

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> <b>(Gaudete Sunday)</b>	6.30pm (vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Colin Plumb, Private Intention (C B) Parish Community Michael Quigley, RIP (M & A B)
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent</i>	9.30am	Patrick & Maura O'Connell, RIP Anniversary (K A)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent</i>	9.30am	Sr Margaret Canny, RIP Anniversary (A LI)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Sr Margaret Canny, RIP Anniversary (M M) Coffee Morning
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent</i>	7.00pm	Becky Hicks, Thanksgiving (M P)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent</i>	9.30am	Anselm Biakolo, RIP
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent</i>	10.00am	Holy Souls
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	6.30pm (vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Private Intention Parish Community Tom Byrne, RIP Anniversary (M & A B)

**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:** Caroline Solomon, Yvonne Richards, Mme Esien, Mark Godsall, Keira Isaac-Clarke.

**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.

**'WALK WITH ME':** These Advent booklets are available in the Porch. Price £1.

**PARISH CHILDRENS' NATIVITY:** We invite children of all ages to join in this celebration, which will take place before the 6.30pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass. Rehearsals are held in the church each Sunday after the 10.30 Mass. Please join us.

**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.

**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/>

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** We encourage parishioners to donate presents for the Christmas Raffle. Proceeds will go towards SVP and Dementia support. We expect that all ticket foils were in by **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December**, with names and contact details on the white tickets please.

**ONE CARD FOR ALL:** This year, why not send your Christmas greetings to all Parishioners by pinning one Christmas card on the board provided in the porch and making a small donation. Money raised will be divided between St David's RC School and The Missionaries of Charity. Thank you.

**PARISH PRAYER GROUP:** Now meeting every other week in the Church Hall. **Next in the New Year, 2026.**

**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).

**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.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** There will be a retiring collection this weekend for **Flowers for Christmas.**

**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, Emily Jones, Wendy Graham, Tess O'Donoghue, Ann Lane.

**CYCLE OF PRAYER:** At Advent and Christmastide we are invited to pray for Migrants and Refugees, and for Expectant Mothers.

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

**SUNDAY OFFERING: £935** Thank you for your generosity

**From the Parish Events Planning Team  
UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS  
(November - December 2025)**

**Sat. 13 December  
1pm**

**PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH  
(at Norton House Hotel)**

Please see the previous page of  
this newsletter for more  
information.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) AT CHRISTMAS**

DATE	TIME	PRIEST(S)
Friday December 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am – 11am (after Mass); 6.30pm-7pm	Visiting Priest
Saturday December 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am – 11am (with Adoration)	Fr Jude and a Visiting Priest
Monday December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6.30pm – 7pm	Visiting Priests

**CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**

DATE	TIME	CELEBRATION
Wednesday December 24 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Christmas Vigil Mass
Wednesday December 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.45pm	Christmas Carols
Wednesday December 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00pm	Mass during the night (Livestreamed)
Christmas Day December 25 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass of Christmas Day
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**A Song of Joy for Gaudete Sunday (by Ron Kenoly)**

*Sing out, the LORD is near  
Build Him a temple here  
A palace of praise, a throne of thanksgiving  
Made for the King of kings!*

*Sing out, a joyful song  
His love goes on and on  
Where praises abound, His glory surrounds us  
Filling His temple here,  
Filling His temple here,  
Sing out the LORD is near!*