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Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intention
Sunday 6th March 1st Sunday of Lent	Sat. Vigil 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) O/L Lamp: Operation of M. Wheatney (J R)
Monday 7 th	10.00am Mass in Townhill	
Tuesday 8 th <i>Weekday 1st Week of Lent</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Mary K. Eyanro, RIP (E, E & M)
Wednesday 9 th <i>Weekday 1st Week of Lent</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Special Intention of Poppy Ashcroft (D H)
Thursday 10 th <i>Weekday 1st Week of Lent</i>	7.00pm (Livestreamed)	Pat Davies, RIP (M M)
Friday 11 th <i>Weekday 1st Week of Lent</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Jack Holt, RIP (P P)
Saturday 12 th <i>Weekday 1st Week of Lent</i>	10.00am (Livestreamed)	Stephen Power, RIP Anniversary (R P)
Sunday 13th March 2nd Sunday of Lent	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	Eileen Davies, RIP (A L) Maria Richardson, RIP (T O'D) Parish Community Special Intention (E K) O/L Lamp: The People of Ukraine

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Sarah O'Kane, Jackie Rees.

SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE: 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.

INFANT BAPTISM: We rejoice with Harper Levenson and her family as she is baptised at the 11.45am Mass this Sunday.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Date is Sunday 19th 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 30th April. Classes have begun for youngsters aged 13 and above. Please contact Sandra Morgan (281319) for more information. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTION: Lenten Family Fast Day – CAFOD. This Family Fast Day on Friday March 11th we remember that there are many people who need our love and support all around the world. Children experiencing malnutrition like Amie's daughter Lombeh did in Sierra Leone or as we are seeing now in **Ukraine**, families affected by conflict. Your small act of love this Lent can make big things happen. Donations to CAFOD will reach families around the world, enabling local experts to provide support to families in times of need or conflict. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/lent). Thank you for your support.

RED MISSIO BOXES: The *Missio* boxes are 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.

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: Luigi Cascarini, John McNeff, Fr John Moran, Bishop James Hannigan, Stephen Power, Lisa Covelli, Veronica Sked, Lilian Phillips, Peter Lloyd, Edward McNeff, George Ronan, Fr Brendan McNamee, Fr Joseph Geraghty, Dermot Gilmore, Kath Williams, Fr Evan Hope, James Joseph McNeff, Ray Thomas.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of our parishioner, Eileen Davies, who passed away on Friday 25th February. Funeral details will be announced later. May the Lord grant her eternal rest and rewards. Amen.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £904 (includes standing orders). **Flowers for Church:** £136 Thanks for your generosity.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR MARCH: In March, we pray with Pope Francis for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

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 the mode and order of the temptation were becoming?

The temptation which comes from the enemy takes the form of a suggestion, as Gregory says (*Hom. xvi in Evang.*). Now a suggestion cannot be made to everybody in the same way; it must arise from those things towards which each one has an inclination. Consequently the devil does not straight away tempt the spiritual man to grave sins, but he begins with lighter sins, so as gradually to lead him to those of greater magnitude. Wherefore Gregory (*Moral. xxxi*), expounding Job 39:25, "He smelleth the battle afar off, the encouraging of the captains and the shouting of the army," says: "The captains are fittingly described as encouraging, and the army as shouting. Because vices begin by insinuating themselves into the mind under some specious pretext: then they come on the mind in such numbers as to drag it into all sorts of folly, deafening it with their bestial clamor."

Thus, too, did the devil set about the temptation of the first man. For at first he enticed his mind to consent to the eating of the forbidden fruit, saying (Genesis 3:1): "Why hath God commanded you that you should not eat of every tree of paradise?" Secondly [he tempted him] to vainglory by saying: "Your eyes shall be opened." Thirdly, he led the temptation to the extreme height of pride, saying: "You shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." This same order did he observe in tempting Christ. For at first he tempted Him to that which men desire, however spiritual they may be—namely, the support of the corporeal nature by food. Secondly, he advanced to that matter in which spiritual men are sometimes found wanting, inasmuch as they do certain things for show, which pertains to vainglory. Thirdly, he led the temptation on to that in which no spiritual men, but only carnal men, have a part—namely, to desire worldly riches and fame, to the extent of holding God in contempt. And so in the first two temptations he said: "If Thou be the Son of God"; but not in the third, which is inapplicable to spiritual men, who are sons of God by adoption, whereas it does apply to the two preceding temptations.

And Christ resisted these temptations by quoting the authority of the Law, not by enforcing His power, "so as to give more honor to His human nature and a greater punishment to His adversary, since the foe of the human race was vanquished, not as by God, but as by man"; as Pope Leo says (*Serm. 1, De Quadrag. 3*).

Taken from: St Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*, III, q.41. a.4.

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 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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