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SOME MASSES LISTED BELOW ARE LIVESTREAMED

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intention
Sunday 22nd May 6th Week of Eastertide	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	Chrissie Kingston, RIP (M R) Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart (G C) Parish Community Moyra & Jim Whyte, RIP Anniv. (A & M O'C)
Monday 23 rd	10.00am	Mass in Townhill
Tuesday 24 th <i>Weekday, 6th Week of Eastertide</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Pat McPherson, RIP Anniversary (P & G M)
Wednesday 25 th <i>St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Tony & Ann Lane, Private Intention (A L)
Thursday 26 th ASCENSION OF THE LORD (Two Masses Today)	9.30pm (Livestreamed) 7.00pm	Ludwik Obara, RIP Anniversary (K O) Bernard Gregory, RIP (M M)
Friday 27 th <i>Weekday, 6th Week of Eastertide</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Joanie O'Donoghue, RIP (T O'D)
Saturday 28 th <i>Weekday, 6th Week of Eastertide</i>	10.00am (Livestreamed)	Dennis & Mary Frawley, RIP Anniversary (A B)
Sunday 29th May 7th Week of Eastertide	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30a.m 11.45am	Dilwyn Lloyd, RIP Anniversary (A L) Pauline & Peter Stewart (M & S S) Shelley Lomas, RIP (J C) Parish Comm.; O/L Lamp: Pat & Colin Knox

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Maura O'Brien, Rick Vanderhorst, Fran Jordan, Jacob Thomas.

EPISCOPAL INSTALLATION CEREMONIES: Installations of Most Rev Mark O'Toole as Archbishop of Cardiff and Bishop of Menevia. St David's Cathedral, Cardiff, Monday 20 June at 12 noon. St Joseph's Cathedral, Swansea, Thursday 23 June at 11.30am. Attendance is by invitation. For the Menevia installation, 8 invitation cards have been allocated to our parish. If you would like to attend, let us know.

BISHOPS' STATEMENT ON SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION: The Bishops of England and Wales have prepared a statement marking the end of the provisions regarding the Sunday Mass obligation made more than two years ago for Catholics unable to attend Mass in the conditions of a pandemic. Copies of the statement are available in the porch.

NO 11.45AM MASS AFTER 29TH MAY: The 11.45am Mass was added on 30th August 2020 to address a seating-capacity situation due to COVID social-distancing rules. As parishioners returned to Mass in late summer of 2020 (and social distancing was still in place), we quickly ran out of seats. The 11.45am Mass was then started to address this problem. It was anticipated that the Mass would be removed in the future. The situation, thankfully, has now improved. Now that social distancing has been removed, there are many **empty seats** at all the Masses. It would help to consolidate. Also, with a better COVID situation, there is now an increased demand on us in other areas of pastoral care during the weekdays and weekends (sisters' convents, prison, hospital, evangelisation, etc). Last Sunday, we had a meeting with the regular attendees of the 11.45am to discuss the removal of the Mass. We are grateful for their support and understanding. We are particularly touched to know how much regular attendees love this "special Mass" (for being very relaxed, and where the priest welcomes every person by name). We thank you for understanding with us that it is time to return to the pre-COVID Mass times. **The last 11.45am Mass will be on Sunday 29th May 2022.** After 29th May, there will be **NO 11.45am Mass.**

DOMSEC: LET'S DISCUSS THE BIBLE: Father Jerome Ituah OCD will be running four livestreamed sessions on LET'S DISCUSS THE BIBLE. Tuesday 24th May will be the 3rd session and the following sessions will be held each Tuesday from 6.30pm until 8.30pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Mumbles, Swansea. The sessions will address many questions people ask about the Bible. You are welcome to attend in person or to follow the livestream at www.domsec.org.uk

PENTECOST NOVENA LED BY FR MATTHEW ACHUNINE, OP: Theme: **Fruits of the Holy Spirit.** Starting Friday 27th May, 3pm each day. There will be Exposition/Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Spiritual Talk, Prayer to the Holy Spirit, Intercessions. The Novena will end on Saturday 4th June with **PENTECOST RECOLLECTION** starting at 10am. You are welcome to attend or follow the livestream. **SVP:** If you or anyone you know in the parish would like a visit from the SVP, please contact Fr Michael or any member of the SVP.

ROSARY RUN: On Saturday 28 May Dave Crudge, a teacher at Bishop Vaughan school will be running a half marathon for the Charity Mary's Meals which helps to feed over 2 million of the world's poorest children. The run commences at St Benedict's, Clydach and finishes at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Mumbles via Sacred Heart, Morriston and St David's Church, Swansea. The Rosary will be prayed at each Church. Anyone wishing to join in the run please contact Dave at jaynedavid210@gmail.com For donations please use the link <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/fundraising#detail/7011n000001FVfCAAW> or go to Mary's Meals website Projects and search Rosary Run to donate.

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

SECOND COLLECTION: Next Sunday is Communications Day and the second Collection is for Catholic Communications Network.

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, Tony Lane.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: Colm McCoy, Moyra White, Christina Rees, Emanuel Micallef, Fr Charles Wall, Judith Usher, Lilian Josephine Burton, Catherine Aherne, Ludwik Obara, Fr Ramon Vicens, Theresa Byrne, Dilwyn Lloyd, Francis Cecil Hughes.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of our parishioner, Bernard Gregory, who passed away on Sunday, 15 May. Funeral details will be announced later. May the Lord grant him eternal rest and reward. Amen.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY: For faith-filled young people.

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.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £924 Thanks for your generosity.	EVANGELISATION (DOMSEC) DONATIONS: Thanks to all who donate to support the work of evangelisation.
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Diocese of Menevia School of Evangelisation and Catechetics (DOMSEC)
Upcoming Events (May - July 2022)

Tuesday 24 May 6.30pm – 8.30pm	LET'S DISCUSS THE BIBLE	By Fr Jerome Ituah, OCD
Tuesday 31 May 6.30pm – 8.30pm	LET'S DISCUSS THE BIBLE	By Fr Jerome Ituah, OCD
Saturday 4 June 10.00am – 1.00pm	PENTECOST RECOLLECTION	Fr Matthew Achunine, OP Fr Gerald Isiguzo, OP
Saturday 18 June 11.00am – 1.00pm	TRANSFORMING OUR PERSONAL PRAYER LIFE	Talk by Fr Matthew Achunine, OP
Tuesday 12 July 6.30pm – 8.30pm	FAITH AND HUMAN SUFFERING	Talk by Fr Matthew Roche-Saunders
Tuesday 19 July 6.30pm – 8.30pm	FAITH AND HUMAN SUFFERING	Talk by Fr Jerome Ituah, OCD
Saturday 23 July 11.00am – 1.00pm	WOMEN IN THE NEW TESTAMENT	Talk by Sr Nora Mary Ryan, UJ

You are welcome to attend the events in person at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Mumbles. You can follow the livestream on our Parish website or the DOMSEC website www.domsec.org.uk

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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