

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 14th November 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm 8.30am 10.00am 11.45am	Morgan Battey, RIP Anniversary (A L) Parish Community For our departed loved ones Bernard Fox, RIP (B & A W)
Monday 15 th	10.00am Mass in Townhill	
Tuesday 16 th <i>St Margaret of Scotland</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Nancy & John Morris, RIP Anniversary (E T)
Wednesday 17 th <i>St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	For the benefactors of DDL Sisters
Thursday 18 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	7pm (Livestreamed)	For our departed loved ones
Friday 19 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	For our departed loved ones
Saturday 20 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am (Livestreamed)	Gilbert Murphy, RIP Anniversary (C M)
Sunday 21st November Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	Beryl Brennan, private intention (C B) George Bowen, RIP (M M) For our departed loved ones Parish Community

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Paul Cullen, Wendy Graham, Annalisa Morgan, Catherine Morgan.

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.

INFORMAL COURSE ON FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP:

Next Wednesday (17/11): Film 11: The Light of Christ

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).

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.

TRAIDCRAFT: There will be Christmas cards supporting CAFOD for sale in the Porch. To place an order, please take a catalogue and return your order to Ann (367512) by November 23rd. Thank you.

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, Yvonne Richards, Maria Watkins, Peter McPherson, Maureen Davies, Heather Ellis

JOE BLACKBURN, RIP: Please pray for the soul of Joe Blackburn, who passed away on Friday 5th November. The Funeral Mass will be in our parish church on Wednesday, 24th November, at 10am, and followed by interment at Oystermouth Cemetery. **Condolence cards may be sent to his son Jonathan Blackburn at 13 Kimberley Road, Sketty, Swansea, SA2 9DP.** May the Lord grant Joe eternal rest and give comfort to his family. Amen.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: Fr William Daly, Morgan Batty, Winifred Aldridge, Maureen Tenant, Jennifer Fowler, Judith Jones, John Leonard, Sheila Ratcliffe, Mary McGraine, Patricia O'Connell, Madeline Ryan, Billy Clarke, Pat Dooley, Mary Clarke

SUNDAY OFFERING: £924 (includes standing orders). Thanks for your generosity.

From the teachings of Saint Thomas Aquinas
Selection 11: 14th November 2021
Whether the Eucharist is the greatest of the sacraments?

Absolutely speaking, the sacrament of the Eucharist is the greatest of all the sacraments: and this may be shown in three ways. First of all because it contains Christ Himself substantially: whereas the other sacraments contain a certain instrumental power which is a share of Christ's power, as we have shown above (62, 4, ad 3, 5). Now that which is essentially such is always of more account than that which is such by participation.

Secondly, this is made clear by considering the relation of the sacraments to one another. For all the other sacraments seem to be ordained to this one as to their end. For it is manifest that the sacrament of order is ordained to the consecration of the Eucharist: and the sacrament of Baptism to the reception of the Eucharist: while a man is perfected by Confirmation, so as not to fear to abstain from this sacrament. By Penance and Extreme Unction man is prepared to receive the Body of Christ worthily. And Matrimony at least in its signification, touches this sacrament; in so far as it signifies the union of Christ with the Church, of which union the Eucharist is a figure: hence the Apostle says (Ephesians 5:32): "This is a great sacrament: but I speak in Christ and in the Church."

Thirdly, this is made clear by considering the rites of the sacraments. For nearly all the sacraments terminate in the Eucharist, as Dionysius says (Eccl. Hier. iii): thus those who have been ordained receive Holy Communion, as also do those who have been baptized, if they be adults.

The remaining sacraments may be compared to one another in several ways. For on the ground of necessity, Baptism is the greatest of the sacraments; while from the point of view of perfection, order comes first; while Confirmation holds a middle place. The sacraments of Penance and Extreme Unction are on a degree inferior to those mentioned above; because, as stated above (Article 2), they are ordained to the Christian life, not directly, but accidentally, as it were, that is to say, as remedies against supervening defects. And among these, Extreme Unction is compared to Penance, as Confirmation to Baptism; in such a way, that Penance is more necessary, whereas Extreme Unction is more perfect.

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