

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 3rd October 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	Parish Community David Akpoghiran, RIP Holy Souls Patricia & James Webb, RIP Anniversary O/L Lamp: Special Intention
Monday 4 th	10.00am Mass in Townhill	
Tuesday 5 th <i>St Maria Faustina Kowalska, Virgin</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	For the intention of Maurice & Jackie Rees (J R)
Wednesday 6 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Ruth Kershaw, Birthday Thanksgiving
Thursday 7 th <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Barry Jefferies & Edgar Owen, RIP (S J)
Friday 8 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Sr Nancy Green
Saturday 9 th St John Henry Newman, Priest (Feast)	10.00am (Livestreamed)	Special Intention (E K)
Sunday 10th October 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	Parish Community Bryn Morris, RIP Anniversary (M M) Janet Ohwo, RIP Veron Viv Kinsey, RIP (A & B W)

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Louise Watkins, Penny Kieft, Lina Policelli, Judith Adams.

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.

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).

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 (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.]

Next Thursday (07/10): Film 5 and Discussion on THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE CHURCH

[How the Holy Spirit can change your life. No one gets into heaven alone. Why we need signs, symbols and sacraments.]

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. **Next Talk: Tuesday October 5th.** 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: Annie Kinrade, James Marron, Fr Robert Towers-Perkins, Gladys Jones, Barbara Nunnerley, Veronica Beer, Peggy O'Kane, Brian Hammacott, Terry O'Neill, Kathy Dunn, Fr Francis Cashman, Canon Sylvester O'Donnell, Barry Jeffries, Edgar Owen, Nora Harris, Molly Leahy, Barbara Little, Jimmy Jones, William Raymond Murphy, Wincat Veron, Pat Taylor, Guiseppa Cascarini, Sheila Jones.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £1094 (includes standing orders) Thanks for your generosity.

From the teachings of Saint Thomas Aquinas

Selection 5: 3rd October 2021

Whether happiness once had can be lost?

If we speak of **imperfect happiness**, such as can be had in this life, in this sense it can be lost. This is clear of contemplative happiness, which is lost either by forgetfulness, for instance, when knowledge is lost through sickness; or again by certain occupations, whereby a man is altogether withdrawn from contemplation.

This is also clear of active happiness: since man's will can be changed so as to fall to vice from the virtue, in whose act that happiness principally consists. If, however, the virtue remain unimpaired, outward changes can indeed disturb such like happiness, in so far as they hinder many acts of virtue; but they cannot take it away altogether because there still remains an act of virtue, whereby man bears these trials in a praiseworthy manner. And since the happiness of this life can be lost, a circumstance that appears to be contrary to the nature of happiness, therefore did the Philosopher state (*Ethic.* i, 10) that some are happy in this life, not simply, but "as men," whose nature is subject to change.

But if we speak of that **perfect Happiness** which we await after this life, it must be observed that Origen (*Peri Archon.* ii, 3), following the error of certain Platonists, held that man can become unhappy after the final Happiness.

This, however, is evidently false, for two reasons. First, from the general notion of happiness. For since happiness is the "perfect and sufficient good," it must needs set man's desire at rest and exclude every evil. Now man naturally desires to hold to the good that he has, and to have the surety of his holding: else he must of necessity be troubled with the fear of losing it, or with the sorrow of knowing that he will lose it. Therefore, it is necessary for true Happiness that man have the assured opinion of never losing the good that he possesses. If this opinion be true, it follows that he never will lose happiness: but if it be false, it is in itself an evil that he should have a false opinion: because the false is the evil of the intellect, just as the true is its good, as stated in *Ethic.* vi, 2. Consequently he will no longer be truly happy, if evil be in him.

Secondly, it is again evident if we consider the specific nature of Happiness. For it has been shown above (I-II:3:8) that man's perfect Happiness consists in the vision of the Divine Essence. Now it is impossible for anyone seeing the Divine Essence, to wish not to see It. Because every good that one possesses and yet wishes to be without, is either insufficient, something more sufficing being desired in its stead; or else has some inconvenience attached to it, by reason of which it becomes wearisome. But the vision of the Divine Essence fills the soul with all good things, since it unites it to the source of all goodness; hence it is written (Psalm 16:15): "I shall be satisfied when Thy glory shall appear"; and (Wisdom 7:11): "All good things came to me together with her," i.e. with the contemplation of wisdom. In like manner neither has it any inconvenience attached to it; because it is written of the contemplation of wisdom (Wisdom 8:16): "Her conversation hath no bitterness, nor her company any tediousness." It is thus evident that the happy man cannot forsake Happiness of his own accord. Moreover, neither can he lose Happiness, through God taking it away from him. Because, since the withdrawal of Happiness is a punishment, it cannot be enforced by God, the just Judge, except for some fault; and he that sees God cannot fall into a fault, since rectitude of the will, of necessity, results from that vision as was shown above (I-II:4:4). Nor again can it be withdrawn by any other agent. Because the mind that is united to God is raised above all other things: and consequently, no other agent can sever the mind from that union. Therefore, it seems unreasonable that as time goes on, man should pass from happiness to misery, and vice versa; because such like vicissitudes of time can only be for such things as are subject to time and movement.

- Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*, I-II, q. 5, a.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.
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.