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

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intention
Sunday 25th August 2024 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30pm (Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Kevin Holley (A & J) Parish Community Louisa Akujobi-Ibe, Birthday Thanksgiving O/L Lamp: All Victims of Violence
Monday 26 th <i>St David Lewis, Priest, Martyr</i>	9.30am	Mark Widdowson, RIP (S R)
Tuesday 27 th 1. Mass of the Day: St Monica 2. Funeral Service	9.30am 12.15pm	Maurice Rees, Memories (J R) Funeral Service for Francis Archibald Miners, RIP
Wednesday 28 th <i>St Augustine, Bp. & Dr. of the Church</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Margaret Pitson, RIP (T O'D) Coffee Morning
Thursday 29 th <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	7.00pm	Thanksgiving, Special Intention (B R)
Friday 30 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Holy Souls
Saturday 31 st <i>Votive Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</i>	10.00am	Michael Coles, Birthday Anniversary RIP (J C)
Sunday 1st September 2024 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30pm (Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Anne Park, RIP Anniversary (E B) Holy Souls Parish Community O/L Lamp: Intention of Ann & Brian White

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: Benjamin Usoroh, Louisa Akujobi-Ibe, Sue Sander, Martin Power, Tina Law, Seamus Upton, Luca Cianci, Richard Morgan, Eno Usoroh, Clare Power.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES: Starting September 8 after the 10.30am Mass. Please contact Sandra (0709984283) or Marie Fouracre for more information.

THANK YOU: Janice and Allan Jones thank parishioners for all their prayers for Janice's successful surgical operation.

GRATITUDE: We are grateful for ongoing donations to support the payment of Fr Jude's tuition fees. If you wish to make a bank transfer, please use the following details (Account name: "Diocese of Menevia Mumbles Parish"; Sort code: 556155; Account number: 02016524; Reference: "Dominican Education") and notify us of the transfer as soon as possible. Please see this newsletter for more information. Thank you very much for your generosity.

CHARITY CALENDARS: Available in the porch at £10 each; proceeds go to Ty Hafan Hospice, Hands up for Downs and Stepping Stones.

FUNERAL SERVICE: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Francis (Frank) Archibald Miners**. Funeral Service at OLSS on Tuesday, 27th August at 12.15pm.

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 27th August at 7pm**. All are welcome.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY ONLINE: **Monday 7th October 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 4th September.**

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 29th 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 (Autumn) we are asked to pray for these intentions: The Spread of the Gospel; Students and Teachers; The Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and Their Families.

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.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER: We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £929

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EVANGELISATION (DOMSEC) DONATIONS:

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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". For online bank transfer, please use the following details (Account name: "Diocese of Menevia Mumbles Parish"; Sort code: 556155; Account number: 02016524; Reference: "Dominican Education") and notify us of the transfer as soon as possible. Your contributions, no matter how big or small, will make a difference. Thank you very much.

Fr Michael Akpoghiran, OP

Money raised so far

£5,260

Our target

£5,425