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

| Date & Liturgical Celebration                                                              | Time                        | Mass Intentions                                                                                                            |
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| <b>Sunday 2nd August 2026</b><br><b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>            | 6.30pm<br>8.30am<br>10.30am | Holy Souls<br>Parish Community<br>For Respect of Human Life and Dignity<br>O/L Lamp: Continued Healing (The Thomas Family) |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup><br><i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>                                  | 9.30am                      | Martin Edmonds, RIP (M E)                                                                                                  |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup><br><i>St John Mary Vianney, Priest</i>                             | 9.30am                      | Sheila Sullivan, RIP (F J)                                                                                                 |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup><br><i>The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major</i>        | 9.30am<br>10.00am           | Allan & Janice Jones, 60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (A & J J)<br><b>COFFEE MORNING</b>                              |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup><br><b>The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)</b>                 | 7.00pm                      | Mary Richards, RIP (E W)                                                                                                   |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup><br><i>St Sixtus II, Pope, &amp; Companions, Martyrs</i>             | 9.30am                      | Martin Edmonds, RIP (E T)                                                                                                  |
| Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup><br><b>St Dominic, Priest (Feast)</b>                              | 10.00am                     | For the Causes of the Dominican Order & Province of Nigeria and Ghana.                                                     |
| <b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2026</b><br><b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> | 6.30pm<br>8.30am<br>10.30am | John & Chris Richards, Anniversary RIP (A R)<br>Martin Edmonds, RIP (T O'D)<br>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:** David Johnston, Rachel Jones, Sarah Noel, Fabio Falconieri, Martha Ezeugaenyi.

**FEAST DAY MASS OF ST DOMINIC:** Saturday 8 August 2026 being the Feast Day of the Dominicans, Mass will be celebrated as usual at 10.00am here in our Parish but will be concelebrated just by our parish Dominican priests due to priestly weekend commitments.

**CLERGY MOVE & ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT:** Fr Gregory Beckett will move from being assistant priest in St David's, City Centre, along with St Illtyd's, Swansea, to be assistant priest at Our Lady of the Valleys, being resident at St Dyfrig's, Treforest.

**Fr Jude Akpobasa, OP:** In addition to being a priest of our parish, Fr Jude will assist Canon Paul Watson at St David's, along with St Illtyd's. This additional assignment does NOT change Fr Jude's role and status as a priest of Mumbles Parish. He will remain resident here in Mumbles and continue to serve our parish.

**MATTHEW MULCAHY SPONSORED WALK:** This year's sponsored walk will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> September commencing 2.00pm from Stella Maris Convent and is in support of the Ursuline Sisters' Mission in Madagascar which feeds and educates orphaned and abandoned street children. Please walk with us or consider sponsoring walkers. Full route details are available in the porch. Halfway refreshments will again be kindly provided by Our Lady Star of the Sea. Please support us.

**GLOBAL DEBT CRISIS:** Last year many of you signed Cafod's Petition and we continue to urge the Government to address this problem. Many low-income countries are pushed into a deepening debt crisis, forced to pay ever higher interest rates to wealthy lenders. This is money that should be spent on food, healthcare and education. Please sign the Petition in the porch to help end this crisis. Thank you for your help.

**PARISH GARDEN PARTY:** We are grateful and appreciate the generous volunteers who have offered their gardens to host this year's Garden Party coming up next month, **23<sup>rd</sup> August 2026**. The venue for this year will be at **Gislinde Macpherson's**. Further details coming up shortly.

**PARISH PRAYER GROUP:** Meets every other week in the Church Hall. Next on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 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 10<sup>th</sup> August 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 6<sup>th</sup> August**, 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 12<sup>th</sup> August.**

**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, Pauline Howard, Elizabeth Williams, Mike Bickerstaff, Caroline Solomon, 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, Breda Tennant, John Jones, Margaret Joyce-Brown.

**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 AUGUST:** For evangelisation in the city, that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

**SUNDAY OFFERING: £1061**

Thank you for your generosity

## PARISH GARDEN PARTY

**Date: Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2026. Time: 1.00p.m. Venue: Please see notice board for address.** Special thanks to our host.

All are invited and welcome. Please invite your families and friends. We would be grateful if parishioners would bring some food and / or a bottle to share. If you have a folding chair and/or a rug, please bring it. Please sign up on the notice board. Thank you.

## Saint David's Catholic Primary School

### An Exceptionally Successful Year

It has been an exceptionally successful year for St David's, with many significant milestones, including a positive Estyn inspection, a successful Section 50 Catholic Schools Inspection, achieving School of Sanctuary status, and most recently, being awarded the Siarter Iaith Gold Award. These accomplishments are a testament to the commitment and dedication of our staff, pupils, governors, parents and parish, all working together to live out our mission of Love God, Love Learning, Love Life.

## REFLECTION

*Both the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading (Is 55:1-3) and the Gospel (Matthew 14:13-21) reveal the truism expressed by Christ that cut off from him, from God, man is and could do nothing (cf. Jn 15:5); a similar sentiment proclaimed by Poseidon to the boastful Trojan war hero, Odysseus, in Homer's epic: The Odyssey. The LORD alone supplies true food and drink. Our earthly material food is thanks to his almighty creative genius (cf. Gn 1). More importantly, our spiritual nourishment is his Eucharistic gift. Our mental nourishment – wisdom, knowledge, understanding – issue from the word of his mouth (cf. Mt 4:4; Prv 2:6). But for his redemptive action, we would be doomed to eternal perdition!*

*The Church sings her thankful acknowledgement of God, through the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 145), "You open your hand, Lord, and satisfy the desire of all!" (v. 16).*

*The 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading (Rm 8:35,37-39), presents Paul's and the Church's assurance of God's absolute commitment to the cause of his creatures, especially humanity, experienced through and in Christ Jesus. So help us God. Amen... (Fr. Jude A. Akpobasa, OP)*