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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday, 22nd February 1ST Sunday of Lent	6:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Bill Kift + Luigi Sidoli Parish	Audrey Kift Anne and Angelo
Monday, 23rd February	9:30 a.m.	+ Dom Feliciano Manalili	
Tuesday, 24th February	7:00 p.m.	+ John Howard	R. Jenkins
Wednesday, 25th February	9:30 a.m.	Healing of Winnie Fahy	Teresa & George Plunkett
Thursday, 26th February	9:30 a.m.	+ Bernard	B. Brooks
Friday, 27th February	9:30 a.m. 1:15 p.m.	+ Patrick & Susana O'Connor University Mass at the Chaplaincy	Eileen Roberts
Saturday, 28th February	9:30 a.m.	+ Ignacio Sr	L. Carandang
Sunday, 1st March 2ND Sunday of Lent	6:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Parish Intentions of Fe Thanksgiving of Sr Bernadette OCD	

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: will resume next week.

SICK LIST: Please remember in your prayers – Bishop Daniel Mullins, Mgr David Botrill, 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 Cobby, Michael Reynolds, Michael McGovern, John Blackey, Moira Gwalchmai, Iorwerth Gwalchmai, Thressiama George 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 (28 February - 01 March)

READERS	6:00 p.m.	George Read	Catherine Hughes-Hole	Mary Wilson
	8:30 a.m.	Elaine Clement	Angelo Sidoli	Martin Keanes
	11:00 a.m.	Peter Davies	Emma James	Angela James
COMMUNION	6:00 p.m.	John Morse	Pat Morse	Helen Williams
	8:30 a.m.	Robin Baragry	Cliff Sarfas	Sr Bridget Carr
	11:00 a.m.	Sr Bridget Leamy	Connie Warren	Sr Bridget Guidera

PARISH AND DIOCESAN FINANCES. Our Parish Collection last weekend raised £ 824.25. The collection for the Diocese was £ 31.10. Thank you for your generosity.

RECENTLY DEAD. Please pray for the eternal repose of Sylvia Robinson who passed away last Wednesday, 18 February, comforted and strengthened by the sacraments of the church. Details of her funeral will be announced soon.

YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE. Consecrated Hermits. With the ending of the persecution of Christians in the fourth century, the first Christian hermits, known as the Desert Fathers and Mothers, experienced a call to leave ‘the world’ to seek God in solitude, austerity and prayer. While some remained hermits, others attracted small communities around them, which became the beginning of Christian monasticism.

Throughout the history of the Church there have been a small number of people who are called to the life of a hermit. Today most hermits are attached to a religious community, in which they have lived and grown to a mature understanding of their particular calling. For example, Thomas Merton lived in community as a Trappist monk for 25 years before becoming a hermit attached to his community. Others like Sr. Wendy Beckett are directly dependent on their local Bishop. She had been a religious sister in a teaching order for many years before leaving her congregation to become a hermit and a consecrated virgin.

ORDINARY SYNOD ON THE FAMILY: CONSULTATION. Thinking about what you have read in the scriptures and using the quotes below from Pope Francis, reflect on the questions that follow applying them to your experience of marriage and family life.

3. “Those who celebrate the sacrament say, “I promise to be true to you, in joy and in sadness, in sickness and in health; I will love you and honour you all the days of my life”. At that moment, the couple does not know what will happen, nor what joys and pains await them. They are setting out, like Abraham, on a journey together. And that is what marriage is! Setting out and walking together, hand in hand, putting yourselves in the Lord’s powerful hands. Hand in hand, always and for the rest of your lives. And do not pay attention to this makeshift culture, which can shatter our lives.” (Pope Francis, Rome, 26 October 2013)

How can we better understand marriage as a vocation?

Please check the website of the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales for the full text of the document. For those who have no computer at home, the text is available at the ambulatory.

LENTEN DISCIPLINE. Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Tuesday of Lent at 6:30 p.m. The practice of Lectio Divina is highly recommended. Lectio Divina is practiced at the hall after the morning mass every Thursday. The Station Mass of the Deanery is scheduled on 11 March, Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m. at St Benedict Church Clydach.

UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY. Thanks to all those who participated in the Ash Wednesday Mass. Thanks to all those who worked hard for the event.

Please be reminded that instead of the usual Marian devotion every Tuesday the Stations of the Cross will be prayed starting at 6:30 p.m.