofold consideration. First, from the general notion of happiness. For since happiness is a "perfect and sufficient good," it excludes every evil, and fulfils every desire. But in this life every evil cannot be excluded. For this present life is subject to many unavoidable evils; to ignorance on the part of the intellect; to inordinate affection on the part of the appetite, and to many penalties on the part of the body; as Augustine sets forth in *De Civ. Dei* xix, 4. Likewise neither can the desire for good be satiated in this life. For man naturally desires the good, which he has, to be abiding. Now the goods of the present life pass away; since life itself passes away, which we naturally desire to have, and would wish to hold abidingly, for man naturally shrinks from death. Wherefore it is impossible to have true Happiness in this life. Secondly, from a consideration of the specific nature of Happiness, viz. the vision of the Divine Essence, which man cannot obtain in this life, as was shown in I:12:11. Hence it is evident that none can attain true and perfect Happiness in this life.

- Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*, I-II, q. 5, aa.1,3.

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

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.