

Our Lady Star Of The Sea Catholic Church

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Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intention
Sunday 16th 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	Maureen Davies, RIP (P F) Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (G C) Parish Community Special Intention of E K (E K) O/L Lamp: The Jones & Kneath Families
Monday 17 th January	10.00am Mass in Townhill	
Tuesday 18 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Davies, McGinty & Harris Families, RIP (A F)
Wednesday 19 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Davies, McGinty & Harris Families, RIP (A F)
Thursday 20 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.00pm (Livestreamed)	Pat Davies, RIP (E T)
Friday 21 st <i>St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Theresa McNeff, RIP Anniversary (P K & N H)
Saturday 22 nd <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am (Livestreamed)	John Grant, RIP (E W)
Sunday 23rd 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	Peter Jones, RIP (M A) John Grant, RIP (E T) Parish Community Thanksgiving to St Peregrine (J S)

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Sonia Capper, Gregor Dutko, Dorina Zanetti, Eileen Waters.

SYNOD 2021-2023: An open meeting will be held in the Church on Wednesday 19th January at 6.30pm to create an opportunity for listening and dialogue at parish level in the Synodal process, based on the questions available in the porch. Further information will be given at each Mass this weekend. In keeping with our careful approach during this pandemic, face masks will be worn.

HOUSE BLESSING: If you would like a house blessing, please get in touch with the priests. Thank you.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: 18 - 25 JANUARY 2022: Tuesday is the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Resources have been provided by the churches of the Middle East; these are available to download from Churches Together website. <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2022/>

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, Kath Bowling, Doris Renninghoff, 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, Bernard Gregory, Janice Jones.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Pat Davies, Peter Jones, Peter Quinn, and John Grant who have passed away recently. May the Lord grant them eternal rest and give comfort to their families.

FUNERAL SERVICE: PETER JONES, RIP: Thursday, 20th January, 10.45am, at St Peter's, Newton. *Invitation only please.*

FUNERAL MASS: PETER QUINN, RIP: Thursday 27th January, 1.30pm, at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Mumbles. *Invitation only please.*

FUNERAL MASS: JOHN GRANT, RIP: Friday 28th January, 1.00pm, at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Mumbles. *Please book to attend.*

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: George Plunkett, Fr Hugh Healy, Winifred Bishop, Mike D'Rosario, Fr Basil Dolan, Alex Evans, Len Stafford, Fr Joseph Purcell, James Higham, Elsie Dykstra, Theresa McNeff, Denis & Dora Lane, Fr Joseph Thompson, Colin Milford.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £811 (includes standing orders). Thanks for your generosity.

CRIB COLLECTION: £108.50.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR JANUARY: In January, we pray with Pope Francis that those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution may have their own rights and dignity recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER: We are invited to pray for these intentions: Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; Victims of Human Trafficking and Those Who Work to Combat It; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; The Unemployed

St Thomas Aquinas on the Hail Mary
“The Lord is with you”

The Blessed Virgin excels the Angels in her closeness to God. The Angel Gabriel indicated this when he said: “The Lord is with you”—as if to say: “I reverence you because you art nearer to God than I, because the Lord is with you.” By the Lord; he means the Father with the Son and the Holy Spirit, who in like manner are not with any Angel or any other spirit: “The Holy which shall be born of you shall be called the Son of God” [Lk 1:35]. God the Son was in her womb: “Rejoice and praise, O you habitation of Sion; for great is He that is in the midst of you, the Holy One of Israel” [Is 12:6].

The Lord is not with the Angel in the same manner as with the Blessed Virgin; for with her He is as a Son, and with the Angel He is the Lord. The Lord, the Holy Ghost, is in her as in a temple, so that it is said: “The temple of the Lord, the sanctuary of the Holy Spirit,” [Benedictus antiphon from the Little Office of Blessed Virgin], because she conceived by the Holy Ghost. “The Holy Ghost shall come upon you” [Lk 1:35]. The Blessed Virgin is closer to God than is an Angel, because with her are the Lord the Father, the Lord the Son, and the Lord the Holy Ghost—in a word, the Holy Trinity. Indeed of her we sing: “Noble resting place of the Triune God.” “The Lord is with you” are the most praise laden words that the Angel could have uttered; and, hence, he so profoundly revered the Blessed Virgin because she is the Mother of the Lord and Our Lady. Accordingly, she is very well named “Mary,” which in the Syrian tongue means “Lady.”

St Thomas Aquinas, *The Angelic Salutation*

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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