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

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intentions
Sunday 20th September 2026 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time Home Mission Sunday	6.30pm (vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Holy Souls Parish Community For an Archdiocesan-wide Missionary Spirit
Monday 21 st 1. Morning Mass: St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist (Feast) 2. Funeral:	9.30am 1.30pm	Maria Mikuszevska, RIP (K O & K O) Funeral Service for Kevin Gomez, RIP
Tuesday 22 nd <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Leo Ogedengbe, RIP
Wednesday 23 rd <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Maria Mikuszevska, RIP (A LI) COFFEE MORNING
Thursday 24 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.00pm	John Farley, RIP (S & T M)
Friday 25 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Private Intention (T O'K)
Saturday 26 th <i>Sts Cosmas & Damien, Martyrs</i>	10.00am	Jackie Rees, Good Health (A LI)
Sunday 27th September 2026 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30pm (vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	For Our Sick & Housebound Hayley Ryan, Birthday Thanksgiving (J R) Parish Community O/L Lamp: Derek Stott B'Day Remembrance (S & F Family)

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: Arlene O'Connell, Brian Davies.

ROAD CLOSURES: There will be road closures this 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.

CAFOD: Family Fast Day is on **Friday 2nd October**. There will be a short appeal at all weekend Masses on **26th and 27th September**. We aim to support our neighbours to access clean water, grow food and help children have the energy to flourish at school. Please scan the QR code bottom next page for links to making donations. Thanks for your generosity.

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 28th**

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 1st October 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, Paula Wilson, John Jones, Margaret Joyce-Brown, Mary Hunter, Jackie Rees, Lira, Mary O'Sullivan.

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: £1018	EDUCATION SUNDAY: £290.40	Thank you for your generosity
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**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

On Home Mission Sunday, the Readings this weekend reveal the relentless missionary solicitude of God, who has invited us through recent Readings and reflections to be just as solicitous – calling the erring to right and pardoning injuries/wounds inflicted.

The Gospel (Mt 20:1-16) and the 1st Reading (Is 55:6-9) demonstrate the utter holiness or 'otherness' of God, whose mercy trumps the best of ours, parabolically spoken of by Jesus in the Gospel last week (cf. Mt 18), by a ratio of 600,000:1. All life through, God's mercy goes out in search of would-be beneficiaries; that's us. Whereas even the best of us give up on cases considered hopeless – sometimes our very selves, just then does God reveal his surpassing 'ways above ours'. He keeps on searching us out, even at our most desperate moments and till the point of death – our eleventh hour! How truly does the Psalmist proclaim, "The Lord is close to all who call to him!" (Resp. Psalm: Ps 145:18). The mind-blowing possibility of radical change from negative 100 to positive 100, zero to hero, destroyer to promoter of all that is Christ's, thanks to God's efficacious grace, is aptly demonstrated in the person and words of St Paul, reflected in the 2nd Reading (Phil 1:20-24,27).

Are you at your strength's end? Please tie a knot and hold on just a sec; help is on its way! Or best still, just call His name, 'Jesus', and He's there at the Spirit-speed of thought, ever at the Father's behest! God bless you all. Amen. (Fr. Jude A. Akpobasa, OP).



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