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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday, 29th June Ss Peter and Paul	6:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Bill and Megan Colwill + Bernadette Baragry + Jean Blackey	Yvonne Mary Hunter John Blackey
Monday, 30th June The First Martyrs of Rome	9:30 a.m.	Parish	
Tuesday, 1st July	7:00 a.m.	+ Maurlen Williams	Roger and Martina
Wednesday, 2nd July	9:30 a.m.	Intentions of Fr. Neil	Lorraine
Thursday, 3rd July St Thomas, apostle	9:30 a.m.	Intentions of Kitty	
Friday, 4th July	9:30 a.m.	+ Thomas Burke	Sr. Bridget Leamy
Saturday, 5th July	9:30 a.m.	Holy Souls	
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

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 the eternal repose of Reg Eley who passed away last Monday, 23 June, strengthened by the sacrament and surrounded by the love of his family. There will be a funeral service on Thursday, 03 July, at 10:30 a.m. at St Benedict Church. He will be cremated at Morryston Crematorium at 11:30 a.m.

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 £ 851.52. Last Sunday £ 40.10 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. In the special collection this weekend, we are supporting the Holy Father in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. This is an opportunity to join with our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please give generously.

APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION. One of the issues that divide the church is the meaning of apostolic succession. For example, the pope is called the successor of Peter and the bishops are called successors of the apostles. Simplistically the Catholic church explains this as an "unbroken lines of episcopal ordination from Christ through the apostles down through the centuries to the bishops of today." The New Testament says very little about this. St Paul, however, evidently left the churches he founded with his co-workers - they were not bishops, though. The New Testament also shows that before the ascension the Lord commissioned the eleven to "go and make disciples of all the nations." The Lord, furthermore, in the Gospel of John commissioned St Peter to "feed my sheep."

The Lord did not leave a blueprint on how the church would be manage after his ascension. There were many problems in the early life of the Church, like growing population of converts. They used to worship in small groupings. However, during the time of persecution it was very difficult to gather in bigger groups. The letters of Paul and Acts show how the apostles met problems in the church as they arose and relied on the Holy Spirit for help in solving them. Another problem arose in the early second century, false teachings started to confuse the converts. False teachings also threatened the unity of the church. The development of the episcopacy (bishops) was the church's way of responding to the threats to its unity. Raymond E. Brown, a prominent Catholic biblical scholar, remarks, "I would not know what guidance of the Church by the Spirit could mean if it did not include the fundamental shaping of the special ministry which is so intimately concerned with Christian communal and sacramental life." In all these developments the guidance of the Holy Spirit is very evident.

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. 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. There will be a memorial service for Professor Melanie Jasper on Thursday, 03 July, at 2:30 p.m. At the Taliesin hall. Professor Melanie Jasper was the head of the College of Human and Health Sciences.

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.