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SOME MASSES LISTED BELOW ARE LIVESTREAMED

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intention
Sunday 20th March 3rd Sunday of Lent	Sat. Vigil 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
Monday 21 st	10.00am Mass in Townhill	
Tuesday 22 nd <i>Weekday 3rd Week of Lent</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Greta Freeman, RIP (B R)
Wednesday 23 rd <i>Weekday 3rd Week of Lent</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Gina O'Brien, RIP Anniversary (T & A L)
Thursday 24 th Annunciation of the Lord (Vigil Mass)	7.00pm (Livestreamed)	Eileen Davies, RIP (M M)
Friday 25 th Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Susan Philippart, RIP Anniversary (P K & N H)
Saturday 26 th <i>Weekday 3rd Week of Lent</i>	10.00am (Livestreamed)	Eileen Davies, RIP (M G)
Sunday 27th March 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	David Jordan, RIP Anniversary (F J) Private Intention of Joe & Liam Battershell (H B) Chris & John Richards, RIP Anniversary (A R) Parish Community O/L Lamp: Michael Wheatney, RIP

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Carolyn Cullen, Eileen Jones, Judy Mulcahy, Seren Jones, Julie Beaumont-Rees.

TEA/COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASSES: Tea/Coffee in the Hall after Mass (8.30am and 10.30am) will resume on Sunday 3rd April.

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 8th April. Many thanks for all your prayers.

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.

START OF BRITISH SUMMERTIME: N.B. Clocks go forward on Saturday 26th March.

CAFOD LENT APPEAL: Thank you all for your generous support for the CAFOD Lent Appeal. Your gifts will ensure that CAFOD's local experts, like Sr Anthonia in Sierra Leone, can support families with training in growing and making healthy food so that children grow big and strong. CAFOD is part of the Disasters Emergency Committee and if you would still like to donate to Ukraine go to cafod.org.uk and follow the link to the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Thank you for your support and prayers

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

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: Gladys Maude Walke, Mary Dooley, Brian Morgan, Derek Stott, Fr John Millan, Paul Murphy, Gordon Mellor, Maura Rees Williams, Frances Crockett, Fr Sylvester Baron, Marguerite Sullivan, Allan Dacey, Winifred Taylor, Gina Grattarola, Brigid Price, Nora Owen, Dorothy Bennett, Chris Richards, Susan Philippart, Ellis Lyons.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £832 (includes standing orders). CAFOD Lenten Collection: £777. Thanks for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION: Second Collection next weekend for SPUC. Thank you.

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.

HOLY WEEK, SACRED TRIDUUM & EASTER		
MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK: 11 TH APRIL Confessions	6.30pm – 7.30pm	<i>Confessions by outside (visiting) priests</i>
MAUNDY THURSDAY: 14 TH APRIL Mass of the Lord's Supper	7.00pm	<i>Also livestreamed</i>
GOOD FRIDAY: 15 TH APRIL Service and Walk of Witness Stations of the Cross Celebration of the Lord's Passion	10.30am 2.15pm 3.00pm	<i>Also livestreamed</i> <i>Also livestreamed</i>
HOLY SATURDAY: 16 TH APRIL The Easter Vigil	8.00pm	<i>Also livestreamed</i>
EASTER SUNDAY MASSES: 17 TH APRIL	8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	<i>Also livestreamed</i>

St Thomas Aquinas on the Death of Christ

Whether it was fitting that Christ should die?

It was fitting for Christ to die. First of all, to satisfy for the whole human race, which was sentenced to die on account of sin, according to Genesis 2:17: "In what day soever ye shall [Vulgate: 'thou shalt'] eat of it ye shall [Vulgate: 'thou shalt'] die the death." Now it is a fitting way of satisfying for another to submit oneself to the penalty deserved by that other. And so Christ resolved to die, that by dying He might atone for us, according to 1 Peter 3:18: "Christ also died once for our sins." Secondly, in order to show the reality of the flesh assumed. For, as Eusebius says (*Orat. de Laud. Constant. xv*), "if, after dwelling among men Christ were suddenly to disappear from men's sight, as though shunning death, then by all men He would be likened to a phantom." Thirdly, that by dying He might deliver us from fearing death: hence it is written (Hebrews 2:14-15) that He communicated "to flesh and blood, that through death He might destroy him who had the empire of death and might deliver them who, through the fear of death, were all their lifetime subject to servitude." Fourthly, that by dying in the body to the likeness of sin—that is, to its penalty—He might set us the example of dying to sin spiritually. Hence it is written (Romans 6:10): "For in that He died to sin, He died once, but in that He liveth, He liveth unto God: so do you also reckon that you are dead to sin, but alive unto God." Fifthly, that by rising from the dead, and manifesting His power whereby He overthrew death, He might instill into us the hope of rising from the dead. Hence the Apostle says (1 Corinthians 15:12): "If Christ be preached that He rose again from the dead, how do some among you say, that there is no resurrection from the dead?"

Taken from: St Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*, III, q.50. 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 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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