

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 21st November Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm 8.30am 10.00am 11.45am	Beryl Brennan, private intention (C B) George Bowen, RIP (M M) For our departed loved ones Parish Community
Monday 22 nd	10.00am Mass in Townhill	
Tuesday 23 rd <i>St Clement 1 Pope and Martyr</i> Reception of Body at Church/ Short Vigil Service	9.30am (Livestreamed) 4.30pm	For the Intention of Maureen McManus (C J)
Wednesday 24 th Funeral Mass	10.00am (Livestreamed)	Funeral Mass: Joe Blackburn, RIP
Thursday 25 th <i>St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr</i>	7pm (Livestreamed)	For our departed loved ones
Friday 26 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	For our departed loved ones
Saturday 27 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am (Livestreamed)	For our departed loved ones
Sunday 28th November 1st Sunday of Advent	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	Parish Community George Bowen, RIP (E W) For our departed loved ones Martin Mayhew, RIP

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Angela McGuinness, Andree Arthur, Anna Howe.

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 (24/11): Film 12: Creation, Fall, Salvation

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).

THE SYNOD: In October 2021, Pope Francis opened 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. We are currently in the diocesan phase which begins with consultations at the parish level. A set of consultation questions prepared by the diocesan team will be available to parishioners.

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.

FUNDRAISING FOR TOWNHILL PARISH: Raffle tickets (Our Lady Star of the Sea fundraiser Grand Raffle) for Our Lady of Lourdes, will be on sale outside church after Masses, from November 28th, and at the Charity Shop at Townhill Parish. Draw to take place at Townhill on December 14th. Would those who have kindly offered prizes, please could Jackie Rees and Anne Meredith receive them ASAP. Thank you all.

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, Heather Ellis

FUNERAL OF JOE BLACKBURN, RIP: Please pray for the soul of Joe Blackburn, who passed away on Friday 5th November.

Reception of Body at Church/Short Vigil Service on Tuesday 23rd November at 4.30pm. The Funeral Mass in our parish church on Wednesday, 24th November at 10am and followed by interment at Oystermouth Cemetery. Pre-booking is required in order to attend any of the services. **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.

FUNERAL OF MAUREEN DAVIES, RIP: Please pray for the soul of Maureen (Mo) Davies, who passed away in the night of Monday 15th November. Funeral Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea on Tuesday 30th November at 1.45pm and followed by interment at Oystermouth Cemetery. May the Lord grant Mo eternal rest and give comfort to her family. Amen.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: Christopher Baylis, Brigid O'Farrell, Eliza Ann McNeff, Bernard O'Shea, Jerry Curran, Rose Deehan, Percy Milford, Joseph O'Brien, Barry O'Brien, Kathleen Milford, Howard Wright, Eileen Hunt, Michael Hartwell Adams, Michael O'Kane, Mary Josephine White, Katherine Doel, Kenneth James Hunter.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £866 (includes standing orders). Thanks for your generosity.

On the Synod

By convening this Synod, Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: "It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium." Following in the wake of the renewal of the Church proposed by the Second Vatican Council, this common journey together is both a gift and a task. By reflecting together on the journey that has been made so far, the diverse members of the Church will be able to learn from one another's experiences and perspectives, guided by the Holy Spirit. Enlightened by the Word of God and united in prayer, we will be able to discern the processes to seek God's will and pursue the pathways to which God calls us – towards deeper communion, fuller participation, and greater openness to fulfilling our mission in the world.

The mission of the Church requires the entire People of God to be on a journey together, with each member playing his or her crucial role, united with each other. A synodal Church walks forward in communion to pursue a common mission through the participation of each and every one of her members. The objective of this Synodal Process is not to provide a temporary or one-time experience of synodality, but rather to provide an opportunity for the entire People of God to discern together how to move forward on the path towards being a more synodal Church in the long-term.

One of the fruits of the Second Vatican Council was the institution of the Synod of Bishops. While the Synod of Bishops has taken place up until now as a gathering of bishops with and under the authority of the Pope, the Church increasingly realizes that synodality is the path for the entire People of God. Hence the Synodal Process is no longer only an assembly of bishops but a journey for all the faithful, in which every local Church has an integral part to play. The Second Vatican Council reinvigorated the sense that all the baptised, both the hierarchy and the laity, are called to be active participants in the saving mission of the Church (*LG*, 32-33). The faithful have received the Holy Spirit in baptism and confirmation and are endowed with diverse gifts and charisms for the renewal and building up of the Church, as members of the Body of Christ. Thus the teaching authority of the Pope and the bishops is in dialogue with the *sensus fidelium*, the living voice of the People of God (cf. *Sensus Fidei in the Life of the Church*, 74). The path of synodality seeks to make pastoral decisions that reflect the will of God as closely as possible, grounding them in the living voice of the People of God (*ICT, Syn.*, 68).

Texts taken from the *Vademecum* of the Synod

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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