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

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intentions
Sunday 9th February 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30pm (Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Parish Community Sue Crozier, Health & Spiritual Wellbeing (T H) Louisa Akujobi-Ibe (private intention) O/L Lamp: Judith Adams
Monday 10 th <i>St Scholastica, Virgin</i>	9.30am	Marjorie Morris RIP, Anniversary (M M)
Tuesday 11 th <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	9.30am	John Purnell, RIP (E T)
Wednesday 12 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Coffee Morning Ruth Kershaw's Private Intention
Thursday 13 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.00pm	Barbara Owen, RIP (A L)
Friday 14 th St Cyril, Monk, and St Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe (Feast)	9.30am	Timmy Gleeson, RIP (E T)
Saturday 15 th <i>Votive Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</i>	10.00am	Ruth Kershaw's Private Intention
Sunday 16th February 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30pm (Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am O/L Lamp	Parish Community The Akpoghiran Family Intention For the sick and housebound of the Parish O/L Lamp: Iris Brown, Birthday RIP

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: Ruth Cronin, Jonathan Pass, Ade Oshisanya, John Rutegard, Shelley Isaac-Clarke, Eira Hooper, Vera Quinn.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY (16 FEBRUARY 2025): Racial Justice Sunday is the day the Church focuses on the need to oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour. The theme for 2025 is "Pilgrims of Hope: Our Journey Together Towards Racial Justice".

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a retiring collection next Sunday for Racial Justice Sunday.

MICHAEL KINRADE, RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Michael Kinrade** (Monsignor Brian Kinrade's brother) who passed on Thursday 6th February after a long illness. May the Lord grant him eternal rest and rewards. Amen.

JOHN PURNELL, RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Purnell, who passed on Friday 24th January. Funeral Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea on Friday, 21st February at 10.30am. May the Lord grant him eternal rest and rewards. Amen

SVP: Do you know anyone who would like a visit or phone call from the SVP? Or a lift to Mass? Please contact Eileen Waters or any member of the SVP. Thank you.

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.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP: Now meeting every other week in the Church Hall. Please join our next meeting on **Tuesday 18th February at 7pm**. All are welcome.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY ONLINE: **Monday 10th February at 7pm**. Text: John chapter 11. 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 12th February 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 13th February** 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, Karolina Ashton, Andy Payne, Allan Jones, Noreen & Geoff Hyden, Rita Power, Mary Richards, Pauline Howard, Elizabeth Williams, Mike Bickerstaff, Caroline Solomon, Maureen Dooley, Arthur Barragry, Angela Miller, Sarah Leaman, Cecily Hughes, Roger Eddy.

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 FEBRUARY: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £987 Thanks for your generosity.

EVANGELISATION (DOMSEC) DONATIONS:

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Pope Benedict XVI on today's Gospel

In today's liturgy, the Gospel according to Luke presents the story of the call of the first disciples, with an original version that differs from that of the other two Synoptic Gospels, Matthew and Mark (cf. Mt 4: 18-22; Mk 1:16-20). The call, in fact, was preceded by the teaching of Jesus to the crowd and a miraculous catch of fish, carried out by the will of the Lord (Lk 5:1-6). In fact, while the crowd rushes to the shore of Lake Gennesaret to hear Jesus, he sees Simon discouraged because he has caught nothing all night. First Jesus asks to get into Simon's boat in order to preach to the people standing a short distance from the shore; then, having finished preaching, he commands Simon to go out into the deep with his friends and cast their nets (cf. v. 5). Simon obeys, and they catch an incredible amount of fish. In this way, the evangelist shows how the first disciples followed Jesus, trusting him, relying on his Word, all the while accompanied by miraculous signs. We note that, before this sign, Simon addresses Jesus, calling him "Master" (v. 5), while afterwards he addresses him as "Lord" (v. 7). This is the pedagogy of God's call, which does not consider the quality of those who are chosen so much as their faith, like that of Simon that says: "At your word, I will let down the nets" (v. 5).

The image of the fish refers to the Church's mission. St Augustine says in this regard, "Twice the disciples went out to fish at the Lord's command: once before the Passion and the other time after the Resurrection. In the two scenes of fishing, the entire Church is depicted: the Church as it is now and as it will be after the resurrection of the dead. Now it gathers together a multitude, impossible to number, comprising the good and the bad; after the resurrection, it will include only the good" (Homily 248.1). The experience of Peter, certainly unique, is nonetheless representative of the call of every apostle of the Gospel, who must never be discouraged in proclaiming Christ to all men, even to the ends of the world...

Dear brothers and sisters, may this Word of God revive in us and in our Christian communities courage, confidence and enthusiasm in proclaiming and witnessing to the Gospel. Do not let failures and difficulties lead to discouragement: it is our task to cast our nets in faith — the Lord will do the rest. We must trust, too, in the intercession of the Virgin Mary, the Queen of Apostles. Well aware of her own smallness, she answered the Lord's call with total confidence: "Here I am". With her maternal help, let us renew our willingness to follow Jesus, Master and Lord.

Taken from Pope Benedict XVI's *Angelus Message*, Saint Peter's Square, Sunday, 10 February 2013