

## Our Lady Star Of The Sea Catholic Church

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Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intention
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	Sat. Vigil 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
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>Mass in Townhill</b>	
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> <i>Weekday 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Eileen Davies, RIP (TO'D)
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> <i>Weekday 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Eileen Davies, RIP (E T)
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> <b>Mass 1: Funeral Mass</b> <b>Mass 2: St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland (Feast)</b>	11.45am 7.00pm (Livestreamed)	<b>Funeral Mass: Eileen Davies, RIP</b> Margaret & Cliff Quick, RIP Wedding Anniv. (K B)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> <i>Weekday 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Eileen Davies, RIP (E W)
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> <b>St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)</b>	10.00am (Livestreamed)	Patricia El Wathig, RIP (B R)
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	Eileen Davies, RIP (P F) Derek Stott, RIP Anniversary (Fouracre Family) Parish Community Eileen Davies, RIP (SVP) O/L Lamp: The People of Ukraine

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

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Dave Clarke.

**2-BEDROOM ACCOMMODATION NEEDED:** A young family recently joined our parish and **urgently** needs to rent 2-bedroom accommodation in our parish area. If you can help in any way, please contact Fr Matthew.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** During Lent, Stations of the Cross at 6.30pm every Thursday.

**AWAY NOTICE:** Fr Michael is now away for holiday until 8<sup>th</sup> April. Many thanks for all your prayers.

**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.

**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 T aylor, 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.

**FUNERAL OF EILEEN DAVIES, RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eileen Davies. Funeral on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 11.45am, at Our Lady Star of the Sea. Reception of the body at church will be at 5pm on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> March.

**FUNERAL OF SHELLY LOMAS, RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Shelly Lomas, who died on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> February. Funeral on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 1.30pm, at St Joseph's Cathedral. Funeral Mass by Fr Clement, OP.

**WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME:** Nora & Daniel Gallivan, Bernard McCarthy, Bishop Francis Vaughan, Harold McDonald, James Webb, Margaret Leder, Brian Deehan, Fr Eddie Murphy, Jennifer Hicks, Susan Herriven, Brigid Lynam, Mary Loosemore, Jacqueline Kelly, Eileen Curnock.

**SUNDAY OFFERING:** £800 (includes standing orders). 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 Transfiguration of Christ

#### Whether it was fitting that Christ should be transfigured?

Our Lord, after foretelling His Passion to His disciples, had exhorted them to follow the path of His sufferings (Matthew 16:21-24). Now in order that anyone go straight along a road, he must have some knowledge of the end: thus, an archer will not shoot the arrow straight unless he first see the target. Hence Thomas said (John 14:5): "Lord, we know not whither Thou goest; and how can we know the way?" Above all is this necessary when hard and rough is the road, heavy the going, but delightful the end. Now by His Passion Christ achieved glory, not only of His soul, which He had from the first moment of His conception, but also of His body; according to Luke (24:26): "Christ ought [Vulgate: 'ought not Christ'] to have suffered these things, and so to enter into His glory (?)." To which glory He brings those who follow the footsteps of His Passion, according to Acts 14:21: "Through many tribulations we must enter into the kingdom of God." Therefore, it was fitting that He should show His disciples the glory of His clarity (which is to be transfigured), to which He will configure those who are His; according to Philippians 3:21: "(Who) will reform the body of our lowliness configured [Douay: 'made like'] to the body of His glory." Hence Bede says on Mark 8:39: "By His loving foresight He allowed them to taste for a short time the contemplation of eternal joy, so that they might bear persecution bravely."

**Taken from: St Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*, III, q.45. a.1.**

#### Whether the witnesses of the transfiguration were fittingly chosen?

Christ wished to be transfigured in order to show men His glory, and to arouse men to a desire of it, as stated above (Article 1). Now men are brought to the glory of eternal beatitude by Christ—not only those who lived after Him, but also those who preceded Him; therefore, when He was approaching His Passion, both "the multitude that followed" and that "which went before, cried saying: 'Hosanna,'" as related Matthew 21:9, beseeching Him, as it were, to save them. Consequently, it was fitting that witnesses should be present from among those who preceded Him—namely, Moses and Elias—and from those who followed after Him—namely, Peter, James, and John—that "in the mouth of two or three witnesses" this word might stand.

As Chrysostom says on Matthew 17:3: "Moses and Elias are brought forward for many reasons." And, first of all, "because the multitude said He was Elias or Jeremias or one of the prophets, He brings the leaders of the prophets with Him; that hereby at least they might see the difference between the servants and their Lord." Another reason was "... that Moses gave the Law ... while Elias ... was jealous for the glory of God." Therefore, by appearing together with Christ, they show how falsely the Jews "accused Him of transgressing the Law, and of blasphemously appropriating to Himself the glory of God." A third reason was "to show that He has power of death and life, and that He is the judge of the dead and the living; by bringing with Him Moses who had died, and Elias who still lived." A fourth reason was because, as Luke says (9:31), "they spoke" with Him "of His decease that He should accomplish in Jerusalem," i.e. of His Passion and death. Therefore, "in order to strengthen the hearts of His disciples with a view to this," He sets before them those who had exposed themselves to death for God's sake: since Moses braved death in opposing Pharaoh, and Elias in opposing Achab. A fifth reason was that "He wished His disciples to imitate the meekness of Moses and the zeal of Elias." Hilary adds a sixth reason—namely, in order to signify that He had been foretold by the Law, which Moses gave them, and by the prophets, of whom Elias was the principal.

**Taken from: St Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*, III, q.45. a.3.**

**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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