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

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intentions
Sunday 11th January 2026 The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)	6.30pm (vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Anne Meredith, Private Intention (J R) Mrs G. Clee, Private Intention (P H) Birthday Thanksgiving, Fr Jude, OP. O/L Lamp: For the Intention of John Jones.
Monday 12th Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.30am	Bernard Clee, RIP (G C)
Tuesday 13th Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.30am	Peter Tenant, RIP Anniversary, 15 th January (B T)
Wednesday 14th Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 10.00am	Anne Beresford, RIP Anniversary (N E) COFFEE MORNING
Thursday 15th Weekday in Ordinary Time	7.00pm	Chloe Skinner, 10 th January Birthday Thanksgiving (J B)
Friday 16th Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.30am	Rita Ehigie, RIP
Saturday 17th St Anthony, Abbot	10.00am	Agnes Ogunsanwo, RIP
Sunday 18th January 2026 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30pm (vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Iris Brown, Birthday RIP (J B) Patricia Maxwell, Successful Eye Operation (P P & K M) Parish Community

CONFESIONS: 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: Vince Edwards, Fr Jude Akpobasa, Martin Garry, Eileen Kennedy, Lucia Derriman, Sonia Capper, Gregor Dutko.

APPRECIATION: Mgr. Brian Kinrade is thanking you all, parishioners of our church, for all your prayers, cards and many kindnesses for his Birthday.

DOMINICAN LAITY: You can become a member of the Dominican Family (the Order of Preachers) as a lay Catholic, single or married. To learn about the Dominican Laity, please join our open day event on **Saturday, 24th January, at 11am in the Parish Hall**. See the next page of this newsletter for more information.

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.

ONE CARD FOR ALL: Amount raised from donations was £100

COPIES OF THE DIOCESAN YEAR BOOK: Now available in the Porch: price £5

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 date to be announced later.

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. The next session will be on Wednesday, **28th January 2026**. Theme: **The Sign of the Cross**.

PRAYER INTENTION ENVELOPE (HOUR 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: In the Winter Season we are invited to pray for Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; Victims of Human Trafficking and Those Who Work to Combat It; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; The Unemployed

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY: That the Word of God may be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary church.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £879	Thank you for your generosity
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THE EPIPHANY AT THE LORD'S BAPTISM

At Christmas and a little after the Church celebrates the Epiphany – the ‘showing forth’ or ‘manifestation’ of God to the world in the human form of Jesus Christ. Three of such celebrations are the adoration of Jesus by the Magi, the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan, and the Presentation of the Lord Jesus.

We focus on Baptism, especially of children and how much it has become a wider celebration for family and friends. This is the day when the parents, like the Father to Jesus, proclaim: “This is my son/daughter in whom we are well pleased!” However, the celebration for the Church is much more than the family inviting everyone to rejoice at the human birth of the child, wonderful as it is! To each of us in Baptism the Holy Spirit comes making us children of God. It is the basic sacrament of “rebirth”. Washed with water and consecrated by the Holy Spirit, the baptised begin a new life in Christ who died and is risen. Over each of us the Father said “You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased!”

- *From a Reflection by Monsignor Daniel McHugh*

JOIN THE DOMINICAN LAITY & BE PART OF THE DOMINICAN FAMILY

Members of the Dominican Laity, also known as Lay Dominicans or Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic, are men and women, both single and married, who live a Christian life inspired by the spirituality of St. Dominic (founder of the Order of Preachers) in the secular world. They are part of the larger Dominican family, which includes friars, nuns, apostolic sisters, the youth movement, priestly fraternities, and secular institutes, and are committed to the mission of preaching the Gospel and promoting the truth of Christ. Lay Dominicans are members of the Dominican Order, sharing in its spiritual benefits, prayers, and mission, and are supported by the friars and nuns in their spiritual journey.

Membership in the Dominican Laity is open to practising Catholics who are at least 18 years old and seeking to deepen their spiritual life and commitment to the Church. With over 80,000 members worldwide, the Dominican Laity continues to play a vital role in the Church's mission, especially in promoting truth, combating falsehood, and fostering holiness in everyday life.

For more information on how to join the Dominican Laity, please join our open day event: **Saturday, 24th January, 11am in the Parish Hall.** You may also contact Fr Michael or Fr Jude for more information.