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

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intentions
Sunday 16th February 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30pm (Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Parish Community The Akpoghiran Family Intention For the sick and housebound of the Parish O/L Lamp: Iris Brown, Birthday RIP
Monday 17 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Michael Kinrade, RIP (A LI)
Tuesday 18 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Abigail Rockefeller, RIP Anniversary (A LI)
Wednesday 19 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Jim Sander, RIP Birthday Thanksgiving (S S) Coffee Morning
Thursday 20 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.00pm	Penny Acton, RIP (A L)
Friday 21 st Funeral Mass	10.30am	Funeral Mass for John Purnell, RIP
Saturday 22 nd The Chair of St Peter the Apostle (Feast)	10.00am	Michael Kinrade, RIP (M M)
Sunday 23rd February 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30pm (Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am O/L Lamp	Parish Community Michael Kinrade, RIP (P H) Shelley Lomas, RIP Anniversary (J C) Healing for S. L.

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: Anthony Francis, Ann Richards, Fr Michael.

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 this weekend for Racial Justice Sunday.

THANK YOU: Stephanie Jefferies thanks everyone for their kind messages of sympathy, cards and Masses after the death of her mum, Barbara Owen.

TEA/COFFEE: Due to ongoing decorating work in the hall, there will be **no tea/coffee this weekend**. Thanks for your understanding.

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: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 19th February at 6.30pm. All welcome.

PARISH LADIES' GUILD: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 19th February at 2pm. Please bring a favourite poem.

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 24th February at 7pm**. Text: John chapter 11. 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 26th February 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 27th 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: £849 Thanks for your generosity.

EVANGELISATION (DOMSEC) DONATIONS:

Thanks to all who donate to support the work of evangelisation

Visitation of the Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991 – 2006)

Sunday, 16th February 2025

1. St Jospeh's Co-Cathedral, Greenhill, Swansea: 8am – 4pm
2. Sacred Heart Church, Morryston, Swansea: 5pm – 8pm

About Carlo Acutis

Carlo Acutis (3 May 1991 – 12 October 2006) was a British-born Italian website designer who documented Eucharistic miracles and approved Marian apparitions, and catalogued both on a website he designed before his death from leukaemia at 15. He was buried in Assisi, Italy. Before his death in 2006, he offered his sufferings for Pope Benedict XVI and for the Church, saying: "I offer all of my suffering to the Lord for the pope and for the Church in order not to go to purgatory but to go straight to heaven." Carlo Acutis was noted for his cheerfulness, computer skills, and devotion to the Eucharist.

He was beatified by Pope Francis on 10 October 2020. After a second miracle attributed to the intercession of Carlo was confirmed in May 2024, Pope Francis granted approval for his canonization, which is scheduled for 27 April 2025.

- Carlo's witness of faith as a child led adults to convert and be baptised.
- Carlo wasn't afraid to defend Church teaching, even in situations when his classmates disagreed with him.
- Carlo was a faithful friend. He was known for standing up for kids at school who got bullied, especially kids with disabilities.
- Carlo was fascinated with computer coding and taught himself some of the basic coding languages, including C and C++.
- Carlo loved playing video games.