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

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intention
Sunday 16th June 2024 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30pm (Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Parish Community Peter MacPherson, RIP (A B) / Andrew Goodvin, Intentions (SVP) Pat & Don Falvey, RIP (K B)
Monday 17 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Paddy Hughes, RIP (C B)
Tuesday 18 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Peter McPherson, RIP (A L)
Wednesday 19 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Peter McPherson, RIP (E W) Coffee Morning
Thursday 20 th <i>St Alban, St Julius & St Aaron, Protomartyrs of Britain</i>	7.00pm	Jimmy Taylor, RIP (SVP)
Friday 21 st <i>St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious</i>	9.30am	Enrico Minchella, RIP (B & D D)
Saturday 22 nd <i>Votive Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</i>	10.00am	Jimmy Taylor, RIP (A LI)
Sunday 23rd June 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30pm (Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Sandra Lewis, RIP (D L) Jimmy Taylor, RIP (E W) / Heather Ellis, RIP (A M) 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: Bill Kenney, Terry Horton, Richard Power, Paula Wilson, Tony O'Kane, Michelle Thomas.

PARISH GARDEN PARTY (CHANGE OF DATE): Due to the Ironman event in Swansea on 14th July (with road closures), our Parish Summer Garden Party has been moved to Sunday 21st July at 1pm. We will announce the venue later. We apologise for the inconvenience caused by the change of date.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: We welcome Archbishop Mark O'Toole to our parish to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Wednesday, 26th June, at 6.30pm**. We invite all parishioners to the celebration. It will be a joyous occasion to celebrate with our youngsters and their family, and to welcome Archbishop Mark.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATE: Sunday, 24th November 2024: Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

PARISH LADIES' GUILD: Next meeting on **Wednesday 19th June:** 2pm: a talk on the Mumbles Life Boat.

CHURCH CLEANING: Help needed – if you can spare two hours every two to three months to help clean the church, please contact Liz Lyons on 07743 160792. Thank you.

RECENTLY DECEASED PARISHIONERS: Please pray for the repose of the souls of John Ryan, Gail Wilson. May the Lord grant them eternal rest and rewards. Amen.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a retiring collection this weekend for 'Day for Life'.

THANK-YOU FOR THE HIGH TEA: We thank all parishioners and friends who attended last Sunday's high tea in memory of our departed loved ones. We also thank the organisers and the SVP for their support. It was successful.

PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: Are you in need of confidential one-to-one support following a bereavement, whether a recent loss or one that occurred some time ago? A member of our Parish team is available to meet you and provide individual

support. Whether you need someone to talk to, listen, pray with or just some company for a coffee and chat, please don't hesitate to call Rose at 078131-57296. We are here to support you. You are not alone in this journey of grief.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP: Now meeting every other week in the Church Hall. Please join our next meeting at **7pm on Tuesday 2nd July**. All are welcome.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY ONLINE: **Monday, 17th June at 7pm**. Text: John chapter 6. Zoom Meeting ID: 585 166 8513.

HOOR 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 3rd July**.

PRAYER INTENTION ENVELOPE (HOOR 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.

CATHOLIC ROUND TABLE: Explore Catholic teachings from a biblical background. The next meeting is on **Thursday 27th June** at 7.30 to 8.30pm in the Parish Hall. **Theme: Treasures of the Catholic Faith.**

WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND, AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS: Roy Miller, Frank Bowen, Teresa Plunkett, Kath Bowling, Frances Traylor, Mary Brearley, Angela Matthews, Janet Blackburn, Yvonne Richards, Bill Gill, Janice Jones, Wendy Graham, John Mannion, Jill Griffiths, Rachael Naylor, Michael Kinrade, Karolina Ashton, Andy Payne, Allan Jones, Noreen Hyden, Rita Power, Mary Richards, Pauline Howard, Elizabeth Williams.

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER: During Ordinary Time we are asked to pray for these intentions: A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE: Let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £991 Thanks for your generosity.	EVANGELISATION (DOMSEC) DONATIONS: Thanks to all who donate to support the work of evangelisation
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From the Parish Events Planning Team UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS (June – July 2024)		
Sunday 21 July 1.00pm	PARISH SUMMER GARDEN PARTY (Please invite your families and friends)	If you are happy to welcome us to your garden, please get in touch with Fr Michael

We Walk by Faith
St Thomas Aquinas
(Commentary on a text of today's second reading)

We are absent [exiled from the Lord] inasmuch as we are outside our native land, which is God. Otherwise, we would not be described as away from him. And this is not from our nature, but from his grace.

That we are absent from the Lord is proved, when he [St Paul] says, for we walk by faith, i.e., we pass through this life in faith, and not by sight: because faith deals with things not seen. For the word of faith is as a lamp with which the road is lit in this life: "Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light for my steps" (Ps. 119:105). But in heaven there will be no such lamp, because the radiance of God, i.e., God himself, has enlightened it (Rev. 21:23). Therefore, we shall then see him by sight, i.e., in his essence. But he says, we walk by faith, because faith is concerned with things unseen: "Faith is the substance of things hoped for; the conviction of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1). But as long as the soul is united to the body, it does not see God in his essence: "No man shall see me and live" (Ex. 33:20). Hence, inasmuch as we assent by believing the things we do not see, we are said to walk by faith and not by sight. Thus, therefore, the incompatibility of the two desires is plain, because we cannot, along with this body, be clothed over by the heavenly habitation, the proof of this being that we walk by faith.

Thomas Aquinas, *Commentary on the Second Epistle to the Corinthians*, 163-164