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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 13<sup>th</sup> September 2026</b><br><b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b><br><b>Education Sunday</b>    | 6.30pm (vigil)<br>8.30am<br>10.30am | Parish Community<br>Theo Battershell, Health & Wellbeing (H B)<br>Michael Policelli, RIP Birthday (L P)<br>O/L Lamp: Rhiannon Williams, RIP Anniversary |
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup><br><b>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast)</b>                                                   | 9.30am                              | Private Intention of the Donor                                                                                                                          |
| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup><br><i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>                                                                       | 9.30am                              | Diana Moller, RIP (F J)                                                                                                                                 |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup><br><i>Sts Cornelius, Pope &amp; Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i>                                      | 9.30am<br>10.00am                   | Wellbeing and Health of Sick & House-bound Parishioners<br><b>COFFEE MORNING</b>                                                                        |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup><br><i>St Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin, Doctor</i>                                                   | 7.00pm                              | Liam Murphy, Private Intentions (M P)                                                                                                                   |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup><br><i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>                                                                   | 9.30am                              | Ted Harte, RIP Anniversary (E T)                                                                                                                        |
| Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup><br><i>St Januarius, Bishop &amp; Martyr</i>                                                        | 10.00am                             | World Peace                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2026</b><br><b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b><br><b>Home Mission Sunday</b> | 6.30pm (vigil)<br>8.30am<br>10.30am | Holy Souls<br>Parish Community<br>For an Archdiocesan-wide Missionary Spirit                                                                            |

**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:** Emmanuel Udoh, Jr, Beryl Rees, Angela Matthews.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** There will be a Second Collection this weekend, 12/13<sup>th</sup> September for Education Sunday.

**ROAD CLOSURES:** There will be road closures next weekend for the Swansea 10K Marathon, affecting Mumbles Road and further. Parishioners, especially the regular **10.30am Mass faithful**, are encouraged to kindly make proper arrangements to fulfil the Sunday obligations.

**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 22nd 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 14<sup>th</sup>**

**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 17<sup>th</sup> September 7.30 to 8.30pm** in the Parish Hall. Remote Zoom attendance is available. Zoom ID: 585 166 8513

**HOUR 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 23rd September**.

**PRAYER INTENTION ENVELOPE (HOUR 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: £930**

**Thank you for your generosity**

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

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

**REFLECTION**

On Education Sunday, the Readings this weekend build on last weekend's. The latter remind us of our debt of love, to be watchful over our neighbour, sparing no effort to recall them to right. The former, teaches us the right attitude to recalling the erring neighbour, especially where the errors are significant offences against us ourselves.

The Gospel (Mt 18:21-35) and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading (Rm 14:7-9) establish the LORD Jesus and God as Master, owner of all created beings, living or dead. Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading (Sir 27:33 – 28:9), perfectly accords with the Gospel in directly speaking to the divine injunction to forgive, as a basis for *our desert* of God's mercy, although God's mercy, as his prerogative, precedes and is independent of our (un)forgiveness of others. To be sure, God/the Master does not make nothing of our suffered hurts – more painful intentionally inflicted wounds or scarring accidental injuries. However, He paints a picture just as true of the gravity of human offence against him compared to against one another – a ratio of 600,000,000 to 1, as is 10,000 talents of silver to 100 denarii. Oh, how rich in mercy the Lord is, full of compassion and love, not dealing us a heavy hand in anger according to our faults! (cf. the Resp. Psalm: Ps 103.1-4,9-12).

Once more, applying the concluding lines of last week's reflection, let us remember that we are all flawed in different ways, at different times, and in varying degrees; each and all in need of mutual forgiveness and reconciliation, especially as God's Community of saintly-minded and mercy-seeking sinners. Though our hurts be great, let our hearts be greater as we let go, in forgiveness. God bless you all. Amen. (**Fr. Jude A. Akpobasa, OP**).