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THE SUNDAY 10.30AM MASS AND ALL WEEKDAY MASSES ARE USUALLY LIVESTREAMED

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intention
Sunday 24th December	6.30pm (Vigil)	Karen Wharton, Private Intentions (J A)
4 th Sunday of Advent	8.30am	Janice & Allan Jones, Private Intention (P H)
	10.30am	Parish Community
CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS (concelebrated)	6.30pm	Mary Lynch, RIP Anniversary (M & A B)
		Pat McHugh & Family, Private Intention (F J)
CHRISTMAS NIGHT MASS (concelebrated)	10.00pm	Maurice Rees, RIP (P H)
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Monday 25th		
CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES	8.30am	Maurice Rees, RIP (M & M F)
(The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ)	10.30am	William (Bill) Bowling, RIP Anniversary (K B)
Tuesday 26 th	9.30am	Maurice Rees, RIP (D & B D)
St Stephen, The First Martyr (Feast)		
Wednesday 27 th	9.30am	Helen Clarke, RIP (SVP)
St John, Apostle & Evangelist (Feast)		
Thursday 28th	7.00pm	Helen Clarke, RIP (E T)
The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Feast)		, ()
Friday 29 th	9.30am	Joyce & Stuart Lloyd, RIP (B & D D)
Fifth day within the Octave of Christmas		
Saturday 30 th	10.00am	Rhiannon Williams, RIP (M M)
Sixth day within the Octave of Christmas		
Sunday 31st December	6.30pm (Vigil)	Maurice Rees, RIP (F J)
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	8.30am	Helen Clarke, RIP (E W)
(Feast)	10.30am	Parish Community

CONFESSIONS: Saturday morning after 10am Mass, Saturday evening 6pm-6.15pm, and on request. ADORATION AND BENEDICTION: Saturday morning after 10am Mass (Confessions also available)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Mokutmfon Esien, Grace Morgan, Isabella Morgan

PARISH YOUNGSTERS' GAMES:

Chess Competition: 12 - 16 years. First Prize £20 voucher.

Scrabble Competition: 12 - 16 years. First Prize £20 voucher. To register, please get in touch with the priests.

<u>WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING</u>: A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the Wednesday Coffee Morning this year – especially the bakers and servers. We have raised over £3,500 for Charity. We will be taking a two-week break over Christmas, so back on January 10th. More helpers are always welcome. Please contact Eileen on 07592 829091 if you are interested.

<u>PARISH PRAYER GROUP</u>: Now meeting every other week in the Church Hall, so no longer on Zoom. Please join our next meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 2nd January. All are welcome.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY ONLINE: Monday 8th January at 7pm. Text: John chapter 1. Zoom Meeting ID: 585 166 8513.

HOUR OF GRACE: 6pm - 7pm every other Wednesday. Led by a Dominican priest, this is a solemn moment of prayerful encounter with Jesus in the Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. It will include an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Adoration, Talk, Worship Songs, Intercessions for Various Intentions, and Benediction. **Next on Wednesday 3**rd **January.**

PRAYER INTENTION ENVELOPE (HOUR OF GRACE): If you would like us to pray for an intention during the Hour of Grace (Eucharistic Adoration), please collect a brown prayer intention envelope in the porch. It is NOT a Mass intention envelope. Thank you.

<u>CATHOLIC ROUND TABLE</u>: Explore Catholic teachings from a biblical background. The next meeting is on **Thursday 11th January**, 7.30 to 8.30pm in the Parish Hall. **Theme: Treasures of the Catholic Faith.**

<u>CRIB OFFERINGS</u>: Following guidance from the Diocese, the Crib Offerings this year will go towards two causes: one "at home" and one "abroad", namely, the work of *Caritas Cardiff and Menevia*, and aid for *Christians in the Holy Land* through the work of *Friends of the Holy Land and the Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulchre*.

<u>CHRISTMAS OFFERING</u>: The traditional Christmas Offering (cash, cheque, bank transfer) is your gift to the parish clergy. Envelopes are available in the porch. Thank you.

WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND, AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS: Roy Miller, Frank Bowen, Theresa Plunkett, Kath Bowling, Frances Traylor, Mary Brearley, Angela Matthews, Millie Richards, Janet Blackburn, Yvonne Richards, Peter McPherson, Heather Ellis, Bill Gill, Jimmy Taylor, Janice Jones, Wendy Graham, Maureen Williams, John Mannion, Jill Griffiths, Rachael Naylor, Michael Kinrade.

RECENTLY DECEASED AND FUNERALS: Please pray for the repose of the souls of the following parishioners:

PAT FALVEY who passed away 9th December. Funeral Mass on Tuesday 9th January, 11am, Our Lady Star of the Sea.

NORMAN THOMAS who passed away 11th December. Funeral Mass on Friday 5th January, 11am, Our Lady Star of the Sea.

TONY LANE who passed away 19th December. Funeral Mass on Thursday 28th December, 2pm, Our Lady Star of the Sea. May the Lord grant them eternal rest and rewards. Amen.

<u>THE CYCLE OF PRAYER</u>: During **Christmastide**, we are invited to pray for Migrants and Refugees and for Expectant Mothers <u>POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER</u>: That people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society and that institutions may offer programs which value their active participation.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £1009	EVANGELISATION (DOMSEC) DONATIONS:
Thanks for your generosity.	Thanks to all who donate to support the work of evangelisation.

CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS			
DATE	TIME	CELEBRATION	
Sunday December 24th	6.30pm	Christmas Vigil Mass	
Sunday December 24 th	9.45pm	Christmas Carols	
Sunday December 24th	10.00pm	Mass during the night (Livestreamed)	
Christmas Day December 25 th	8.30am	Mass of Christmas Day	
Christmas Day December 25 th	10.30am	Mass of Christmas Day (Livestreamed)	



Sincere thanks and deep appreciation for all your prayers, cards, and gifts this Christmas.

Wishing you all a Happy and Holy Christmas, and a Blessed New Year. Father Michael, Father Jude, and Monsignor Brian Kinrade.