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

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intentions
Sunday 12th July 2026 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Sea Sunday)	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am	Patricia Ukeri, RIP (Family & Friends) Parish Community Bernard O'Leary, RIP (S J)
Monday 13 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Fr Mathias Waribugo OP, RIP
Tuesday 14 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Terry O'Sullivan, RIP (M A)
Wednesday 15 th <i>St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Sheila Sullivan, RIP (M M) COFFEE MORNING
Thursday 16 th <i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>	7.00pm	Fr Clement OP & Fr Thaddaeus OP, Priestly Ordination Anniv. Thanksgiving
Friday 17 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Archbishop Augustine Akubeze, RIP
Saturday 18 th <i>Votive Memorial of Our Lady</i>	10.00am	Families and Victims of the Venezuela Earthquake, Respite and Succour
Sunday 19th July 2026 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am	Hywel Rees, RIP Anniversary (B R) Parish Community Holy Souls O/L Lamp: John Fenton, RIP (Fouracre Family)

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: Maureen Jensen, Gill Griffiths, Norma Evans, Rob Stevens.

THE ARCHDIOCESE IS HIRING - DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: We are looking for an experienced, inspirational leader to join our Education team as Deputy Director of Education. This part-time role (3 days a week, negotiable) offers a salary of £43,000 pro-rata and involves supporting Catholic schools and colleges across the Archdiocese alongside the Director of Education. Candidates should be practising Catholics committed to Catholic education. Closing date: 14th July 2026. Visit our website for full details and how to apply. <https://rcadc.org/vacancy-deputy-director-of-education/>

ROAD CLOSURES: 1) This Sunday, **12th July 2026**, in view of the **Swansea Ironman 70.3** event, there will be rolling road closures, from East Burrows Road Car Park to Oystermouth Road, and on through the Gower, between 6am and 5pm. Please make alternative arrangements, if necessary and possible, for your Sunday Mass attendance. 2) For two consecutive weekends, **10am Friday 17th to 8pm Sunday 19th (RNLI Raft Race)** and **10am Friday 24th to 8pm Sunday 26th (Wales International Air Show)**, the bottom end of Promenade Terrace, adjacent to the park and play area will be closed. Access to the church will not be impeded as there will be a two-way traffic for the rest of Promenade Terrace.

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE GRAVE OF SAINT JOHN KEMBLE: This year's pilgrimage takes place on Sunday 23rd August 2026. It begins with Holy Mass at 9.15am at St Mary's Church, Monmouth, from where pilgrims will walk to Welsh Newton, at 10.15am. Rosary, Readings and Prayers will follow, 3.00pm, at St. John Kemble's Grave in the Churchyard at Welsh Newton. Finally, Benediction follows in St Mary's Church at 4.15pm, and afterwards tea will be served in the garden, and produce sold. Please bring a packed lunch as you come. For further enquiries, please contact the Pilgrimage Secretary: Mrs M Walsh, on 07907 616578.

PARISH GARDEN PARTY: Please we would appreciate it, if one of us would kindly volunteer their garden to host this year's Garden Party coming up next month, **23rd August 2026**. We assure you that all that is required is the garden space and every other arrangement will be handled by the Parish. Please contact Fr Michael or Fr Jude, if you are happy to volunteer.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend there will be a second Collection for Sea Sunday.

SVP SUMMER RAFFLE - PLEASE SUPPORT: Raffle Tickets are now on sale at the back of church for the SVP Summer Raffle which raises funds for national (England & Wales) and local projects. Half of the proceeds raised will come back to benefit local parish projects. Tickets cost £1 each and are available in books of 5. First Prize is £5000 and the draw takes place on 24th September. Please return ticket stubs by Sunday 6th September. *It could be you!* For further information, please contact **Martin Kearns** on **07738 600069**.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP: Meets every other week in the Church Hall. Next on **Tuesday 14th July 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 27th July at 7pm.** Text: Acts of the Apostles chap 3. 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 23rd July**, 7.30 to 8.30pm in the Parish Hall. Remote Zoom attendance is available. Zoom ID: 585 166 8513

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, Hymns, Worship Songs, Intercessions for Various Intentions, and Benediction. Next session will be on **Wednesday 15th July**.

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: 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, Mark McGaw, Judith Adams, Tina Law, Breda Tennant, John Jones.

CYCLE OF PRAYER: During Ordinary Time (Summer), *i.e.* up to September, we are asked to pray for these intentions: A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY: For the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £ 985

Thank you for your generosity

**From the Parish Events Planning Team
UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS
(August 2026)**

23 August 2026

PARISH GARDEN PARTY

More information later.

“As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it...”

Isaiah 55:10-11