

## Our Lady Star Of The Sea Catholic Church

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SOME MASSES LISTED BELOW ARE LIVESTREAMED

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intention
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	Joe Blackburn, RIP (J & A J) Maureen Davies, RIP (T O'D) Parish Community Patrick O'Connell, RIP (M & A O'C)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>Mass in Townhill</b>	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> <b>Dedication of the Cathedral Church (Feast)</b>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Mel Davies, RIP Anniversary (J D)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> <b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)</b>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Maureen Davies, RIP (S V P)
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent</i>	<b>7pm</b> (Livestreamed)	Joe Blackburn, RIP (M & J R)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> <i>Our Lady of Loreto</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Maureen O'Connell, RIP Anniversary (M & A O'C)
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Damasus I, Pope</i>	10.00am (Livestreamed)	Joe Blackburn, RIP (G C)
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)</b>	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	Jean Evans, RIP (A & M B) Maureen Davies, RIP (E T) Parish Community Joe Blackburn, RIP (M & J R)

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

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Callum Isaac-Clarke

**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.

**ONE CARD FOR ALL:** This year, why not send your Christmas greetings to all Parishioners by pinning ONE Christmas card on the board provided in the porch and giving a donation? Donations in aid of St David's School. Thank you.

**AWAY NOTICE:** Fr Michael will be away 1<sup>st</sup> December – 17<sup>th</sup> December.

**CAFOD:** 'Don't know what to buy someone for Christmas?' For the true spirit of Christmas and the perfect ethical gift go to [cafod.org.uk/worldgifts](http://cafod.org.uk/worldgifts) or please take a World Gift Catalogue from the church porch.

**FUNDRAISING FOR TOWNHILL PARISH:** Raffle tickets (Our Lady Star of the Sea fundraiser Grand Raffle) for Our Lady of Lourdes, are on sale outside church after Masses, and at the Charity Shop at Townhill Parish. Draw to take place at Townhill on December 14<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME:** Thomas Baker, Fr George Anwyll, Mel Davies, Ann Hawkins, Gladys Williams, Jeanette Mary Rees, Bettie Lloyd, Jean Datta, George Patrick Aldridge, Veronica O'Leary, Owen Elias, Maureen O'Connell, Brigid Reynolds, Fr George Nightingale, Clarice John, Fr John Tole.

**SUNDAY OFFERING: £1111 (includes standing orders). Thanks for your generosity.**

## CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

DATE	TIME	CELEBRATION
Friday December 24 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Vigil Mass
Friday December 24 <sup>th</sup>	8.45pm	Christmas Carols
Friday December 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.00pm	Mass (Livestreamed)
Christmas Day December 25 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass of Christmas Day
Christmas Day December 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass of Christmas Day (Livestreamed)
Sunday December 26 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Sunday Mass
Sunday December 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Sunday Mass (Livestreamed)
Sunday December 26 <sup>th</sup>	11.45am	Sunday Mass

### Please note:

1. There will NOT be 11.45am Mass on Christmas Day.
2. There will NOT be 6.30pm Saturday Vigil Mass (for Sunday) on Christmas Day. Please consider booking one of the Sunday December 26<sup>th</sup> Masses.
3. **Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses:** Due to the unusual numbers attending these Masses, we will need pre-booking. To book a place at any of the Masses of 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> December, please get in touch with Madeline Ahearne (01792 361194; madelineolss@aol.com).
4. **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December Masses:** If you already have a permanently allocated seat at a Sunday Mass (8.30am, 10.30am, 11.45am) you do not need to pre-book. If, however, you will not be attending Mass (perhaps because you will be away), please inform Madeline, who will release the seat. Thank you.

## On the Synod

### Key Words of the Synodal Process: Communion, Participation, Mission

*(Continued from last week)*

**Participation:** A call for the involvement of all who belong to the People of God – laity, consecrated and ordained – to engage in the exercise of deep and respectful listening to one another. This listening creates space for us to hear the Holy Spirit together, and guides our aspirations for the Church of the Third Millennium. Participation is based

on the fact that all the faithful are qualified and are called to serve one another through the gifts they have each received from the Holy Spirit. In a synodal Church the whole community, in the free and rich diversity of its members, is called together to pray, listen, analyse, dialogue, discern and offer advice on making pastoral decisions which correspond as closely as possible to God's will (*ICT, Syn., 67-68*). Genuine efforts must be made to ensure the inclusion of those at the margins or who feel excluded.

**Mission:** The Church exists to evangelize. We can never be centred on ourselves. Our mission is to witness to the love of God in the midst of the whole human family. This Synodal Process has a deeply missionary dimension to it. It is intended to enable the Church to better witness to the Gospel, especially with those who live on the spiritual, social, economic, political, geographical, and existential peripheries of our world. In this way, synodality is a path by which the Church can more fruitfully fulfil her mission of evangelization in the world, as a leaven at the service of the coming of God's kingdom.

### Texts taken from the *Vademecum* of the Synod

*(To be continued next week)*

**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](mailto:madelineolss@aol.com)) or send an email to the Parish email address [mumbles@menevia.org](mailto: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](http://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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