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

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intention
Sunday 4th August 2024 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30pm (Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Anne Park, RIP Daughter's Birthday (E B) Sylvia Cottle, RIP Anniversary (R C) Michael Policelli, 67 th Wedding Anniversary (L P))
Monday 5 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Parish Community
Tuesday 6 th The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)	9.30am	Kevin Murphy, Well-being (P P)
Wednesday 7 th <i>St Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, Martyrs</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Kevin Holley, RIP (Tess & Family) Coffee Morning
Thursday 8 th St Dominic, Priest: Founder of the Order of Preachers (Solemnity)	6.30pm	Gail Wilson, RIP (The Flower Arrangers)
Friday 9 th <i>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin, Martyr, Patron of Europe</i>	9.30am	Laurence Howard, RIP Anniversary (P H)
Saturday 10 th St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr (Feast)	10.00am	Jonathan Greenslade, RIP (S & T M)
Sunday 11th August 2024 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30pm (Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Gabriel, Julius & Tomas Dutko, BD Anniv. & Priv. Intention (K D) Sining Tanedo Bruni, RIP (G M) Thanksgiving / 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: Sarah Noel, Martha Ezeugaenyi.

SOLEMNITY OF SAINT DOMINIC: FOUNDER OF THE ORDER OF PREACHERS: We, the Dominican Priests in the Diocese of Menevia and the Archdiocese of Cardiff, invite you to the celebration of the solemnity of St Dominic de Guzman (d. 1221), the founder of our Order, the Order of Preachers (also called the Dominican Order). Mass on Thursday, 8th August, at 6.30pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea. Party in the Parish Hall immediately after the Mass

SVP: The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 14th August** at 6.30pm. All welcome.

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.

THANK YOU FROM JAN DAVIES: Thank you to everyone who sponsored me on the "Race for Life" (cancer research) Run. I did it last Sunday (28th July). Any sponsoring money can be given to Maggie or myself. Thank you. Jan Davies.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need volunteers to come on a rota for the Sunday 10.30am Mass tea and coffee. Please help! Sign-up sheet in the porch. Thank you.

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 on **Tuesday 13th August at 7pm**. All are welcome.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY ONLINE: **Monday 5th August at 7pm**. Text: John chapter 7. 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 7th August.**

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 15th August** 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, Mike Bickerstaff, Caroline Solomon.

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 AUGUST: Let us pray that political leaders may be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £901	Thanks for your generosity.	EVANGELISATION (DOMSEC) DONATIONS:	Thanks to all who donate to support the work of evangelisation
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Supporting the Education of Dominican Priests who Serve Us

Fr Jude has been with us for nearly a year, and his presence has been a blessing to our parish. We are delighted that he loves the parish and Mumbles and is very happy being here (despite the Swansea weather). He is following in the footsteps of previous Dominican priests in Mumbles (Fr Victor and Fr Matthew) who served our parish, studied here in Swansea, and returned to Nigeria to use their acquired skills and experience. Similarly, Fr Jude will begin a master's degree course in Management at Swansea University. This course will be spread over two academic years and cost £10,850 per academic year (international student tuition fee).

When our Dominican priests study here, we, the Dominican Province of Nigeria, always have to pay their tuition fees. Thankfully, you, the parishioners, have been very generous in supporting the payment of tuition fees of our Dominican priests who have served our parish. Your unwavering support and outstanding generosity have made it possible to train Fr Victor and Fr Matthew. Once again, we are appealing for your kindness. As a parish community, we have always stood by our priests, and now, we have an opportunity to support Fr Jude in his educational journey. This is not just an individual effort, but a collective one that reflects our shared commitment to our priests and their service.

We propose to raise 50% of the tuition fee for the first academic year, which will be £5,425. A donor has pledged to match this amount, doubling the impact of our collective effort to the required £10,850.

If you wish to contribute to this noble cause, donation envelopes will be available in the porch for your convenience. Simply make your donation, seal the envelope, and drop it in the collection box or through the letterbox of the Presbytery (22 Devon Place). You can also make cheques payable to the "Diocese of Menevia Mumbles Parish". Your contributions, no matter how big or small, will make a difference. Thank you very much.

Fr Michael Akpoghiran, OP

Money raised so far	Our target
£	£5,425