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

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intentions
Sunday 30th August 2026 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30pm (vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Peter Quinn, Anniversary (V Q) Parish Community Louisa Akujobi-Ibe, 50 th Birthday Thanksgiving O/L Lamp: Eddie Atkinson, RIP (Stott & Fouracre Family)
Monday 31 st <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Michael Coles, RIP Birthday (J C)
Tuesday 1 st September <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Rita Power, RIP (M M)
Wednesday 2 nd <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Jimmy McCann, RIP Anniversary (N E) COFFEE MORNING
Thursday 3 rd Funeral Mass <i>St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor</i>	10.30am 7.00pm	Funeral Mass for Rita Power Rita Power, RIP (BR)
Friday 4 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Harry Ose-Omoregie, RIP
Saturday 5 th <i>St Teresa of Kolkata</i>	10.00am	Lay Dominicans, Intentions
Sunday 6th September 2026 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30pm (vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Tomas Dutko, Birthday Thanksgiving (K D) The Battershell Family, Health & Wellbeing (H B) Parish Community O/L Lamp: Jackie Rees (A Ll)

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: Eno Usoroh, Clare Power, Michael Udoh, Julie Ryan.

RITA POWER, RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rita Power who died on Sunday evening, 16th August. Funeral Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea on Thursday 3rd September at 10.30am. May the Lord grant her eternal rest and rewards. Amen.

LAY DOMINICAN GROUP: With busy lives it can be easy to lose sight of what gives life meaning, of what we believe as Catholics. These questions are at the heart of the Dominican tradition - a tradition of learning and seeking truth together. Why not come along to our next meeting on Saturday 5th September at 11am in the Parish Room. We're a very friendly group and you'd be most welcome.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP: Meets every other week in the Church Hall. Next on **Tuesday 8th September 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 31st 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 3rd September 7.30 to 8.30pm** in the Parish Hall. Remote Zoom attendance is available. Zoom ID: 585 166 8513

OUR 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 9th September.**

PRAYER INTENTION ENVELOPE (OUR 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, 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, Mary Hunter.

CYCLE OF PRAYER: From September to Christ the King, we are asked to pray for these intentions: The Spread of the Gospel; Students and Teachers; The Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and the Families.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER: For the care of water. Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £915

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APPRECIATION: PARISH GARDEN PARTY

Here's to say a very big "Thank you" to our generous host, Gislinde Macpherson, for sharing the beauty and hospitality of her garden with us. Thank you to the Parish Events-planning Team members, volunteer logistics personnel, arrangers, food and drink donors, dear wonderful parishioners and friends of our Mumbles Parish in attendance and all who made the event so memorable!!! God bless you all.

From the Parish Events-Planning Team UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS (October - December 2026)

23 October 2026 7pm	PARISH FILM NIGHT	More information later.
7 November 2026 11am	PARISH BEREAVEMENT SERVICE	More information later.
12 December 2026 12.30pm	PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH	Norton House Hotel (£28 for 2 courses; £33 for 3 courses)
13 December 2026 After the 10.30am Mass	CHRISTMAS RAFFLE	More information later.

REFLECTION: LOVING/LOVE IN SACRIFICE

The 1st Reading (Jr 20:7-9) echoes sentiments of a maiden fallen in love with a long-repelled lover who has made a joke of her defences. Jeremiah's words, made into song, are sung by religious making profession or virgins being consecrated: You have seduced me Yahweh, you have seduced me, and I have let myself be seduced! (2ce)

You have overpowered me (3ce), Yahweh! You are the stronger, and I wonder how great you are! Overwhelmed by love, both lover and the beloved spare no cost, count no loss, in changing to fit the expectation of the other; no one else's matters. We must be quite familiar with the phrase, "forsaking all others", professed by couples when exchanging marital vows at weddings. Such (sometimes quite radical) love-rooted change is what renewal St Paul describes in his request to the Church in Rome – and to us, in today's 2nd Reading (Rm 12:1-2). Nothing else satisfies, but the pleasure of the object of our love, burning like fire in our hearts, like Jeremiah's; a thirsting in our souls like parched desert lands or water-starved throats, like the Responsorial Psalm proclaims (Ps 63:2-6,8-9).

Certainly, all genuine love demand sacrifice. Says St Teresa of Calcutta: Love to be real, must cost, must hurt, must empty us of self. Likewise writes Stephen Payne: The most beautiful act of love is sacrifice. Much sweeter is love and twice genuine when its sacrifice is mutually reciprocated! This reciprocation of sacrificial, cross-bearing-to-death, devoted, love is Jesus' demand of his disciples, while he rebukes Satan in the Gospel (Mt 16:21-27). The happy and most consoling end of this Christocentric sacrificial love is the promise of glory, confirmed by the LORD's own Resurrection, an end to which we all look in hope as people of faith.
(Fr. Jude A. Akpobasa, OP)