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'Love God, Love Learning, Love Life''

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

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intentions
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
Monday 19th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	For the Unity of Christians
Tuesday 20th <i>St Fabian, Pope & Martyr</i>	9.30am	Paul Onelum, RIP
Wednesday 21st <i>St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Celestina Ajuka, RIP COFFEE MORNING
Thursday 22nd <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.00pm	Gregor Dutko, Birthday Thanksgiving (K D)
Friday 23rd <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Grace Obozuwa Uwaya, RIP
Saturday 24th <i>St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i>	10.00am	Birthday Thanksgiving (Private)
Sunday 25th January 2026 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30pm (vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Victoria Onelum, RIP Parish Community Intention of the donor

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: Eileen Waters

ASSISTED SUICIDE DEBATE – 27TH JANUARY: On Tuesday 27th January, the Senedd will vote on whether Wales should consent to Westminster's Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, which would legalise assisted suicide. Archbishop Mark O'Toole of Cardiff-Menevia and Bishop Peter Brignall of Wrexham have issued a joint statement ahead of this vote. The statement will be read in all churches this weekend, and copies will be available in the porch.

APPRECIATION: Mgr. Brian Kinrade and Fr. Jude are thanking you all, parishioners of our church, for all your prayers, cards, gifts and many kindnesses for their Birthdays.

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.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a Second Collection next weekend for The White Flower Appeal; Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) 2026.

PARISH LADIES' GUILD: Next Meeting will be on **Wednesday 21st January at 2pm** in the Parish Hall. **Topic:** Forward Planning

PARISH PRAYER GROUP: Now meeting every other week in the Church Hall. Next on **Tuesday 20th January at 7pm** in the Parish Hall.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY: You are welcome to join our Parish Bible Study on Zoom (recorded for a later review). **Monday 9th February at 7pm.** Text: John chapter 17. Zoom Meeting ID: 585 166 8513. Please contact Fr Michael for an audio recording.

CATHOLIC ROUND TABLE: Join us to discuss Catholic teachings from a biblical background. The next meeting is on **Thursday 12th February**, 7.30 to 8.30pm in the Parish Hall. Remote Zoom attendance is available. Zoom ID: 585 166 8513

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: £957

CRIB DONATIONS: £180 Thank you for your generosity

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.

