

Our Lady Star Of The Sea Catholic Church

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SOME MASSES LISTED BELOW ARE LIVESTREAMED

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intention
Sunday 3rd April 5th Sunday of Lent	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	John Lynch (Snr) & John Lynch (Jnr) RIP Anniversary (M & A B) Eileen Davies, RIP (P H) Parish Community Mabel & Daniel Thomas, RIP (C S) O/L Lamp: For Samantha
Monday 4 th	10.00am Mass in Townhill	
Tuesday 5 th <i>Weekday 5th Week of Lent</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Peter Tennant, RIP Anniversary (B T)
Wednesday 6 th <i>Weekday 5th Week of Lent</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Eileen Davies, RIP (T & A L)
Thursday 7 th <i>Weekday 5th Week of Lent</i>	7.00pm (Livestreamed)	Peace in Ukraine (E T)
Friday 8 th <i>Weekday 5th Week of Lent</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Geraldine Fane, Birthday thanksgiving (A & J J)
Saturday 9 th <i>Weekday 5th Week of Lent</i>	10.00am (Livestreamed)	Olivia Durant, RIP (B R)
Sunday 10th April Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	Shelley Lomas, RIP (M & A B) Margaret Heder, RIP Anniversary (G C) Parish Community James Phillips, OCSO, RIP (C S)

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Jack Law, Anita George, Patricia Peck, Nora Howard, Daniel Dayo-Ijasan, Geraldine Fane.

FACE COVERINGS AT MASS: Face coverings must still be worn at all Masses, for the safety and comfort of our parishioners.

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

WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING: Help is needed with the very popular Wednesday Coffee Morning. If you'd like to be involved with either baking or serving, please contact Anne Meredith (07447 422397). Many thanks.

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

CAFOD WALK AGAINST HUNGER: A group of us are walking 5 km a day during the six weeks of Lent, for the 200 million children around the world at risk from malnutrition. Please support us with the Sponsor Form in the porch or online at <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/the-star-walkers2022>. Thank you for your help.

PARISH LADIES GUILD: Next meeting on Wednesday 6th April at 2pm in the Parish Room. At this meeting we will have a **Bring and Buy Sale, with all proceeds going to Ukraine.**

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

AWAY NOTICE: Fr Michael will return from holiday on 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.

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, Tony Lane.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: Edward Mahoney, Nora Metcalfe, Peter L Howard, Frank Hatton, Laura Hayes, Peter Wright, Peter Tennant, Ron Jewell, Fr Patrick Shannon, Fr Oswald Murphey, Ada Whitby, Fr James O'Reilly, Neil Patterson.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £893 (includes standing orders). CAFOD: £40. SPUC £186.90. Thanks for your generosity.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR APRIL: For health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

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: 17TH APRIL	8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	<i>Also livestreamed</i>

St Thomas Aquinas on the Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

Whether this Sacrament is necessary for salvation?

A thing is necessary for salvation in two ways: first, absolutely; secondly, on a supposition. A thing is absolutely necessary for salvation, if no one can obtain salvation without it, as, for example, the grace of Christ, and the sacrament of Baptism, whereby a man is born again in Christ. The sacrament of Penance is necessary on a supposition, for it is necessary, not for all, but for those who are in sin. For it is written (2 Chronicles 33 [The prayer of Manasses, among the Apocrypha), "Thou, Lord, God of the righteous, hast not appointed repentance to the righteous, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, nor to those who sinned not against Thee." But "sin, when it is completed, begetteth death" (James 1:15). Consequently it is necessary for the sinner's salvation that sin be taken away from him; which cannot be done without the sacrament of Penance, wherein the power of Christ's Passion operates through the priest's absolution and the acts of the penitent, who co-operates with grace unto the destruction of his sin. For as Augustine says (Tract. lxxii in Joan. [Implicitly in the passage referred to, but explicitly Serm. xv de verb Apost.]), "He Who created thee without thee, will not justify thee without thee." Therefore it is evident that after sin the sacrament of Penance is necessary for salvation, even as bodily medicine after man has contracted a dangerous disease.

Taken from: St Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*, III, q.84. a.5.

Face Covering at Mass: 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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