

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 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 Gerry McNeff, RIP Birth Anniversary (P K & N H) Joe Blackburn, RIP (E D)
Monday 20 th	10.00am Mass in Townhill	
Tuesday 21 st <i>4th Week of Advent</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Maureen Davies, RIP (A M L)
Wednesday 22 nd <i>4th Week of Advent</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Joe Blackburn, RIP (OLSS Men's Group)
Thursday 23 rd <i>4th Week of Advent</i>	7pm (Livestreamed)	Peter Cottle, RIP Anniversary (Cottle Family)
Friday 24 th CHRISTMAS EVE	6.30pm 8.45pm 9pm	No Morning Mass Today Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart (G C) Christmas Carols Mary Lynch, RIP Anniversary (A & M B)
Saturday 25 th CHRISTMAS DAY The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ	8.30am 10.30am	Bill Bowling, RIP (K B) Parish Community
Sunday 26th December The Holy Family of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Feast)	8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	Parish Community Joe Blackburn, RIP (J M) Joyce & Stuart Lloyd, RIP (B & D D)

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Keira Isaac-Clarke, Peter Andrewes.

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.

AFGHANISTAN CRISIS APPEAL: CAFOD is combining efforts with the Disasters Emergency Committee to launch the **Afghanistan Crisis Appeal**. In Afghanistan, 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. CAFOD is supporting sister **Caritas** agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. During Advent, when we open ourselves to the needs of others, let's do all that we can to save lives. You can donate on the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal and please pray for the people of Afghanistan.

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 Parish, Peter Cascarini, John Morris, Neville Rees, Beryl Connick, Julie Carr, James Whooley, Tom Byrne, Peter Cottle, Amelia Davies, William Jones, William Henry Jones, James Madigan, Maurice Hunt, Maria Snaize, Susannah M Morris, Roxy Malinki, Fr Liam Wilcock, Donald Philip, Mary Lynch, Greta Wood, Mrs B O'Sullivan.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £903 (includes standing orders). Thanks for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING: The traditional Christmas Offering (cash, cheque, bank transfer) is your gift to the parish clergy. Envelopes are available in the porch. Thank you.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR DECEMBER: In December, we pray with Pope Francis that catechists, who are called to proclaim God's Word, may be its witnesses, with courage and creativity in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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>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.

**Sincere thanks and deep appreciation for all your kind words, cards, and gifts this Christmas.
Wishing you all a Happy and Holy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.
Father Michael, Father Matthew, and Monsignor Brian Kinrade.**

The Reason for the Incarnation

St Thomas Aquinas, OP

To excite our love towards God, there was no more powerful way than that the Word of God, through whom all things were made, should assume our human nature in order to restore it, so that he would be both God and man. First of all, because the strongest way God could show how much he loves man was his willing to become man for his salvation; and nothing can provoke love more than to know that one is loved.

St Thomas Aquinas, *De Rationibus Fidei*, 5.

COVID ADVICE: To reduce the risk of spreading COVID, please do NOT attend Mass if you feel unwell or have any symptoms of a cold, no matter how mild. Instead, follow our livestreamed Mass. Also, we remind those attending Mass that face masks should be worn over the nose and mouth. Thank you.

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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