

Our Lady Star Of The Sea Catholic Church

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Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intention
Sunday 23rd 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	Sat. Vigil 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)
Monday 24 th January	10.00am Mass in Townhill	
Tuesday 25 th The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle (Feast)	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Philomena O'Connell, RIP Anniv. (H, K, S, M & A)
Wednesday 26 th <i>Sts Timothy & Titus, Bishops</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Peter Jones, RIP (M J)
Thursday 27 th Mass 1: Funeral Mass Mass 2: Weekday in Ordinary Time	1.30pm 7.00pm (Livestreamed)	Funeral Mass: Peter Quinn, RIP John Grant, RIP (SVP)
Friday 28 th Mass 1: St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church (Feast) Mass 2: Funeral Mass	9.30am (Livestreamed) 1.00pm	Margaret Laing (G K) Funeral Mass: John Grant, RIP
Saturday 29 th <i>Votive Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</i>	10.00am (Livestreamed)	John Grant, RIP (T O'D)
Sunday 30th 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	John Grant, RIP (M A) Isaac Tingling, RIP (T & S) Parish Community John Grant, RIP (M M)

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Maria Rees, Joan Morgan.

SYNOD 2021-2023: Many thanks to all who attended and contributed to the meeting last Wednesday evening. Special thanks to Madeline and Sarah for organising and collating your responses.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: 28TH MAY 2022: Classes begin in February for youngsters aged 13 and above. Please contact Sandra Morgan (281319) for more information. Thank you.

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: The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity continues until Tuesday of this week. 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, Ray Clancy.

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 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: Sydney G. Griffiths, Shirley Tasker, Rosa Barbagallo, Cath Baker, Hywel Francis, Philomena O'Connell, Margaret Quick, Mary Ann Duhigh, Ellen Holland, Mary Ford, Fr Joseph Rockliffe, Richard Clinton, Mary Cheal, Ciaran Byrne, Jim Williams, Barry Richards, Gino Cresci.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £824 (includes standing orders). Thanks for your generosity.

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
“Blessed art you among women”

The Blessed Virgin exceeds the Angels in purity. She is not only pure, but she obtains purity for others. She is purity itself, wholly lacking in every guilt of sin, for she never incurred either mortal or venial sin. So, too, she was free from the penalties of sin. Sinful man, on the contrary, incurs a threefold curse on account of sin. The first fell upon woman who conceives in corruption, bears her child with difficulty, and brings it forth in pain. The Blessed Virgin was wholly free from this, since she conceived without corruption, bore her Child in comfort, and brought Him forth in joy: “It shall bud forth and blossom, and shall rejoice with joy and praise” [Is 35:2].

The second penalty was inflicted upon man in that he shall earn his bread by the sweat of his brow. The Blessed Virgin was also immune from this because, as the Apostle says, virgins are free from the cares of this world and are occupied wholly with the things of the Lord [1 Cor 7:34].

The third curse is common both to man and woman in that both shall one day return to dust. The Blessed Virgin was spared this penalty, for her body was raised up into heaven, and so we believe that after her death she was revived and transported into heaven: “Arise, O Lord, into your resting place, You and the ark which You hast sanctified” [Ps 131:8]. Because the Blessed Virgin was immune from these punishments, she is “blessed among women.” Moreover, she alone escaped the curse of sin, brought forth the Source of blessing, and opened the gate of heaven. It is surely fitting that her name is “Mary,” which is akin to the Star of the Sea (“Maria--maris stella”), for just as sailors are directed to port by the star of the sea, so also Christians are by Mary guided to glory.

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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