

**ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH AND
EGLWYS BENED SANT A
SWANSEA UNIVERSITY**



**CHAPLANIAETH GATHOLIG
CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY PRIFYSGOL ABERTAWE**

www.stbenedictsketty.org

St. Benedict's Presbytery, Llythrid Avenue, Sketty, Swansea, SA2 OJJ
Tel: 01792 202447

PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU!

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday, 9th August 19TH Sunday of Ordinary Time	6:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ Ursula White Parish Thanksgiving of Emma and Phil	Sean Susan, Michael, Bryan
Monday, 10th August St Lawrence	9:30 a.m.	For peace	
Tuesday, 11th August St Clare	7:00 p.m.	+ John Howard	R. Jenkins
Wednesday, 12th August	9:30 a.m.	+ Sr Josephine	Jacqueline Reynolds
Thursday, 13th August	9:30 a.m.	+ Bill Granger	Sheila and Richard
Friday, 14th August St Maximilian Kolbe	9:30 a.m.	Holy Souls	
Saturday, 15th August	9:30 a.m.	Holy Souls	
Sunday, 16th August Assumption of Our Lady	6:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ Concepcion Parish + Agnes	Paulo J. MacCafferty

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.

GOSPEL SHARING: sessions will resume after the summer break.

SICK LIST: Please remember in your prayers – Bishop Daniel Mullins, Mgr David Botrill, Muriel Donald, Michael O'Kane, Roger Eddy, Geoff Slee, Elana Fallone, Ciaran Jones, Jim Morrissey, Jean Fonseka, Eileen Kelly, Diane Cullen, Millie Williams, Stan Lofthouse, Margaret Blake, Margaret Cobley, Michael Reynolds, John Blackey, Moira Gwalchmai, Iorwerth Gwalchmai, Thressiama George, Rita Simons, Veronica Macari, Kacia Evans, Eddie Campbell, Maria Daniel, Rosemary Lloyd, Vera Blewett, Arthur Meredith, Eileen Roberts, Patrick Walsh, Mrs Dangerfield, Mary Rabaiotti, Iris Govier, Joan Walters, Phil Spencer, Frank Gillespie, Sean Gillespie, Kathleen Cassidy, John Fane, Joyce Wertune, May Crouche, Agnes Donovan, Beryl Walsh, Carol Williams, Patrick Gill, Marian Ehrenzeller, Enid Germaine Wilton 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 (15/16 August)

READERS 6:00 p.m. **George Reade** **C. Hughes-Hole** **Mary Wilson**
 8:30 a.m. **Martin Kearnes** **Adithya George** **Aileen George**
 11:00 a.m. **Steve Smith** **Paul Gallagher** **Emma James**

COMMUNION 6:00 p.m. **John Morse** **Pat Morse** **Helen Williams**
 8:30 a.m. **Robin Baragry** **Elaine Clement** **Angela Mugford**
 11:00 a.m. **Sr Bridget Guidera** **Connie Warren** **Angela Valenzuela**

COLLECTION. The mass offerings last weekend raised £ 912.05. Thank you for your generosity. Counters for this week will be Dorothy Mmuo and Adithya George.

YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE. Mendicant Orders. This week the calendar of the church honours two great Saints who were leading figures in the time when mendicant orders started, St Dominic and St Clare. After the Monastic period, the movement that emerged was the mendicant Orders. The Monastic Orders were stable in their monasteries doing hard labour and lots of prayers. They sustained themselves by the fruit of their labours. They were in a way self-sufficient. The Mendicant Orders, however, felt called to live a life of radical poverty. They felt called to rely not on the fruits of their labours but on the alms people would give them. This is why there are called Mendicants. They go around begging in imitation of Christ the poor. They are not tied up to any monasteries.

The first figure in the Mendicant Order is St Francis of Assisi. He and his eleven companions, who also gave up their worldly possessions, went to see the pope to express their desires to live among the poor preaching and bearing witness to Christian life. After a few years the Franciscan Order was established as a religious order. A sister order of nuns, headed by St Clare, followed. St Clare met St Francis when she was a teenager and discussed with him her desire to live the values of Gospel simplicity. St Francis at first asked her to stay with the Benedictine nuns. When the relatives of St Clare learned about it, they decided to take her from the monastery. St Clare refused. St Francis transferred her to another convent near the convent of the Franciscans. Then St Clare's sister joined her. Eventually St Clare's mother also joined bringing with her her rich friends who decided to become poor for Christ. St Francis appointed St Clare as their superior and that was the birth of Poor Clares.

If St Clare encountered the beauty of Gospel poverty, St Dominic had a different starting point. During St Dominic's visit to southern France he saw that the region had been ravaged by the Albigensian heresy, a heresy that believed in the dualism of matter and spirit. This heresy rejects the incarnation and the sacraments, precisely because they deal with the body and matter. From then on St Dominic spent his energies combatting heresies. Then the Order of Preachers, popularly called Dominicans, was born.

RECENTLY DEAD. Please pray for the eternal repose of Beatrice Jones who passed away last Friday, 07 August, strengthened and comforted by the sacraments of the church. Funeral arrangements will be announced soon.

RED BOX. Please be reminded that the Missio Magazine for summer is now available at the ambulatory. Those who are interested to have the Missio Red Box are kindly reminded to get in touch with the secretary Jane Phillips (01792-208658).

FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING. Sessions will resume on autumn.

UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY. Welcome to those who are enrolled for the summer English course.

After lunch, there will be a short discussion on Seven Habits of Highly Effective Persons (part 2).

