

## Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church

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

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intentions
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025</b> <b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Solemnity)</b>	6.30pm (vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Gilbert Murphy, RIP Anniversary (C M) Parish Community Our Departed Loved Ones
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, &amp; Companions, Martyrs</i>	9.30am	Bernard Clee, RIP (J & A J)
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Peggy Hoare-Davies 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Thanksgiving / Our Departed Loved Ones
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Our Departed Loved Ones Coffee Morning
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.00pm	Anna Dutkova, RIP (K D)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Mari Birch, RIP (Fouracre Family)
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> <i>Votive Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</i>	10.00am	Our Departed Loved Ones
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	6.30pm (vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Elizabeth Farrell, RIP (M A) Liam Battershell Private Intention (H P 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:** Clare Covelli, Rose Cooze.

**CAFOD:** Don't know what to buy family and friends this Christmas? Pick up a CAFOD World Gift Catalogue in the Porch. World Gifts are a wonderful way to share the hope and joy of Christmas with our global family. Once again, thank you for all your wonderful support for CAFOD.

**AWAY NOTICE:** Fr Michael is away in Nigeria from November 6 to December 4 to participate in the Provincial Elective Chapter of the Dominicans in Nigeria & Ghana. This gathering of delegates is held once every four years to elect a provincial (major superior) and other principal officers, and to decide on the most important matters concerning the life and ministry of the Dominicans in the province.

**E-ACTION CAMPAIGN ON ASSISTED DYING – HAVE YOUR SAY:** The Catholic Bishops Conference has launched an e-action campaign to protect vulnerable people and support palliative care. They encourage Catholics and all people of good will to contact their Members of the Senedd regarding the proposed legislation of assisted suicide through Westminster's Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. Please take part through the following links: **Cardiff-Menevia link:** <https://rcadc.org/archbishop-mark-issues-urgent-call-to-oppose-assisted-suicide/>;

**Bishops Conference link:** <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/archbishop-of-cardiff-menevia-urges-catholics-to-oppose-assisted-suicide-in-wales/>

**BERNARD CLEE'S FAMILY:** Gabrielle Clee, Margaret, Maria and family would like to sincerely thank the priests, parishioners and all the friends who so kindly attended Bernard's funeral. The family have greatly appreciated so many Mass offerings, cards and kind words. God Bless.

**BEREAVEMENT SERVICE APPRECIATION:** We would like to express our gratitude to the Parish Bereavement Group and all who joined to make last weekend's Bereavement Service and the lunch afterwards memorable. God bless you all and grant repose to the souls of our departed loved ones.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** Norton House. **Saturday 13th December at 1pm.** Any queries, please contact Rose on 07813157296.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** We encourage parishioners to donate presents for the Christmas Raffle. Proceeds will go towards SVP and Dementia support.

**NOVEMBER – PRAYING FOR HOLY SOULS:** November is traditionally dedicated to praying for the Holy Souls. If you would like your deceased relatives, friends and loved ones remembered at each Mass during November, please put their details in one of the brown envelopes available in the porch and hand it to the priests or put it through the letterbox of the Presbytery. The envelopes will be placed in front of the altar at each Mass in November. Anniversary Mass intentions will be shared with the list.

**PARISH PRAYER GROUP:** Now meeting every other week in the Church Hall. Please join our next meeting on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm.** All are welcome.

**VACANCY:** A dedicated caretaker to join St David's Catholic School. If you would like to find out more information, please visit our website: <https://www.stdavidsatholicprimary.swansea.sch.uk/vacancies/> or contact the school. Telephone: 01792512212 or email: [richardse197@hwbcymru.net](mailto:richardse197@hwbcymru.net).

**ST DAVID'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE:** We are asking for donations to celebrate Christmas for our children. These may be bottles, unwanted gifts (toiletries, jewellery, candles....) toys, cakes, chocolate and international food dishes. Please see poster in the Church Porch for more information or contact **Becky Mc Kay, St David's Catholic School, 01792 512212**

**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 26<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm.**

**PRAYER INTENTION ENVELOPE (HOOR OF GRACE):** If you would like us to pray for an intention during the Hour of Grace please collect a brown prayer intention envelope in the porch. It is NOT a Mass intention envelope. Thank you.

**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, Rita Power, Mary Richards, Pauline Howard, Elizabeth Williams, Mike Bickerstaff, Caroline Solomon, Maureen Dooley, Arthur Barragry, Sarah Leaman, Cecily Hughes, Roger Eddy, Joy Stafford, Fran Jordan, Margaret Frost, Sue Sander, Emily Jones, Wendy Graham, Tess O'Donoghue, Ann Lane.

**THE CYCLE OF PRAYER:** During Ordinary Time (Autumn) we are asked to pray for: The Spread of the Gospel; Students & Teachers; The Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice & Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families.

**THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER:** For the prevention of suicide.

<b>SUNDAY OFFERING: £911      Thank you for your generosity</b>		
<b>From the Parish Events Planning Team UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS (November - December 2025)</b>		
<b>Sat. 13 December 1pm</b>	<b>PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH (at Norton House Hotel)</b>	Please see the previous page of this newsletter for more information.

### **EVERYTHING HOLDS TOGETHER**

*(Poem by Malcom Guite based on Col. 1:15–17)*

Everything holds together, everything,  
From stars that pierce the dark like living sparks,  
To secret seeds that open every spring,  
From spanning galaxies to spinning quarks,  
Everything holds together and coheres,  
Unfolding from the center whence it came.  
And now that hidden heart of things appears,  
The first-born of creation takes a name.

And shall I see the one through whom I am?  
Shall I behold the one for whom I'm made,  
The light in light, the flame within the flame,  
*Eikon tou theou*, image of my God?  
He comes, a little child, to bless my sight,  
That I might come to him for life and light.