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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday, 27th July 16TH Sunday of Ordinary Time	6:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Holy Souls + Concepcion Parish	
Monday, 28th July	9:30 a.m.	+ Bernadette Baragry	Robin
Tuesday, 29th July St Martha	7:00 a.m.	Healing of Sr Josephine	Michael & Gladys
Wednesday, 30th July	9:30 a.m.	+ Bridget Kennedy	Sr Bridget Guidera
Thursday, 31st July St Ignatius of Loyola	9:30 a.m.	Healing of Sr Josephine	Mary Wilson & Pat Jones
Friday, 1st August St Alphonsus Ligouri	9:30 a.m.	Intentions of Terry	
Saturday, 2nd August	9:30 a.m.	Holy Souls	
Sunday, 3rd August 18TH Sunday of Ordinary Time	6:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ John Howard + Concepcion Parish	R. Jenkins

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: Meeting will resume on September

SICK LIST: Please remember in your prayers – Bishop Daniel Mullins, Mgr David Botrill, Canon Richard Byron, Fr Eric Wastell, Sr. Josephine Brady, 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.

MINISTERS NEXT WEEKEND (02 - 03 August)

READERS	6:00 p.m.	Chris Kelly	Mike Merchant	Veronica Meredith
	8:30 a.m.	Theo Cox	Marion Ehrenzeller	Roger Eddy
	11:00 a.m.	Ted Geary	Steve Smith	Sr Bridget Guidera
COMMUNION	6:00 p.m.	Paddy Tribe	Maureen Davies	Mary Wilson
	8:30 a.m.	Robin Baragry	Martina Eddy	Elaine Clement
	11:00 a.m.	Sr. Bridget Leamy	Joan Ansell	Connie Warren

WARM WELCOME to all holiday makers who visit St Benedict. Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable holiday.

PARISH AND DIOCESAN FINANCES. Our Parish Collection last weekend raised £ 919.89. Last Sunday £ 44.10 was raised through the Diocese Silver Jubilee Envelopes. Thanks to all those who generously support the Parish and the Diocese each Sunday.

DAY FOR LIFE. (Excerpts from the message of Archbishop Smith's for the Day for Life Sunday). Pope Francis knows and loves young people. At World Youth Day in Rio last year, to over three million young people, the Pope said, "young hearts want to build a better world." He invited them to be "protagonists of transformation" and urged them not to be mere "observers of life, but to get involved. Jesus did not remain an observer, but he immersed himself. Don't be observers, but immerse yourself in the reality of life, as Jesus did."

Pope Francis tells us that being a protector of life is about, "protecting all creation, the beauty of the created world... It means respecting each of God's creatures and respecting the environment in which we live." The pope speaks of "protecting people, showing loving concern for each and every person, especially children, the elderly, those in need, who are often the last we think about." He emphasises the importance of the family, "husbands and wives first protect one another, and then, as parents, they care for their children, and children themselves, in time, protect their parents." And of caring for society by "building sincere friendships in which we protect one another in trust, respect, and goodness. In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it."

Let's all be builders of a better world and protect life.

ROTA. Please be reminded that the Rota for ministers is now posted in the notice board at the ambulatory. Please be reminded further that it was resolved in the last meeting that it will be the responsibility of the minister assigned to look for his/her substitute if he/she is not able to perform his/her duty.

TRANSPORT ISSUE. The Council decided to defer further consideration of the Home to School Transport (Voluntary Aided Schools) proposal for approximately two weeks. Perhaps this move was for the Council to have an opportunity to clarify the issue with Edwina Hart AM who reportedly said that local authorities should be careful of their legal position when it comes to implementing proposals such as canceling transport services to faith schools. Please visit the web page of St. David's Roman Catholic Primary School, www.swansea-edunet.gov.uk/en/schools/stdavids. Please consider that children's educational future is at risk if the counsellors will not change their minds.

UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY. The university will host the IPC Athletics European Championships beginning 18 August up to 23 August. 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 help as interpreters.

WELCOME to new students. Trip to Hendryd after lunch. Please see Fred if you are joining.