



# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Times and Intentions of Holy Mass for the Coming week

Saturday 18th June <i>Vigil—Corpus Christi</i>	11.00am 5:00-5:20pm 5.30pm	Holy Souls Confessions Antonio Cozzolino (Matilde Cozzolino)
Sunday 19th June <i>Corpus Christi</i>	10:30-10:50am 11.00am	Confessions Pro Populo (For the People)
Monday 20th June	11.00am	Patricia O'Mara Birthday wishes (Sr Winifred)
Tuesday 21st June <i>St. Aloysius Gonzaga</i>	NO MASS	
Wednesday 22nd June <i>St. Paulinus of Nola</i>	11.00am	Private Intention (Mary Dark)
Thursday 23rd June <i>St. John The Baptist</i>	<b>11.30am</b> <b>St. Joseph's Cathedral</b>	Installation of Archbishop Elect Mark O'Toole
Friday 24th June <i>Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	6.00pm 6:30pm	Adoration & Benediction Helen & Amy Tynan (Fran Smithson)
Saturday 25th June— <i>Immaculate Heart</i> <i>Vigil—13th Ordinary Time</i>	11.00am 5:00-5:20pm 5.30pm	Parents Confessions John Massey RIP (Valerie Murphy)
Sunday 26th June <i>13th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10:30-10:50am 11.00am	Confessions Pro Populo (For the People)

### Please pray for those who are unwell:

Mary Mitchell  
Mgr Michael Lewis  
Fr Paul Brophy  
Colin Riley

If you would like the name of a relative who is unwell added to our prayer list, please give their name to Fr Phillip

Amy and Helen Tynan  
Christine Rees  
Tal and Cynthia Harries  
Teresa Hay  
Peggy Davies

### RIP anniversaries:

Lilian Brown  
Ellen Pomfret  
Ann Williams Jones  
Sylvia Stephens  
Margaret Williams  
Helen Thomas

### Recently Died:

Brigid Birmingham

### The Sacred Heart Lamp is lit for the intentions of:

Dad



### Our Lady's lamp is lit for the intentions of:

Philip Johnson



**Ladies Dining Out night:** Monday 20th June at the Falcon Hotel Lamas Street at 6:30pm. All welcome! Please sign up on the notice board in the porch, or Phone Mary Dark on 07899682154. Thank you.

**The Bishop's Conference of England and Wales:** are inviting all Catholics to return to the celebration of Mass in person, by being physically present in the Church building, as opposed to joining via livestream. Please encourage those who have not returned to Church as yet to come along, and give them the bishops letter (in the porch) to encourage them.



**7 day Votive Lamps:** If you would like a votive lamp lit for a particular intention, please complete one of the envelopes in the porch and post it in the presbytery. The intentions will appear in the newsletter each week. All proceeds to parish funds.



**Second Collection This Weekend:** is for **Day for Life**, as mandated by the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales, and it promotes the support of human life from conception to natural death. This year the focus is on supporting accessible palliative care as well as protecting the unborn. Thank you for your support.



**Last Weeks' Collections:** Main Offertory: £394.80:  
Standing Orders for May: Main Offertory: £885.00:

Maintenance Fund: £111.60  
Maintenance Fund: £155.00.

If you would like to make your offertory donation on line by BACS please contact the office for our bank details. Alternatively, there is a Standing Order form on our website if you wish to set up a regular payment to us. In the meantime all donations can be popped into the black post box on the table in the porch. **THANK YOU**

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Therese Passenger 079441 59039  
St. Mary's Primary School: Acting Head teacher Mrs. Hannah Corcoran 01267 234297  
St. John Lloyd's Secondary School Llanelli: Head Teacher Mr Ashley Howells 01554 772589

*Fr Phillip writes.....* We are in ordinary time in the Church's calendar, but last week and this week, we keep important feasts. This weekend we keep the feast of the most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—we focus our minds on Christ—truly present to us in the Holy Eucharist. This is truly central to our Faith as Catholics, that Christ is given to us in Holy Communion—Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. We are called to be that which we receive—Christ in the world. Let us focus this week on this great gift, and pray that we take Christ to others.

**Planning a funeral for a loved one:** is not something we look forward to doing, however, it is inevitable that we will have to do this at some time.

There are so many decisions to be made, and many options, and all along we want to do what we can to honour the wishes of the person who has died. One thing all of us can do is give some help and guidance to our families, to take the guess work of what we would like for our own funerals. This is of great help to grieving families trying to do the best they can to show love and honour us. These conversations are not something some families feel comfortable in having, so one option is to write down guidelines to help those we love plan our own funerals.

There are funeral planning leaflets in the Church Porch, that will help you do exactly this. If this is something that might help you and your families, please take one and read it, and fill it in—then keep it in a safe place so it can be found when needed. Also, if you attend Mass, and your faith is important to you, please let your family know you would like a Requiem Mass. It would be tragic not to have this, if your loved ones do not practice, and yet you do. If you need any help, please talk to Fr Phillip, who will be happy to give advice.



**Bishop Mark O'Toole will be installed as Bishop of Menevia on 23rd June at 11:30am at St Joseph's Cathedral, Swansea.**



Please keep him in your prayers, as he prepares to be our Bishop. Our Diocese is geographically expansive, and covers roughly the area of the Diocese established by St David in the 6th Century. May our Lady of the Taper, St David and all the Saints of Wales intercede for him!

**Corpus Christi:** The Solemnity of Corpus Christi dates back to the 13th century. In Belgium, following the mystical experiences of Saint Juliana de Cornillon, a local feast dedicated to the Most Holy Eucharist was established in Liège in 1247. Several years later, in 1263, a Bohemian priest on pilgrimage to Italy was afflicted by doubts about the Real Presence of Jesus



in the Blessed Sacrament. While celebrating Mass in the town of Bolsena, he experienced a Eucharistic miracle, when a few drops of blood were shed by the broken Host after the consecration. The very next year, in 1264, Pope Urban IV extended the feast of Corpus Christi to the whole Church. This feast helps us to call to mind that Jesus is truly present to us in the Sacrament of His body and Blood. We will end Mass with a short time of adoration, followed by benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Diolch o galon—Heartfelt thanks:** to all the dedicated volunteers who work so hard to make the grounds of the Church and the cemetery look so beautiful. God bless you!



If you would like to help in this valuable work, please consider volunteering, and joining this small but dedicated team.

**Collection / offering envelopes: please collect yours from the porch today** if you have already signed up. A big Thank you to all who have signed up to the **GIFT AID SCHEME**, which means we can reclaim TAX money back from the government at no charge to the donor—If you are a tax payer, please consider joining the scheme, as it costs nothing, and helps a lot.



**Happy Father's Day:** to all fathers! We give thanks for the many graces we receive from them and for the many sacrifices they make or have made for us. Whether they are with us, or have gone before us, we pray for them!



**Tea and coffee after Sunday Mass:** Please consider being part of a rota to serve others, and build up community in our parish. Please sign your name, or your group to volunteer on the list in the porch. Diolch! **Many Thanks to all who have already signed up to help! Please consider volunteering in the free Sundays!**



**The Month of the Sacred Heart:** Different months in the year are focussed on different aspects and devotions in our Catholic faith, and the month of June is devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus - the fathomless depth of love Our Lord has for us. Now, more than ever, we need to remind ourselves of not only God's love for us, but also our need of that love. To focus our hearts on the Love of God, and the depiction of that love in the Sacred Heart of Jesus, is something that is of great help to us – it makes a substantial difference in times of need. This month, focus your mind while at prayer, on the love that streams from the Heart of Jesus, and allow that love to comfort you and be your strength. May this be a time of grace for all of us! Especially those who are suffering, and need support.



### The prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,  
I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

"The Eucharist involves more than just receiving; it also involves satisfying the hunger of Christ. He says, "Come to Me." He is hungry for souls. Nowhere does the Gospel say: "Go away," but always "Come to Me." *St Teresa of Calcutta*

**Supporting your parish:** Please consider completing a direct debit mandate, so you can make your weekly offering via the bank, or alternatively place offertory donations in the black post box (on the table in the church porch) Thank you.