

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 12th December 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)	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) Our Lady's Lamp: For a homeless person (CS)
Monday 13 th	10.00am Mass in Townhill	
Tuesday 14 th <i>St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Brian Thomas, RIP Anniversary (E T)
Wednesday 15 th <i>3rd Week of Advent</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Tadhg Kane, RIP (B R)
Thursday 16 th <i>3rd Week of Advent</i>	7pm (Livestreamed)	Joe Blackburn, RIP (T O'D)
Friday 17 th <i>3rd Week of Advent</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Maureen Davies, RIP (R C)
Saturday 18 th <i>3rd Week of Advent</i>	10.00am (Livestreamed)	Thanksgiving for answered prayers (A B)
Sunday 19th December 4th Sunday of Advent	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	Tom Byrne, RIP Anniversary (A & M B) Parish Community Maureen Davies, RIP (A L) Joe Blackburn, RIP (E D)

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Jean Powell, Caroline Solomon, Yvonne Richards, Kevin Holly.

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.

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 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.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: Peter Hughes, Jeanette Howells, Brian Thomas, Rena Catherine Hatton, Mary Gardener, Joyce Lloyd, Dianne O'Hanlon, Margaret Crozier, Ita Kurek, Fr Michael Finlan, Peter Creamer, Gerald Clement, Allan John Pritchard, Mary Daniels, Fr Charles Roberts, Lilian Brimacombe, Patrick O'Brien, Joseph Collenso Walke, David Cook, Fr Paul Gallaher.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £814 (includes standing orders). Thanks for your generosity.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) AT CHRISTMAS

DATE	TIME	PRIEST(S)
Monday December 20 th	6.30pm – 7.00pm	Fr Clement & Fr Gerald
Tuesday December 21 st	6.30pm – 7.00pm	Fr Matthew & Fr Gerald
Wednesday December 22 nd	6.30pm – 7.00pm	Fr Michael

CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

DATE	TIME	CELEBRATION
Friday December 24 th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass (<i>Now fully booked</i>)
Friday December 24 th	8.45pm	Christmas Carols
Friday December 24 th	9.00pm	Mass (Livestreamed)
Christmas Day December 25 th	8.30am	Mass of Christmas Day
Christmas Day December 25 th	10.30am	Mass of Christmas Day (Livestreamed)
Sunday December 26 th	8.30am	Sunday Mass
Sunday December 26 th	10.30am	Sunday Mass (Livestreamed)
Sunday December 26 th	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 26th 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 24th and 25th December, please get in touch with Madeline Ahearne (01792 361194; madelineolss@aol.com).
4. **Sunday 26th 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

The Synodal Process: the First Phase

The first phase of the Synodal Process is a listening phase in local Churches. The unfolding of the Synodal Process at a local level involves:

- **Discernment** through listening, to create space for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- **Accessibility**, in order to ensure that as many people as possible can participate, regardless of location, language, education, socio-economic status, ability/disability, and material resources.
- **Cultural awareness** to celebrate and embrace the diversity within local communities.
- **Inclusion**, making every effort to involve those who feel excluded or marginalized.
- **Partnership** based on the model of a co-responsible Church.
- **Respect** for the rights, dignity, and opinion of each participant.
- **Accurate syntheses** that truly captures the range of critical and appreciative perspectives of all responses, including views that are expressed only by a minority of participants.
- **Transparency**, ensuring that processes of invitation, involvement, inclusion, and aggregation of input are clear and well communicated.
- **Fairness**, ensuring that participation in the listening process treats each person equally, so that every voice can be duly heard.

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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