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SOME MASSES LISTED BELOW ARE LIVESTREAMED

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intention
Sunday 24th April 2nd Sunday of Eastertide Divine Mercy Sunday	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	Ciaran Byrne, RIP Anniversary (M & A B) Kathleen Archer, RIP Anniversary (E T) For the Holy Souls in Purgatory Parish Community O/L Lamp: For Pauline Howard
Monday 25 th	10.00am Mass in Townhill	
Tuesday 26 th <i>Weekday, 2nd Week of Eastertide</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday 27 th <i>Weekday, 2nd Week of Eastertide</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	John McCann, RIP Anniversary (N E)
Thursday 28 th <i>St Louis Grignon de Montford, Priest</i>	7.00pm (Livestreamed)	Dominic Gallagher, Special Intentions (G & P M)
Friday 29 th St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe (Feast)	9.30am (Livestreamed)	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 30 th <i>St Pius V, Pope</i>	10.00am (Livestreamed)	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 1st May 3rd Sunday of Eastertide	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30a.m 11.45am	Nora & Danny Gallivan, RIP Anniv. (M & A B) For the Holy Souls in Purgatory Parish Community For the Holy Souls in Purgatory O/L Lamp: For Intention of M & J Rees

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Christine Murphy.

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) has resumed.

WEDNESDAY TEA/COFFEE: Tea/Coffee in the Hall after Mass will now resume from Wednesday 27th April. Come along and enjoy tea, coffee and homemade cakes as well as a chat with friends.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: We rejoice with and pray for our young parishioners who will be confirmed next Saturday (30th April) by Archbishop George Stack.

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.

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS: A few weeks ago, a new Catholic newspaper **The Catholic Post** was available in the porch to sample at a nominal cost. If you are interested in taking a Catholic newspaper on a regular basis, please let Maggie know.

WELSH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE: Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Taper, Cardigan, 15 May 2022. To be led by Rt Rev Peter Brignall (Bishop of Wrexham), starting at 1.30pm. Please see notice board for details.

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: June, Bill & Stephen Clarke, Patrick Morrissey, Patrick Morgan, Charles McGarrity, Liam O'Toole, Canon Stanley Luff, John Evans, Kathleen Archer, Bill Francis, Patricia Morgan,

Bishop Daniel Hannon, Fr Ivor Daniel, Pamela Bentley, John McCann, Hugh Bradley, Jack Williams, Rene Bowshell, Irene James, Margaret Power, Molly Davies, Edward McNeff, Bernard Morris, Huw Williams, Anne Kirkpatrick

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: New envelopes are now ready and available for collection in the Porch.

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 Eastertide we are invited to pray for these intentions: New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work.

HOLY PLACES: £103.20

Many thanks for your generosity.

EVANGELISATION (DOMSEC) DONATIONS:

Thanks to all who donate to support the work of evangelisation.

APPRECIATION

Many thanks for your Easter cards, messages, and gifts. Thanks specially for your prayers. We are deeply grateful for your kindness and support.

Fr Michael OP, Fr Matthew OP and Monsignor Brian Kinrade

Reflection for the Second Sunday of Eastertide (Divine Mercy Sunday)

His mercy gives us peace

The Church continues to rejoice in the resurrection of her Lord as she celebrates the divine mercy Sunday on the Second Sunday of Eastertide. The world has received the fullness of God's mercy through the sacrificial death and the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. At his resurrection, Christ also brings his peace to the world so that all peoples may experience God's mercy.

The Peace of Christ Frees Us from Fear: The disciples of Jesus were locked in the room for fear of the Jews who may continue to persecute them as they did their Master. They would have thought that if their Master could be tortured and crucified, then they were not safe themselves (Jn 15:20). However, Christ knew that they were gripped with fear and so he gave them his peace (Jn 14:27). For them to bear witness to the truth and power of his resurrection, Christ's disciples needed to overcome their fear. It was only through the peace of the Risen Christ that this fear could be dispelled. In our lives as well, there have been moments when we have been gripped with the fear of the unknown; times when we have allowed the fear of the future to deny us of our peace. At such lonely and fearful states, we ask Christ to come with his peace to calm our fears and to make us witnesses to his resurrection.

The Peace of Christ Dispels Our Doubt: When the other disciples informed Thomas of the resurrection of Jesus, he refused to believe because he doubted the possibility of Jesus rising from the dead. Knowing the lowly state of Thomas' faith, Christ himself visited him to strengthen his faith (Lk 17:5-6). At Easter, Christ visits us to help our little faith. Life's challenges and setbacks might have weakened our faith in God, but the resurrection is an assurance that God will fulfil his promises to us. If we have doubted the power of God to save us up till this moment, the experience of Thomas is a reminder that God is ever faithful. He does not fail, and he will not fail us.

The Mercy of God is Great: At his resurrection, Christ gave his disciples the power to forgive sins. It is through this forgiveness of sins that we receive the mercy of God. Through the ministry of the Church, God also grants pardon and peace to penitents. Thus, the resurrection of Christ is the surest sign of the mercy of God. May the divine mercy which we receive in the resurrection of Christ grant us peace and salvation. Amen.

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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