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CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY**



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**PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU!**

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Sunday, 6th July 14TH Sunday of Ordinary Time	6:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ Roy Morgan + John Cole Parish	Margaret Gerard and Anne
Monday, 7th July	9:30 a.m.	+ John Howard	R. Jenkins
Tuesday, 8th July	7:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Dorothy Mmuo	
Wednesday, 9th July	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	+ John Cole	
Thursday, 10th July	9:30 a.m.	+ Kathleen and James Brennan	Keith and Jane Phillips
Friday, 11th July St Benedict	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Parish	
Saturday, 12th July St John Jones	9:30 a.m.	+ John Howard	R. Jenkins
Sunday, 13th July 15TH Sunday of Ordinary Time	6:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ Ursula White + John Cole Parish	Sean Pat and Alban

**CONFESSION:** Saturdays after the morning mass and before the evening mass or by appointment.

**MORNING PRAISE:** 15 minutes before the weekday morning mass.

**MARIAN DEVOTION:** 15 minutes before the Tuesday evening mass.

**BENEDICTION:** after the Friday morning mass.

**LECTIO DIVINA:** after the Thursday morning mass.

**SICK LIST:** Please remember in your prayers – Bishop Daniel Mullins, Mgr David Botrill, Canon Richard Byron, Fr Eric Wastell, Muriel Donald, Michael O’Kane, Catherine Sullivan, Roger Eddy, Geoff Slee, Elana Fallone, Ron Gaffney, Ciaran Jones, Binoy Thomas, Jim Morrissey, Jean Fonseka, Cliff Griffiths, Eileen Kelly, Kathleen Lewis, Diane Cullen, Millie Williams, Stan Lofthouse, Margaret Blake, Margaret Cobley, Michael Reynolds, Michael McGovern, Afric Hoynes, John Blackey, and all other members of the parish who are unwell at this time.

Hospital? Are you, someone in your family, or a Catholic friend, in hospital or going in soon? Please let us know. We have no other way of learning who is in hospital, to be able to offer them the pastoral care of the of the hospital visitor, or to bring the spiritual healing of the Sacraments.

**RECENTLY DEAD.** Please pray for John Cole who passed away last Wednesday, 25 June, surrounded by the love of his family. John Cole was not a Catholic but he lived like one. He regularly attended mass at St. Benedict before he became ill. Funeral mass for his eternal repose is scheduled on 09 July, Wednesday, at 10:00 a.m. He will be cremated at Morryston Crematorium at 11:30 a.m.

**PARISH AND DIOCESAN FINANCES.** Our Parish Collection last weekend raised £ 977.82. Last Sunday £ 53.20 was raised through the Diocese Silver Jubilee Envelopes. Thanks to all those who generously support the Parish and the Diocese each Sunday.

**PETER PENCE COLLECTION.** Thank you for your generous support of our Holy Father's work in the Peter's Pence Collection. Our contributions, £ 317.87, will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help the Holy Father provide essential relief to people in need. Your generosity is an act of solidarity with the universal Church, answering the call to become a witness of charity. May God bless you.

**SEA SUNDAY.** Next weekend will be Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for the Apostleship of the sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the catholic Church in Great Britain. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. Please give generously to support its important work.

**ST BENEDICT.** On 11 July the church will celebrate the feast of St Benedict, the titular patron of the parish. He is also one of the six patron saints of Europe. He is considered the Father of western monasticism. In the early years of the Church the best form of holiness was martyrdom. It will always be the highest form of holiness because Jesus himself said, "No one has greater love than this,<sup>j</sup> to lay down one's life for one's friends (John 15, 13)." Vatican II affirms this in *Lumen Gentium* chapter 5. However, after the period of persecution, after Christianity has been accepted by the state during the time of Constantine, martyrdom for the sake of the faith became uncommon. A new form of spirituality emerge called monasticism. The popularity of St Benedict is very much connected to the Rule which he wrote for the monks. The Rule, many writer say, is applicable to all and not just to monks in monasteries.

St. Benedict is a patron saint of Europe because his monastic tradition brought civilization to much of Europe. *Cruce, libro et atro*: cross, book and plough were the means they used to evangelise and civilize Europe. In a time when Barbarians ruled by the sword, he introduced the cross. In an agrarian setting his monks, mostly coming from humble peasant families, served as pastors. In his monasteries people find a rich liturgical life, informed devotion, a love of learning and intelligent companionship. **CANON MICHAEL FLOOK** will celebrate the mass on the Feast of St Benedict. Please come to praise God for giving the Church and Europe a holy patron saint.

**ROTA.** Very soon a rota of readers and eucharistic ministers will be published in the bulletin. Please express your preferred regular weekend service to Sr. Mary Carr within a fortnight.

**TRANSPORT ISSUE.** Please visit the web page of St. David's Roman Catholic Primary School, [www.swansea-edunet.gov.uk/en/schools/stdavids](http://www.swansea-edunet.gov.uk/en/schools/stdavids). The school needs a lot of support for the councillors to reconsider their proposal to stop transport to all voluntary aided school. Please consider that children's educational future is at risk if the counsellors will not change their minds.

**UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY.** Victor is the person in charge of organising the trip to Brecon. The parish priest of Brecon and Hay-on-Wye will warmly host us. The trip is limited to a good number of students only. The parish priest of Brecon, however, is willing to host another batch of students in the future.

The university will host the IPC Athletics European Championships beginning 18 August up to 23 August. Athletes will start arriving on 13 August and they are expected to stay up to 26 August in the campus. The Catholic chaplaincy will serve the spiritual needs of the athletes. Masses and prayer meetings will be celebrated in the chaplaincy. The chaplaincy will be happy if international (European) students will make themselves available as interpreters.