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

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intentions
Sunday 15th December 2024 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)	6.30pm (Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Mary O'Neill, RIP (C B) Parish Community Peter MacPherson, 91 st Birthday Anniv. RIP (G MP)
Monday 16 th <i>3rd Week of Advent</i>	9.30am	Kevin Murphy, Wellbeing (P P)
Tuesday 17 th <i>3rd Week of Advent</i>	9.30am	Gerard Krusemeijer, RIP (N E)
Wednesday 18 th <i>3rd Week of Advent</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Rev. Fr. Paul Gallagher, RIP Anniversary (N E) Coffee Morning
Thursday 19 th <i>3rd Week of Advent</i>	7.00pm	Tony Lane, RIP 1 st Anniversary (A L & Family)
Friday 20 th <i>3rd Week of Advent</i>	9.30am	Holy Souls
Saturday 21 st <i>3rd Week of Advent</i>	10.00am	Holy Souls
Sunday 22nd December 2024 4th Sunday of Advent	6.30pm (Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Gerard Saulters, Priv. Intention (C B) James Whooley, RIP Anniversary (M G) 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: Caroline Solomon, Yvonne Richards, Mme Esien, Mark Godsall, Keira Isaac-Clarke, Peter Andrewes.

SR MARGARET CANNY, RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sr Margaret Canny who passed away on Friday 13th December. Sr Margaret lived in our Mumbles Parish until September when she moved to the Ursuline Community in Uplands. May the Lord grant her eternal rest and rewards. Amen.

CAFOD: Don't know what gifts to buy for your family and friends? Go to **CAFOD.ORG.UK/WORLD GIFTS** or take a catalogue from the porch. You will be helping others this Christmas. Thank you for your support.

'WALK WITH ME': Advent books of prayer are available in the porch, price £1.

PARISH CHILDRENS' NATIVITY: We invite children of all ages to join in this celebration, which will take place before the 6.30pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass. Rehearsals are being held in the church each Sunday after the 10.30 Mass. Please join us.

BISHOP VAUGHAN SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE: Will take place on Monday 16th December, 7pm, at St Joseph's Cathedral. You are all invited to the service of nine lessons and carols.

PARISH LADIES' GUILD: Our Christmas party will be on Wednesday 18th December at 2pm in the Parish Hall.

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 17th December at 7pm.** All are welcome.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY ONLINE: **Monday 16th December at 7pm.** Text: John chapter 8. 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 8th January at 6pm.**

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.

CATHOLIC ROUND TABLE: Explore Catholic teachings from a biblical background. The next meeting is on **Thursday 19th December** 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, 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, Maureen Dooley, Arthur Barragry, Sister Margaret.

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER: During Advent and Christmastide, we are invited to pray for Migrants and Refugees, and for Expectant Mothers.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER: We pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christmas hope.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £790 Flowers for Christmas: £193.90 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 (December 2024)**

Sunday 15 December After 10.30am Mass	CHRISTMAS RAFFLE	Raffle draws will take place in the Parish Hall.
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) AT CHRISTMAS

DATE	TIME	PRIEST(S)
Friday December 20 th	10.15am – 11am (after Mass); 6.30pm-7pm	Visiting Priest
Saturday December 21 st	10.30am – 11am (with Adoration)	Fr Jude and a Visiting Priest
Monday December 23 rd	6.30pm – 7pm	Visiting Priests

CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

DATE	TIME	CELEBRATION
Tuesday December 24 th	6.30pm	Christmas Vigil Mass
Tuesday December 24 th	9.45pm	Christmas Carols
Tuesday December 24 th	10.00pm	Mass during the night (Livestreamed)
Christmas Day December 25 th	8.30am	Mass of Christmas Day
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Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas, when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; and as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's coming at the of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation.