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

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intentions
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	6.30pm (Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Gerard Saulters, Priv. Intention (C B) James Whooley, RIP Anniversary (M G) Parish Community O/L Lamp: Janice & Alan Jones
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Week of Advent</i>	9.30am	Peter Cottle, 25 <sup>th</sup> RIP Anniversary (R C)
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> <b>The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ</b> <b>(Solemnity) Vigil Masses</b>	6.30pm 9.45pm 10.00pm	Mary Lynch, RIP Anniversary (M & A B) Christmas Carols Peter Quinn, Birth Anniversary (V Q)
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> <b>The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ</b> <b>(Solemnity)</b>	8.30am 10.30am	Sr Margaret Canny, RIP (A Ll) Sr Margaret Canny, RIP (SVP)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> <b>St Stephen, The First Martyr (Feast)</b>	7.00pm	Sr Margaret Canny, RIP (E W)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> <b>St John, Apostle &amp; Evangelist (Feast)</b>	9.30am	Special Intention of the Donor (E T)
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> <b>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Feast)</b>	10.00am	Sr Margaret Canny, RIP (M M)
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph (Feast)</b>	6.30pm (Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Peter Jones & Daniel Fleming, RIP Anniversary (M J) Sr Margaret Canny, RIP (E T) 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:** Peter Andrewes, Mokutmfon Esien.

**SR MARGARET CANNY, RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sr Margaret Canny who passed away on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 on Sunday after the 10.30 Mass. Please join us.

**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.

**CRIB OFFERINGS:** As advised by the Archdiocese, Crib offerings this year will go towards the following causes:

*Abroad:* Aid to the Holy Land, through the Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulchre and Friends of the Holy Land

*Home:* Youth Ministry in the Archdiocese.

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

**CHRISTMAS READERS:** Readers interested in taking readings at the Christmas Masses may please sign up on the sheet in the porch.

**PARISH PRAYER GROUP:** Now meeting every other week in the Church Hall. Please join our next meeting on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm.** All are welcome.

**PARISH BIBLE STUDY ONLINE:** **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.** Text: John chapter 9. 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> January** 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.

**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.

<b>SUNDAY OFFERING: £859</b>	<b>EVANGELISATION (DOMSEC) DONATIONS:</b> Thanks to all who donate to support the work of evangelisation
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<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) AT CHRISTMAS</b>		
<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>PRIEST(S)</b>
Monday December 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6.30pm – 7pm	Visiting Priests
<b>CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS</b>		
<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>CELEBRATION</b>
Tuesday December 24 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Christmas Vigil Mass
Tuesday December 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.45pm	Christmas Carols
Tuesday December 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00pm	Mass during the night (Livestreamed)
Christmas Day December 25 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass of Christmas Day
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**We sincerely thank you for 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.**