

## Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church

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

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intentions
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm (Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	For the intention of our sacristans Ray Clancy, RIP 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary (A L) Parish Community O/L Lamp: Sarah O'Kane
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Fabian, Pope, Martyr</i>	9.30am	Karen Rider, RIP (T&C L)
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> <i>St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr</i>	9.30am	Eileen Waters, Birthday Thanksgiving
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Barbara Owen, RIP (E T) <b>Coffee Morning</b>
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.00pm	Barbara Owen, RIP (E W)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	9.30am	Janet Blackburn, RIP (E T)
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> <b>The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle (Feast)</b>	10.00am	Barbara Owen, RIP (SVP)
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm (Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Parish Community Christiana Akpobasa, Birthday Thanksgiving (Fr Jude) Kevin & Breda O'Carroll, RIP Anniversary (N & I L) O/L lamp: Special Intention

**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:** Dorina Zanetti, Eileen Waters.

**TOWNHILL PARISH AND CLERGY MOVES:** 1. Fr Clement Oloruntoba OP – Priest-in-Charge of Gorseinon/Pontarddulais (from 1st March). 2. Fr Christo Titto Neriampampil – Priest-in-Charge of Townhill, Swansea and Chaplain to the Syro-Malabar Community in the three Western Deaneries.

**DYSLEXIA CLUB SWANSEA:** One of our parishioners, Tina Law, runs Dyslexia Club Swansea. If you shop in Tesco, you can use the blue tokens you get at the checkout to vote for this club. You can vote for Dyslexia Club in Tesco stores throughout Swansea, including the one in Mumbles. Tina and the club would value your support.

**FUNERAL OF JANET BLACKBURN, RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Janet Susan Blackburn (the widow of the late Joe Blackburn)**. Funeral Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea at 2pm on Tuesday, 28th January. May the Lord grant her eternal rest and rewards. Amen.

**FUNERAL OF BARBARA OWEN, RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Barbara Owen (Stephanie Jefferies' mum)** who died peacefully on Monday night (6<sup>th</sup> January) after a brief illness at the **age of 103**. Funeral Service at **Methodist Church, Mumbles** at 11am on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January, and 12.30pm at Morryston Crematorium. May the Lord grant her eternal rest and rewards. Amen.

**BABY ITEMS NEEDED:** SVP has received another request for items for a new baby including cot, pram, bath, clothes etc. If you can help, please contact Eileen Waters (07592 829091) or any member of the SVP. Thank you.

**SVP:** Next meeting is on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 6.30pm**. All are welcome.

**PARISH PRAYER GROUP:** Now meeting every other week in the Church Hall. Please join our next meeting on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 7pm**. All are welcome.

**PARISH BIBLE STUDY ONLINE:** **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm**. Text: John chapter 10. 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 29<sup>h</sup> January at 6pm.**

**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 30<sup>h</sup> January** at 7.30 to 8.30pm in the Parish Hall. **Theme: Treasures of the Catholic Faith.**

**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.

**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, 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, Angela Millar, Sarah Leaman.

**THE CYCLE OF PRAYER:** we are invited to pray for Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; Victims of Human Trafficking and Those Who Work to Combat it; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; The Unemployed.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY:** For the respect of the rights of migrants, refugees, and those affected by war.

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### Pope Francis on the Wedding at Cana in Galilee

“The words Mary addresses to the servants come to crown the wedding of Cana: “Do whatever he tells you” (v. 5). It is curious: these are her last words recounted by the Gospels: they are the legacy that she hands down to us. Today too Our Lady says to us all: “Whatever he tells you — Jesus tells you, do it”. It is the legacy that she has left us: it is beautiful! It is an expression that recalls the formula of faith used by the people of Israel at Sinai in response to the promises of the Covenant: “All that the Lord has spoken we will do!” (Ex 19:8). And indeed at Cana the servants obey. “Jesus said to them, ‘Fill the jars with water’. And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, ‘Now draw some out, and take it to the steward of the feast’. So they took it” (Jn 2:7-8). At this wedding, the New Covenant is truly articulated and to the servants of the Lord, that is to all the Church, is entrusted a new mission: “Do whatever he tells you!”. To serve the Lord means to listen and to put into practice his Word. It is the simple but essential recommendation of the Mother of Jesus and it is the programme of life of the Christian. For each one of us, to draw from the jar is equivalent to entrusting oneself to the Word of God in order to experience its effectiveness in life. Thus, together with the steward of the banquet who had tasted the water-become-wine, we too can exclaim: “you have kept the good wine until now” (v. 10). Yes, the Lord continues to reserve the best wine for our salvation, just as it continues to flow from the pierced side of the Lord.”

- Taken from Pope Francis' General Audience, St Peter's Square, Wednesday, 8 June 2016

