

## 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 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)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Week of Advent</i>	9.30am 6.30pm-7pm	Tony Lane, 2 <sup>nd</sup> RIP Anniversary (A L) Sacrament of Reconciliation
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Week of Advent</i>	9.30am	Pauline Howard, Thanksgiving (J R)
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> : CHRISTMAS EVE</b> <b>The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ</b> <b>Children's Nativity Play</b> <b>VIGIL MASS</b> <b>Christmas Carols</b> <b>NIGHT MASS</b>	6.00pm 6.30pm 9.45pm 10.00pm	<b>NO COFFEE MORNING</b>  Children's Nativity Play Fran Jordan, Private Intention (J R) Christmas Carols Mary Lynch, RIP Anniversary (M & A B)
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> : CHRISTMAS DAY</b> <b>The Nativity of Our Lord: First Mass</b> <b>The Nativity of Our Lord: Second Mass</b>	8.30am 10.30am	Alan & Janice Jones, Private Intention (J R) Parish Community
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> <b>NO MASS TODAY</b>		NO MASS TODAY
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> <b>St John, Apostle &amp; Evangelist (Feast)</b>	10.00am	Gaye Clee, Private Intention (J R)
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b> <b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph (Feast)</b>	6.30pm (vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Peter Jones & Daniel Fleming, RIP Anniversary (M J) Jackie Rees, Private Intention (P H) 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:** Peter Andrewes.

**'WALK WITH ME':** Booklets are available in the Porch. Price £1.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** We raised £1000 to be shared between SVP and Dementia Care. Thanks to you all. You have been generous with raffle prizes.

**CRIB OFFERINGS:** As advised by the Archdiocese, offerings this year will go towards Aid to the Church in Need/Caritas Cardiff - Menevia working with homeless people.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS:** The traditional Christmas Offering (cash, cheque, bank transfer) is your gift to the parish clergy. Envelopes are available in the porch. Thank you.

**PARISH CHILDRENS' NATIVITY:** We invite children of all ages to join in this celebration, which will take place at 6pm, before the 6.30pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass. Rehearsals are held in the church each Sunday after the 10.30 Mass. Please join us.

**FLOWER ARRANGERS:** Please meet at the church on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December** at 9.30am. Thank you.

**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.

**CHRISTMAS READERS:** Readers interested in taking readings at the Christmas Masses may please sign up on the sheet in the porch.

**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.

**WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING:** A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the Wednesday Coffee Morning this year, especially the bakers and servers. We have raised almost £4,000 for Charity plus an additional £500 for Macmillan Cancer Support. We will be taking a two-week break over Christmas, back 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026. More helpers are always welcome. Please contact Eileen Waters 07592 829091 if interested.

**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.

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

**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, 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.

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

<b>SUNDAY OFFERING:</b> £961	<b>FLOWERS:</b> £209.65	<b>RAFFLE:</b> £1000	Thank you for your generosity
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### 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

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Wednesday December 24 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Children's Nativity Play
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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### ST PAUL ON LOVE

*If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels...*

*If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge...*

*If I have a faith that can move mountains...*

*If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship...*

*But do not have LOVE, I am nothing.*

*LOVE is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.*

*It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.*

*LOVE does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.*

*It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. LOVE never fails...*

*And now these three remain: faith, hope and LOVE.*

*But the greatest of these is LOVE (1 Cor 13:1-13).*