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

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intentions
<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
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December <i>1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent</i>	9.30am	Bernard Clee, RIP (A L)
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent</i>	9.30am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> <i>St Francis Xavier, Priest</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Bernard Clee, RIP (G C) Coffee Morning
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent</i>	7.00pm	Michael Griffiths, RIP (M & A O'C)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent</i>	9.30am	Mitchel Obosuvwe, RIP
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Nicholas, Bishop</i>	10.00am	Joseph Brown, RIP Anniversary (J B)
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	6.30pm (vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Beryl Brennan, Private Intention (C B) Parish Community Private Intention

**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:** Jan Davies, Angela Crotty, Dan Power, Kristyn Thomas, Cecily Hughes, Sam Cronin.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES:** Classes have resumed, Sundays, after the 10.30am Mass, in anticipation of reception of First Holy Communion, the coming year. Please contact **Sandra Morgan** and **Marie Fouracre** for registration and details.

**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.

**ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH EVENT:** The Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia would love to invite you to the opening event for Emmaus Encounter for young adults (ages 18-35) on Saturday 13 December at Our Lady & St Michael's Church, Abergavenny. Cost £10 Journey with us for an opportunity to meet new people, have lunch, spend social time together, join discussions, and explore and deepen your faith. The event will also include Holy Mass with Archbishop Mark. Register here: <https://rcadc.org/emmaus-encounter-advent-retreat/>

**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/>

**BABY SOPHIE'S BAPTISM:** We are all invited to welcome Baby Sophie into the Church as she receives the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, next Sunday, 7 December 2025, at the 10.30am Mass. Consequently, Mass will last a little longer than usual. There will be some light refreshment after, courtesy the family.

**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.

**PARISH LADIES' GUILD:** Our next meeting will be our Christmas Lunch on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 12.30pm at the West Cross Inn.**

**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.

**PARISH PRAYER GROUP:** Now meeting every other week in the Church Hall. Please join our next meeting on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 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.stdavidscatholicprimary.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 in the New Year, 2026.**

**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 Advent and Christmastide we are invited to pray for Migrants and Refugees, and for Expectant Mothers.

**THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER:** For Christians in areas of conflict

<b>SUNDAY OFFERING: £837    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.

## **THE ARRIVAL OF HOPE**

*(Poem by The Teaching Couple for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent)*

In the hush of winter's grip,  
a whisper travels on the wind,  
Advent is here, it softly sighs,  
a season of waiting begins.  
Bare trees shiver, their branches bare,  
longing for spring's tender touch,  
But in the cold and the quiet,  
we find a hope that means so much.