

## Our Lady Star Of The Sea Catholic Church

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Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intention
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	Fr Puntin, RIP (K B) John Grant, RIP (J M) Ray Clancy, Thanksgiving (A & J J) Parish Community
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>Mass in Townhill</b>	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March <b>St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales</b> <b>(Solemnity)</b>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Elaine Clement, RIP (J M)
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	9.30am (Livestreamed) 7pm	Jean White, RIP (J & A J) Giuseppa Cambule, RIP (B T)
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> <i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i>	7.00pm (Livestreamed)	Russell Harris, RIP (E T)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> <i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Pat Davies, RIP (E W)
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> <b>LENTEN RECOLLECTION</b>	10.00am (Livestreamed)	Tony Lane, Private Intention (A L)
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	Parish Community Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (G C) Marion Miller, RIP (D & C P) Jim Sander, Thanksgiving (A & J J)

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

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Susanna Power, Vincenzo Cianci, Fr Matthew Achunine.

**PRE-BOOKING SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE:** As from next weekend (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> March), parishioners will **no longer be required** to pre-book Sunday Mass attendance, and contact details will not be recorded. For the time being, the current social-distancing procedures will be maintained, both within pews and between pews, for the safety and ease of mind of Mass-goers. Thus, seats will **no longer be reserved**, with all welcome to sit in any available seat, on a 'first come' basis, within social distancing guidelines. Face coverings are still required to be worn. The stewards will be on hand to smooth the transition.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Date is Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June. St David's School will prepare pupils who attend the school. Parents should please contact the Headteacher or Father Michael. Thank you.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** Date is Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Classes have begun for youngsters aged 13 and above. Please contact Sandra Morgan (281319) for more information. Thank you.

**PARISH LADIES' GUILD:** Good News! Our first meeting after nearly 2 years will be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 2pm in the Parish Room. Theme of meeting will be - **Welcome Back**- and **Preparing for Lent**. All ladies of the Parish are welcome to attend.

**CAFOD:** Every child should grow big and strong. **FAMILY FAST DAY** is on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March when we eat simply and give generously. There will be a short appeal after all Masses the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> March. Your small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website ([cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent)). Thank you for your support.

**LENTEN RECOLLECTION:** A Lenten Day of Recollection on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March starting at 10am with Holy Mass. There will be Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Lenten Talk, Stations of the Cross, Confession, and Benediction. Booking not required for attendance. The recollection will also be livestreamed.

**RED MISSIO BOXES:** The *Missio* boxes will be collected in the first week of March. They can be left with Marie at the 8.30 Mass or with Maggie at other masses. New members are welcome. Marie can be contacted on 01792 403530. Thank you.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** There will be a second collection this weekend for flowers for the church.

**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.

**WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME:** Russell Davies, Rita O'Brien, David Steel-Morgan, Ron Wheeler & Family, Archbishop Michael McGrath, Maggie Green, Rose Lamprey, Pat Milford, Davies Family, Sam Jones, Frederick Richards, Maria D'Imperio, John Charles Smith, Mgr Rev. Michael O'Shaughnessy, Barry Statham.

**SUNDAY OFFERING:** £833 (includes standing orders).

**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:** During Lent we are invited to pray for these intentions: Candidates for the Sacraments (especially on the Sundays of Lent); Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.

### **St Thomas Aquinas on the Temptation of Christ** **Whether it was becoming that Christ should be tempted?**

I answer that, Christ wished to be tempted; first that He might strengthen us against temptations. Hence Gregory says in a homily (*xvi in Evang.*): "It was not unworthy of our Redeemer to wish to be tempted, who came also to be slain; in order that by His temptations He might conquer our temptations, just as by His death He overcame our death."

Secondly, that we might be warned, so that none, however holy, may think himself safe or free from temptation. Wherefore also He wished to be tempted after His baptism, because, as Hilary says (*Super Matth.*, cap. iii.): "The temptations of the devil assail those principally who are sanctified, for he desires, above all, to overcome the holy. Hence also it is written (Sirach 2): Son, when thou comest to the service of God, stand in justice and in fear, and prepare thy soul for temptation."

Thirdly, in order to give us an example: to teach us, to wit, how to overcome the temptations of the devil. Hence Augustine says (*De Trin.* iv) that Christ "allowed Himself to be tempted" by the devil, "that He might be our Mediator in overcoming temptations, not only by helping us, but also by giving us an example."

Fourthly, in order to fill us with confidence in His mercy. Hence it is written (Hebrews 4:15): "We have not a high-priest, who cannot have compassion on our infirmities, but one tempted in all things like as we are, without sin."

**Taken from: St Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*, III, q.41. a.1.**

**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.

**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](http://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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