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

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass 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) Joe Hunter, RIP Anniversary (P J) O/L Lamp: Jackie Rees (A Ll)
Monday 7 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 8 th Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)	9.30am	Parish Community
Wednesday 9 th <i>Blessed Frederic Ozanam</i>	9.30am 10.00am	For the Poor & Oppressed in Our World COFFEE MORNING
Thursday 10 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.00pm	Holy Souls
Friday 11 th <i>St Deiniol, Bishop</i>	9.30am	Jim Taylor, RIP Anniversary (J R)
Saturday 12 th The Most Holy Name of Mary (Feast)	10.00am	For Our Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia
Sunday 13th September 2026 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time Education Sunday	6.30pm (vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Parish Community Theo Battershell, Health & Wellbeing (H B) Michael Policelli, RIP Birthday (L P) O/L Lamp: Rhiannon Williams, RIP Anniversary

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 Diddams, Emmanuel Udoh, Sam Rees, Delyth Johnstone

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a Second Collection next weekend, 12/13th September for Education Sunday.

MISSIO BOXES: Marie asks if you could kindly bring in your Red Boxes for banking. Any queries please call her on 403530. Thank you.

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 14th**

September at 7pm. Text: Acts of the Apostles chap 4. 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 17th September** 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 9th September.**

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, 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, Jackie Rees.

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: £989

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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)

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

REFLECTION

There must be well near a hundred professional and polite ways of telling off one whom we consider a nose-poker/meddler in our own affairs, not to mention the unrestrained thousands of ways of doing the same. And how good it feels doing the latter!!

Some preacher once cried out exasperatedly: O LORD, could you just leave me alone to mind my own business?! *Ring a bell – myself, you, or the Prophet Jeremiah, in last Sunday's 1st Reading (Jr 20:7-9)??* After all, did not, St Paul encourage minding one's business in his 1 Thes 4:11?

Yes, we are rightly encouraged to lead quiet, gentle lives, mind our own business and work with our hands, that is, not to be idle. But here is our own business: the salvation of every soul as far as our efforts and prayers can go! That is all the readings wish to have settled in our hearts and minds today; the modalities of execution entirely ours and God's Holy Spirit working in all.

From the 1st Reading today (Ezk 33:7-9), for the sake of the city's safety and its soldiers' alertness – his business, God gifts the sentinel with vision. His warnings become God's own awakening to His beloved people whose wellbeing He never ceases to desire. Sounding this warning, like praying for and admonishing the wrongdoer in kindness, is the Christian's show and payment of the debt of love to the otherwise perdition-bound stray (cf. 2nd Rdg: Rm 13:8-10). Like the Psalmist, we pray: O that today we would listen to His voice with pliable hearts (Ps 95:8). For we ourselves, at various points of weakness, could very well be the ones in need of such admonition or warnings: Let him/her who is without sin cast the first stone, Jn 8:7, right?

Realising that we are all flawed in different ways, at different times, and in varying degrees, the Gospel (Mt 18:15-20) underscores putting the best effort in achieving mutual forgiveness and reconciliation, especially as God's Community of saintly-minded and mercy-seeking sinners. God bless you all. Amen. (**Fr. Jude A. Akpobasa, OP**).