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

| Date & Liturgical Celebration | Time | Mass Intentions |
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| Sunday 9th March 2025 1st Sunday of Lent | 6.30pm (Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am | Parish Community Michael Kinrade, RIP (SVP) Private Intention of Ruth Kershaw O/L Lamp: Janice Jones |
| Monday 10 th <i>Weekday, 1st Week of Lent</i> | 9.30am | Geoff Hyden, RIP (E T) |
| Tuesday 11 th <i>Weekday, 1st Week of Lent</i> | 9.30am | Sarah O'Kane, Birthday Thanksgiving (M H) |
| Wednesday 12 th <i>Weekday, 1st Week of Lent</i> | 9.30am 10.00am | Michael Kinrade, RIP (T O'D) Coffee Morning |
| Thursday 13 th <i>Weekday, 1st Week of Lent</i> | 7.00pm | Julius Dutko, Birthday Thanksgiving (K D) |
| Friday 14 th <i>Weekday, 1st Week of Lent</i> Stations of the Cross | 9.30am 7.00pm | Sarah O'Kane, Birthday Thanksgiving (E T) Stations of the Cross |
| Saturday 15 th <i>Weekday, 1st Week of Lent</i> | 10.00am | Geoff Hyden, RIP (M M) |
| Sunday 16th March 2nd Sunday of Lent | 6.30pm (Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am | Parish Community Honor Battershell, Birthday Thanksgiving Christian Riom, Health and Healing (L P) O/L Lamp: Special Intention, The Thomas Family |

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: Jackie Rees, Honor Battershell.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: During Lent, Stations of the Cross at 7pm every Friday.

LENTEN BOOKLETS: 'Walk with Me' Lenten prayer booklets are available in the Porch. Price £1.

DIOCESAN YEARBOOK: Please contact Eileen Thomas (01792 205444). Price £5.

RED MISSIO BOXES: Marie is now collecting your Red *Missio* Boxes and will be banking the proceeds at the end of April. Thanks for your generosity and support.

GEOFF HYDEN, RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Geoff Hyden who passed in the night of 24th February. Funeral Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea on Friday, 21st March at 10am. Body will be received into church on Thursday 20th at 4.30pm. May the Lord grant him eternal rest and rewards. Amen.

DI AND DON MASON, RIP: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Diana (Di) and Donald (Don) Mason. Di and Don were parishioners of Mumbles before moving to Essex at the end of 2021 to be near their family. We received the sad news from their son that Diana passed in September 2024 and Don on 6th February 6, 2025. May the Lord grant them eternal rest and reward.

CAFOD: There will be a Lent Fast Day Appeal at all Masses this weekend 8th/9th March and a 2nd collection after all Masses next weekend. Through CAFOD we support local experts to provide effective solutions to the biggest problems facing people all around the world. Thank you for your support.

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

PARISH BIBLE STUDY ONLINE: **Monday 10th March 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 12th March 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 13th March** at 7.30 to 8.30pm in the Parish Hall. **Theme: The Sacraments.**

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 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: During Lent we are invited to pray for Candidates for the Sacraments (especially on the Sundays of Lent); Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH: For families in Crisis.

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| SUNDAY OFFERING: £962 Thanks for your generosity. | SPUC COLLECTION: £190 | 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
(March - April 2025)

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| Friday 4 April 7pm | PARISH FILM NIGHT | More information nearer the time. |
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Lenten Renewal

Theme: "For I know the plans I have for you"

(Jeremiah 29:11)

Saturday, 22 March 2025

Time: 10am to 1pm

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Mumbles

Facilitators: The Dominican Priests

(Mass, Spiritual Talk, Lunch Break, Adoration & Confession).

The events will be livestreamed. See parish website for the link.

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Lent is a season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practise self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptised into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.