

Our Lady Star Of The Sea Catholic Church

The Presbytery, 22 Devon Place, Mumbles, Swansea, SA3 4DR
 Rev. Fr. Michael 'Tega Akpoghiran, OP. Tel: 01792 367283
 Rev. Fr. Matthew Achunine, OP.
 Rev. Fr. Clement Oloruntoba, OP. (Singleton Hospital Chaplain) 07459335606
 Parish Safeguarding Rep: Mrs Clare Power Tel: 01792 401781
 email: mumbles@menevia.org twitter: @OLSS_Mumbles
<https://www.facebook.com/OLSSMumbles/>

St David's Catholic Primary School

West Cross, Swansea, SA3 5TS
 Tel 01792 512212
 Headteacher: Ms E. Richards
<http://www.stdavidscatholicprimary.swans.ea.sch.uk/>
 email: 6703303_stdavidscatholicprimaryschool@hwb.cymru.net
<https://www.facebook.com/StDavidsCPS/>
 'Love God, Love Learning, Love Life'

SOME MASSES LISTED BELOW ARE LIVESTREAMED

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intention
Sunday 30th January 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Sat. Vigil 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)
Monday 31 st	10.00am Mass in Townhill	
Tuesday 1 st February <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Pat Davies, RIP (B & D D)
Wednesday 2 nd The Presentation of the Lord (Feast)	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Kathleen O'Brien, RIP Anniversary (S O'B)
Thursday 3 rd <i>St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr</i>	7.00pm (Livestreamed)	Clive Thomas, Birthday and Health (C S)
Friday 4 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Clive Solomon, RIP Anniversary (C S)
Saturday 5 th <i>St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr</i>	10.00am (Livestreamed)	Thanksgiving to St Peregrine (J S)
Sunday 6th February 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	Parish Community Pat Davies, RIP (E W) Gerald Ronan, RIP (R R) Special Intention of Angela & Roy Miller (C S)

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Breda Tennant, Becky Webb, Jenny Vanderhorst, Janice Jones.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION (CHANGE OF DATE): New date is Saturday 30th April. Classes begin on 5th February for youngsters aged 13 and above. Please contact Sandra Morgan (281319) for more information. Thank you.

CAFOD'S WALK AGAINST HUNGER CHALLENGE: CAFOD asks us to challenge ourselves and walk 200km during this Lent. If you do 5km (3.1 miles, or 6250 steps) a day on your own or with others for 40 days, you will conquer your target in time for Easter and help people around the world, amongst whom are 200 million children whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. A few have already signed up. So, if you are interested, please text or phone Sarah on 07886 277864. Thank you.

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.

FUNERAL MASS: PAT DAVIES, RIP: Monday 14th February at Our Lady Star of the Sea, 11.30am.

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.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: Rebecca Valmai, Fr Seamus Brennan, Claire Gregory, Margaret & Charles Rees, Margaret Fleming, Catherine Bewick, Joyce Fowler, Dorothy Maud Inger, Eamon O'Sullivan, Daniel Sheehan, Kathleen O'Brien, Eileen Milford, Tony Power, Edward Cummings, Bill Adams, Terry Reilly, John Lynch, Emma Morrissey, William Gerard Ronan, Margaret Williams.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £823 (includes standing orders). Thanks for your generosity.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY: In February, we pray with Pope Francis for religious sisters and consecrated women, thanking them for their mission and courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

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 is the fruit of your womb”

The sinner often seeks for something which he does not find; but to the just man it is given to find what he seeks: “The substance of the sinner is kept for the just” [Prov 13:22]. Thus, Eve sought the fruit of the tree (of good and evil), but she did not find in it that which she sought. Everything Eve desired, however, was given to the Blessed Virgin. Eve sought that which the devil falsely promised her, namely, that she and Adam would be as gods, knowing good and evil. “You shall be,” says this liar, “as gods” [Gen 3:5]. But he lied, because “he is a liar and the father of lies” [Jn 8:44]. Eve was not made like God after having eaten of the fruit, but rather she was unlike God in that by her sin she withdrew from God and was driven out of paradise. The Blessed Virgin, however, and all Christians found in the Fruit of her womb Him whereby we are all united to God and are made like to Him: “When He shall appear, we shall be like to Him, because we shall see Him as He is” [1 Jn 3:2].

Eve looked for pleasure in the fruit of the tree because it was good to eat. But she did not find this pleasure in it, and, on the contrary, she at once discovered she was naked and was stricken with sorrow. In the Fruit of the Blessed Virgin, we find sweetness and salvation: “He who eats My flesh... has eternal life” [Jn 6:55].

The fruit which Eve desired was beautiful to look upon, but that Fruit of the Blessed Virgin is far more beautiful, for the Angels desire to look upon Him: “You are beautiful above the sons of men” [Ps 44:3]. He is the splendour of the glory of the Father. Eve, therefore, looked in vain for that which she sought in the fruit of the tree, just as the sinner is disappointed in his sins. We must seek in the Fruit of the womb of the Virgin Mary whatsoever we desire. This is He who is the Fruit blessed by God, who has filled Him with every grace, which in turn is poured out upon us who adore Him: “Blessed be God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with spiritual blessings in Christ” [Eph 1:3]. He, too, is revered by the Angels: “Benediction and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving, honour and power and strength, to our God” [Rev 7:12]. And He is glorified by men: “Every tongue should confess that the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father” [Phil 2:11]. The Blessed Virgin is indeed blessed, but far more blessed is the Fruit of her womb: “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord” [Ps 117:26].

Taken from: 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.

Email: 6703303_stdavidscatholicprimaryschool@hwbcymru.net or phone on 01792 512212 or follow us on Twitter: @stdavidscps.