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

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intentions
Sunday 13th July 2025 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30pm (vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Michael Phillips, Successful Operation (P P) Parish Community Private Intention (L O'C P) O/L Lamp Sheila Ward (C S)
Monday 14 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Elizabeth Williams, Wellbeing (L O'C-P)
Tuesday 15 th <i>St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i>	9.30am	Carmel & Dermot Gilmore, RIP Anniversary (S O'K)
Wednesday 16 th <i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Fr Mathias Waribugo OP, RIP Coffee Morning
Thursday 17 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	1.00pm 7.00pm	Wedding Mass Iris Brown, RIP Anniversary (J B)
Friday 18 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Mark Thomas, 2 nd RIP Anniversary (L M)
Saturday 19 th <i>Votive Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</i>	10.00am	Nigel Brown, RIP Anniversary (J B)
Sunday 20th July 2025 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30pm (vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Hywel Rees, RIP Anniversary (B R) Kevin Murphy, Successful Operation (P P) 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: Jill Griffiths, Norma Evans, Rob Stevens, Ian Lamond, Jayne Kelly, Joseph Usoroh.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection this weekend for Sea Sunday.

CAFOD PETITION: Please sign our Petition in the Porch, asking for unjust debt to be cancelled.

The world is currently facing one of the most severe debt crises in history. 54 countries, from Kenya to Sri Lanka, are facing debt distress. Pope Francis made 2025 a Jubilee year, when the Bible calls for debt cancellation to restore justice and human dignity. Thank you for your support. Sarah O'Kane, Rachel Webb and Louise Watkins will be asking people to sign before and after weekend Masses.

HOME CALL: This is to inform us of the passing away of **Angela Miller** on the morning of Thursday, 10 July 2025. Funeral arrangements will be communicated to us in due course. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

WEDDING NOTICE: We rejoice and pray with **Belinda Muthoni Mbuthia** and **Brian Kabue Murakaru** as they are joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on **Thursday, 17th July 2025, 1pm**, in our Parish in Mumbles.

MARCH FOR LIFE UK - 6TH SEPTEMBER: March for Life UK is a major event taking place on Saturday 6th September in London. Thousands of people will join together, united in a show of unity for the value of life from conception and standing up for all those who have been impacted by abortion. If you are interested in taking part, two coaches will be travelling up to London on the day. For further information on the coach leaving from St Dyfrig's, Treforest contact Howard at Howard.bayliss@templebaptist.org.uk; for information about the coach leaving St Alban's, Cardiff and picking up from Newport, contact Clare on 07983 522 851

PARISH PRAYER GROUP: Now meeting every other week in the Church Hall. Please join our next meeting on **Tuesday 22nd July at 7pm**. All are welcome.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY ONLINE: **Monday 4th August at 7pm**. Text: John chapter 14. 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 16th July 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 24th July** at 7.30 to 8.30pm in the Parish Hall.

WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND, AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS: Roy Miller, Frank Bowen, Teresa Plunkett, Kath Bowling, Frances Traylor, Angela Matthews, Yvonne Richards, Bill Gill, John Mannion, Jill Griffiths, Karolina Ashton, Andy Payne, Allan Jones, Noreen Hyden, Rita Power, Mary Richards, Pauline Howard, Elizabeth Williams, Mike Bickerstaff, Caroline Solomon, Maureen Dooley, Arthur Barragry, Sarah Leaman, Cecily Hughes, Anna Dutkova, Roger Eddy, Joy Stafford.

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER: During Ordinary Time (Summer), we are asked to pray for: A Deeper Understanding between Christians & Jews; Those who Suffer Persecution, Oppression & Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY: For formation in discernment.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £818	Thanks for your generosity
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**From the Parish Events Planning Team
UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS
(August 2025)**

Friday 29 August 7pm	PARISH FILM NIGHT	More information later.
Sunday 31 August 1pm	PARISH GARDEN PARTY	More information later.

ON THE UNIVERSALITY OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

(Taken from the Reflection on the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C by Young Catholics)

In the first reading, God reminds Israel of the nearness and ease of His law or laws; simple twin commands of love for the divine and (every) human. Over time, as Jewish society changed from a collective of small farms to a more urban based culture, some laws became harder to understand or apply. People began to focus more on rules about purity than on caring for others. This is why the Gospel story of the Good Samaritan matters so much. Jesus shows that the heart of God's law is love. Loving God and loving others go hand in hand. Following the law is not about looking good or avoiding others who seem unclean. It is about becoming the kind of people who care for those around us.

He uses the example of a Samaritan to show what it means to follow God's will. Samaritans were seen as outsiders who did not keep the law like the Jewish people. Yet, in the parable, the Samaritan does what others do not—he stops to care for someone who is suffering. The priest and Levite, who should have known the law best, ignore the man in need. They may have been concerned about purity rules or their own safety. But Jesus shows that God's law is not about avoiding people. It is about helping them. The Samaritan, though rejected by others, lives out God's call to love.

It is curious that Jesus, the *King Jew* chooses a Samaritan as the hero of the parable. In the Gospel just one chapter earlier, a Samaritan village turned Him away. Still, he does not hold a grudge. He does not see the Samaritans as enemies. Instead, He uses one of them as an example of love and mercy.

The Samaritan in the parable does not ask who the injured man is. He does not stop to question whether the man deserves help. He simply chooses to care for him. Jesus teaches us that love does not carry grudges or make excuses. Loving others means seeing their needs and responding to them with kindness. Jesus shows us how to look past divisions and see every person as a neighbour. When we act with mercy, we become the people God calls us to be.