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

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intentions
Sunday 10th August 2025 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30pm (vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Chris & John Richards, RIP Birthday Anniversary (A R) Parish Community Veronica Davies, RIP (M G)
Monday 11 th <i>St Clare, Virgin</i>	9.30am	Nan Parker, RIP (E T)
Tuesday 12 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 13 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Christiana Akpoghiran, RIP Coffee Morning
Thursday 14 th The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)	7.00pm(vigil)	Gabriel Dutko, Birthday Thanksgiving (K D)
Friday 15 th The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)	9.30am 7.00pm	Margaret Harte, RIP Anniversary (E T) Holy Souls
Saturday 16 th <i>Votive Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</i>	10.00am	Private Intention
Sunday 17th August 2025 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30pm (vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Holy Souls Liam & Mel Battershell, Private Intentions (H B) 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: Tess O'Donoghue, Sandra Morgan, Catherine Maxwell-Carr, Martin Rutegard, Nathan Udoh, David Lewis, Ann White, Janet Jones.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM: HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: 15th August is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. **Mass times: Vigil Mass 7pm on 14th August. 9.30am and 7pm on 15th August.**

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE/PARKING PROHIBITION: The contractors responsible for the works on the Promenade have announced that they will be carrying out resurfacing works on Promenade Terrace (the section of road outside Monsignor Brian Kinrade's house) from 13th to 15th of August. They will need the section of the road clear of vehicles from 7am on Wednesday, 13th of August, through 5pm on Friday, 15th of August 2025.

PARISH FILM NIGHT: We apologise that the Film Night has been moved to Friday, 10th October, 7pm. More information later.

CAFOD: Cafod had sent special thanks to our Priests and Parishioners for raising £850 in the last Fast Day Appeal. This supports projects helping communities all around the world. Thank you all for your generosity and prayers.

FUNERAL MASS FOR ANGELA MILLER: This comes up on **Monday 18 August 2025, 11.00am**, here in our Parish. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

JUBILEE YEAR – PILGRIMS OF HOPE: Jubilee Mass for Religious of the Archdiocese of Cardiff Menevia will be celebrated on **Saturday 27th September, 11am, Mumbles Parish**, Swansea, SA3 4DR. The presiding priest will be Abbot Brendan Thomas OSB, Abbot of Belmont. Holy Mass will be followed by lunch and talk finishing for 2pm. Mass and Talk will be live streamed at ourladystaroftheseamumbles.org.uk

PARISH PRAYER GROUP: Now meeting every other week in the Church Hall. Please join our next meeting on **Tuesday 19th August at 7pm**. All are welcome.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY ONLINE: **Monday 25th August at 7pm**. Text: John chapter 14. 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 13th August 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 21st August** 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.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £890

Thanks for your generosity

PARISH GARDEN PARTY

Date: Sunday, 31st August 2025. Time: 1.00p.m. Venue: Please see notice board for address. Special thanks to our host.

All are invited and welcome. Please invite your families and friends. We would be grateful if parishioners would bring some food and / or a bottle to share. If you have a folding chair and/or a rug, please bring it. Please sign up on the notice board. Thank you.

Supporting the Education of Dominican Priests who Serve Us

Fr Jude has been with us for nearly two years, and his presence has been a blessing to our parish. We are delighted that he loves the parish and Mumbles and is very happy being here. He is following in the footsteps of previous Dominican priests in Mumbles (Fr Victor and Fr Matthew), who served our parish, studied here in Swansea, and returned to Nigeria to use their acquired skills and experience. Similarly, Fr Jude began a master's degree course in Management at Swansea University last autumn. This course, spread over two academic years, costs £10,850 per academic year (international student tuition fee). Last August, you, our wonderful parishioners, raised £6,055, exceeding our target, to enable him to complete the first academic year. Thank you!

When our Dominican priests study here, we, the Dominican Province of Nigeria, always have to pay their tuition fees. Thankfully, you, the parishioners, have been very generous in supporting the tuition fees of our Dominican priests who have served our parish. Your unwavering support and outstanding generosity have made it possible to train Fr Victor, Fr Matthew, and now Fr Jude.

Once again, we are appealing for your kindness. As a parish community, we have always stood by our priests, and now, we have another opportunity to support Fr Jude to enable him to complete the final year of his studies. This is not just an individual effort, but a collective one that reflects our shared commitment to our priests and their service.

We propose to raise £5,850. A donor has pledged to match this amount with £5,000, almost doubling the impact of our collective effort to the required £10,850.

If you wish to contribute to this noble cause, donation envelopes will be available in the porch for your convenience. Simply make your donation, seal the envelope, and drop it in the collection box or through the letterbox of the Presbytery (22 Devon Place). You can also make cheques payable to the "Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia Mumbles Parish". For online bank transfer, please use the following details (Account name: "Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia Mumbles Parish"; Sort code: 556155; Account number: 02016524; Reference: "Dominican Education") and notify us of the transfer as soon as possible. Your contributions, no matter how big or small, will make a difference. Thank you very much.

Fr Michael Akpoghiran, OP