

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 31st October All Saints (Solemnity)	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	Parish Community For the Holy Souls For the Holy Souls Daniel Thomas, RIP Anniversary (C S)
Monday 1 st November	10.00am Mass in Townhill	
Tuesday 2 nd The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls)	9.30am (Livestreamed) 7pm	For the Holy Souls For the Holy Souls
Mass 1: Weekday Mass Wednesday 3 rd <i>St Martin de Porres, Religious</i> Mass 2: Funeral Mass	9.30am (Livestreamed) 1.00pm	For our departed loved ones Funeral Mass: Maureen Craddock, RIP
Thursday 4 th <i>St Charles Borromeo, Bishop</i>	7pm (Livestreamed)	For our departed loved ones
Friday 5 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	George Bowen, RIP (M A)
Saturday 6 th <i>Votive Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</i>	10.00am (Livestreamed)	Johannah O'Donoghue, RIP Anniversary (T O'D)
Sunday 7th November 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	For the healing intention of Mary Crowley (M R) George Bowen, RIP (T O'D) Peter & Lisa Covelli, RIP Parish Community

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Madeline Ahearne, Elija Webb.

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.

CAFOD: Thank you all for your generous support for those already suffering from the Climate Crisis. The **COP26** Conference opens on Sunday 31st October in Glasgow. Please join us in praying for the success of this crucial meeting. Thank you.

THE LADIES' GUILD: The Ladies' Guild will be enjoying afternoon tea at Clyne Golf Club at 2.30pm on Wednesday **November 10th**. £15 per head. All Ladies of the Parish are welcome to join us; to book a place, please contact Joy on 01792 361029.

INFORMAL COURSE ON FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP:

Next Wednesday (3/11): Film 9: Finding True Freedom

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 Wednesdays in the Parish Hall, 7.00pm-8.00pm. If you or someone you know would like to join, please get in touch with Father Michael (mumbles@menevia.org).

BISHOP TOM: GOLDEN PRIESTLY ANNIVERSARY: Bishop Thomas Burns wishes to extend an invitation to parishioners in the Diocese to attend the Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate his 50th anniversary of Priesthood on 16 December at 11:30 in St Joseph's Cathedral, Swansea. Eight invitations have been allocated to our Parish. If you would like to attend, please contact Fr Michael.

NOVEMBER – PRAYING FOR HOLY SOULS: November is the month traditionally dedicated to praying for the Holy Souls. If you would like your deceased relatives, friends and loved ones remembered in a special way at each Mass during November, please put their details in one of the brown envelopes. They can be put through the letterbox in the Presbytery. If any of our housebound parishioners needs any help with collection, please contact Maggie on 362212. The envelopes will be placed in front of the altar at each Mass in November. Anniversary Mass intentions will be shared with the list.

THURSDAY EVENING MASS: As previously announced, beginning 4th November, parish Mass on Thursdays will be at 7pm. Thank you.

FAITH IN BEREAVEMENT: A Talk on Christian Bereavement Support (with title "Faith in Bereavement") will be delivered by Donna Hurley on Saturday 6th November from 11am until 1pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Mumbles. You are welcome to attend in person or you can follow the livestream by visiting the DOMSEC website: www.domsec.org.uk

BEREAVEMENT SERVICE (WITH LIGHTING OF CANDLES): Saturday, 13th November 2021 at 11am in our parish church. This service is open to all (especially those who have lost a loved one during the year). If you would like a candle lit for a departed loved one or if you would like to attend, please contact Eileen on 07592829091 or admin@domsec.org.uk. The service will be livestreamed. To join the livestream please go to our parish website.

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, 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, Peter McPherson, Maureen Davies, Heather Ellis.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the soul of George Bowen who passed away on Sunday October 24th, peacefully at home. May the Lord grant him eternal rest and give comfort to his family. Amen.

FUNERAL MASS: MAUREEN CRADDOCK, RIP: Wednesday, 3rd November at 1.00pm in our parish church.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: Francis Hayes, Phyllis Stevens, Daniel Joseph Thomas, Annie Williams, Frank Kent, Pietro Cavelli, Vergi Cresci, June Clarke, Audrey Haigh, Mrs Lyndon, Wilfred Hughes, Fr Wilfred Brodie, Johannah O'Donoghue, Robert Mackay.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £901 (includes standing orders). World Mission Sunday: £198.85. Thanks for your generosity.

From the teachings of Saint Thomas Aquinas

Selection 9: 31st October 2021

Whether there should be seven sacraments?

As stated above [cf. *Summa Theologiae*, III:62:5; III:63:1], the sacraments of the Church were instituted for a twofold purpose: namely, in order to perfect man in things pertaining to the worship of God according to the religion of Christian life, and to be a remedy against the defects caused by sin. And in either way it is becoming that there should be seven sacraments.

For spiritual life has a certain conformity with the life of the body: just as other corporeal things have a certain likeness to things spiritual. Now a man attains perfection in the corporeal life in two ways: first, in regard to his own person; secondly, in regard to the whole community of the society in which he lives, for man is by nature a social animal. With regard to himself man is perfected in the life of the body, in two ways; first, directly [per se, i.e. by acquiring some vital perfection; secondly, indirectly [per accidens, i.e. by the removal of hindrances to life, such as ailments, or the like.

Now the life of the body is perfected "directly," in three ways. First, by generation whereby a man begins to be and to live: and corresponding to this in the spiritual life there is **Baptism**, which is a spiritual regeneration, according to Titus 3:5: "By the laver of regeneration," etc. Secondly, by growth whereby a man is brought to perfect size and strength: and corresponding to this in the spiritual life there is **Confirmation**, in which the Holy Ghost is given to strengthen us. Wherefore the disciples who were already baptized were bidden thus: "Stay you in the city till you be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). Thirdly, by nourishment, whereby life and strength are preserved to man; and corresponding to this in the spiritual life there is the **Eucharist**. Wherefore it is said (John 6:54): "Except you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His blood, you shall not have life in you."

- Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*, III, q. 65, a.1.

To be continued

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 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.

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