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

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intentions
Sunday 10th May 2026 6th Sunday of Eastertide	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am	Anna Dutkova, RIP Anniversary (K D) Daniel Fouracre, RIP Anniversary (Fouracre Family) Fiona Judd, RIP (B & D D)
Monday 11 th <i>Weekday, 6th Week of Eastertide</i>	9.30am	The Parish, Thanksgiving (J R)
Tuesday 12 th <i>Weekday, 6th Week of Eastertide</i>	9.30am	Gino Cresci, RIP (A Ll)
Wednesday 13 th <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i> Vigil Mass of the Ascension of the Lord (Solemnity)	9.30am 10.00am 7.00pm	Jackie Rees, Thanksgiving (J R) COFFEE MORNING Parish Community
Thursday 14 th Holy Day of Obligation Ascension of the Lord (Solemnity)	9.30am 7.00pm	Holy Souls Private Intentions of a Donor
Friday 15 th <i>Friday after the Ascension</i>	9.30am	Fr Clement Oloruntoba OP, Birthday Thanksgiving
Saturday 16 th <i>Saturday after the Ascension</i>	10.00am	Private Intentions of a Donor
Sunday 17th May 2026 7th Sunday of Eastertide	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am	Edna & Frank Kent, RIP Anniversary (A R & J M) Parish Community Loretto Hunt & Seamus Walsh, RIP (H 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: Sandra Francis, Sharon Garry, Roberto Cianci, Marie-Pierre Touchard, Malakai Wigley, Fr Clement Oloruntoba.

ARCHBISHOP MARK O'TOOLE'S INVITATION FOR VOCATIONS: From his recent pastoral letter to the Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia, the Archbishop is inviting all unmarried men who feel God may be calling them to the priesthood to take a first step in discernment. He invites every unmarried man who is open to this call to join him for **Evening Prayer at St David's Cathedral, Cardiff, on Sunday 31st May at 3:30pm**, followed by an opportunity to meet with the Archbishop and others exploring the same vocation. To watch Archbishop Mark read the pastoral letter, scan the QR code below. To register your interest, please email vocations@cardiffmenevia.org.

SOLEMNITY OF THE LORD'S ASCENSION: Thursday, 14th May is the Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension and a Holy Day of Obligation, which means all Catholics are expected to attend Mass. There will be 3 Masses: Wednesday, 13 May, Vigil Mass at 7pm; Thursday, 14 May, Masses at 9.30am and 7pm. Please be informed that children from St. David's School will be attending the 9.30am Mass. For this purpose, a good number of pews will be reserved.

NEW PARKING RESTRICTIONS: Please be mindful of the new parking restrictions on the notice poles stationed right outside the Church.

SECOND COLLECTION: Second Collection for next weekend is for World Communications. Thank you.

MAY DEVOTION TO OUR LADY: The month of May is traditionally a month of devotion to Our Lady. Please join us in saying a livestreamed Rosary after the 9.30am Mass on Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays and during the Saturday Adoration (after the 10am Mass).

WELSH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE TAPER, CARDIGAN: Led by Rt Rev Peter Brignall – Bishop of Wrexham. **Sunday, 17 May 1.30 – 5.45pm.** Event includes Confessions, Rosary Procession, Mass, Benediction and Blessing of the Sick. For further information contact Canon Pius Augustine on 01239 612 615

NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME: This year there will not be an NSG Open Day at 9 Willowbrook Gardens SA3 5EB, but the garden is looking its Spring best. You are welcome to visit between now and August and donations to OLSS Parish Funds may be made if you wish. For groups of 5 or more, teas can be available. Please contact Gislinde Gallagher Macpherson on 07762430714. Thank you.

RACE FOR LIFE: Jan Davies will be taking part again this year in the Swansea **Race for Life** on **Sunday 17th May**. If you wish to sponsor her, there will be forms in the porch for you to sign. Any contributions may be given to Jan or Maggie.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP: Meets every other week in the Church Hall. Next on **Tuesday 19th May 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) on **Monday 11th May at 7pm**. Text: Acts of the Apostles. 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 14th May**, 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, Hymns, Worship Songs, Intercessions for Various Intentions, and Benediction. Next session to be announced later.

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: 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, Joshua Lane, Bernard O'Leary, Mark McGaw, Judith Adams, Aidan Byrne, Tina Law, Breda Tennant.

CYCLE OF PRAYER: During Eastertide, we are invited to pray for *Survivors of Abuse; New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work.*

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY: That everyone might have food: that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £939

Thank you for your generosity

From the Parish Events Planning Team
UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS
(April – June 2026)

Friday 19 June 7pm	PARISH FILM NIGHT	More information later
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Papal Reflection on the 6th Sunday of Easter YEAR A
Pope Benedict XVI

This Sunday's Gospel, taken from Chapter 14 of the Gospel according to St John, gives us an implicit spiritual portrait of the Virgin Mary when Jesus says: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him" (see Jn 14: 23). These words are addressed to the disciples but can be applied to a maximum degree precisely to the One who was the first and perfect disciple of Jesus. Mary, in fact, observed first and fully the words of her Son, showing that she loved him not only as a mother, but first of all as a humble and obedient handmaid. For this reason God the Father loved her and the Most Holy Trinity made its dwelling place in her. Furthermore, when Jesus promises his friends that the Holy Spirit will come to their aid to help them remember and deeply understand his every word (see Jn 14: 26), how can we not think of Mary who, in her heart, the temple of the Holy Spirit, pondered and interpreted faithfully all that her Son said and did? Thus, already before Easter but especially after it the Mother of Jesus also became the Mother and model of the Church.

Taken from: Pope Benedict XVI, *Regina Caeli Address* at Saint Peter's Square, 9th May 2010.



Archbishop Mark reads his Pastoral Letter: QR CODE