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

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intentions
Sunday 9th August 2026 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am	John & Chris Richards, Anniversary RIP (A R) Martin Edmonds, RIP (T O'D) Parish Community
Monday 10 th St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr (Feast)	9.30am	Fr Peter Robertson, RIP Anniversary (N E)
Tuesday 11 th <i>St Clare, Virgin</i>	9.30am	Martin Edmonds, RIP (M M)
Wednesday 12 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am 10.00am	For All Parishioners, Thanksgiving (M J-B) COFFEE MORNING
Thursday 13 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.00pm	Gabriel Dutko, Birthday Thanksgiving (K D)
Friday 14 th <i>St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr</i>	9.30am	Margaret Harte, RIP Anniversary (E T)
Saturday 15 th <i>Votive Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</i>	10.00am	Martin Edmonds, RIP (E W)
Sunday 16th August 2026 The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am	Martin Edmonds, RIP (T, C, K & J L) Larry Reilly, 48 th RIP Anniversary (S R) 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: Tess O'Donoghue, Sandra Morgan, Catherine Maxwell-Carr, Martin Rutegard, Nathan Udoh, David Lewis.

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.

FROM THE ARCHBISHOP: 1) There will be a 2nd Reading and vote in the House of Commons for the **Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life Bill)** on 11 September. As Catholics, we oppose this legislation in principle as it attacks the innate dignity of every person. It is also very poorly written and gives no safeguards to healthcare staff, nursing homes, or hospices all of whom will be pressured to implement the bill if the legislation is passed. I encourage all Catholics to write to their MP. The Bishops' Conference has produced has a scannable QR code, available on its website at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/> [1]. On the page, there are various resources, copies of statements and guidance on writing to your MP, and please do so, to protect the most vulnerable in our society. Many thanks.

2) The Guild of St Stephen for Altar Servers and the Maryvale Institute run an **annual 6-month course for adult Altar Servers**, exploring the history of liturgy, the sacraments, scripture, communication, leadership and people skills and the theology of service. There are no pre-requisite education requirements, and it is delivered online in 1-hour monthly evening sessions, with an optional one day in-person session at Oscott College, Birmingham at the end of the course. The deadline for registration for the next cohort is 15th September 2026. For more information see the attached flyer or the Guild of St Stephen website guildofststephen.org/certificate or email Deacon Paul Briers on certificate@guildofststephen.org.

MATTHEW MULCAHY SPONSORED WALK: This year's sponsored walk will take place on 13th 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, **23rd August 2026**. The venue for this year will be at **Gislinde Macpherson's**. Please sign up on the notice board sheet in the porch, indicating interest to attend and the food you intend to come with.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP: Meets every other week in the Church Hall. Next on **Tuesday 11th 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 17th 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 20th 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 12th 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, Maureen Dooley, 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: £983

Thank you for your generosity

PARISH GARDEN PARTY

Date: Sunday, 23rd 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

The Readings today centre on our recognition of God and His power to save, especially in turmoil. Whereas, in the 1st Reading. (1 Kgs 19:9,11-13), Elijah recognise(s) Him in the gentle, silent breeze, in his flight from mortal peril; in the Gospel (Mt 14:22-33), Peter and the other disciples, in being saved from drowning, many of the Jews did not – or perhaps, refuse to – despite countless theophanies, the object of Paul's lament in the 2nd Reading. (Rm 9:1-5). We pray like the Psalmist (Ps 85:9-14), "Open our eyes, O LORD, to see and recognise You as we trust in your saving help." Amen... (Fr. Jude A. Akpobasa, OP)