

# Holy Cross Community Swansea

'A family for all cultures to nurture disciples of all ages'

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**14th February 2016 First Sunday of Lent**  
**Reading cycles: Sundays C Psalter Week 1**

## Mass Times and Intentions

**Saturday 6.00 pm First Mass of Sunday**

*Intention: Ron Owens RIP Muriel Phillips RIP*

**Sunday 9.30 am First Sunday of Lent**

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**Monday 9.30 am First Week of Lent**

*Intention: Holy Souls*

**Tuesday First Week of Lent**

**7.00 PM LENTEN STATION MASS AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

**Wednesday First Week of Lent**

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**Thursday 9.30 am First Week of Lent**

*Intention: Alwyn Price RIP*

**Friday First Week of Lent**

**7.00 pm Stations of the Cross 7.30 pm Mass**

*Intention: Cagi Family Special Intention*

**Saturday 12.00 noon First Week of Lent**

*Intention: Mary Jones Special Intention*

**Confession: 11.15—12.00 Saturday**

**Throughout the Lenten Season we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet before each Mass. You are encouraged to come early to join, especially in this Year of Mercy.**

## Recently Died

Frances O'Niell

Francis Evans

Monica Goodman

## Anniversaries

Sheila Butterworth

Jean Mary Browne

Peggy Morris

Alwyn Price

Laurence Avery

Evelyn Davies

Kevin Sullivan

Michael Hinchey

**Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord**

*R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May they rest in peace. Amen*

## Pray for the Sick of the Parish

Heavenly Father,  
look with mercy on the sick of our parish community and help them in this time of sickness.  
Restore them to health, we pray,  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

## Parish Prayer for the Year of Mercy

Father,  
pour out your Spirit  
upon the people of your Church  
in this Holy Year of Mercy. We humbly ask you, grant us  
a new vision of your glory and power,  
a new experience of your **love** and care,  
a new faithfulness to your Word and Sacrament,  
a new consecration to your service and mission  
that your loving mercy and forgiveness  
may grow among us.  
May your kingdom of love and mercy  
peace and unity, humility and hope, reconciliation and joy  
flourish in us and through us  
in our world today.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of  
Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the  
Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen

## FUNERAL SERVICES

**THURSDAY 18TH FEBRUARY**

**11.30 AM FRANCES O'NIELL**

**2.00 PM FRANCIS EVANS**

**LENTEN STATION MASS AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES TUESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY AT 7.00 PM**

**THERE WILL BE PRIESTS AVAILABLE TO HEAR CONFESSION FROM 6PM—7PM**

**Fridays in Lent Stations of the Cross at 7pm followed by Mass at 7.30 pm**

**Last Week's Collection**  
**£ 461**  
**200 Club Winner 26**

**Tesco Gift Vouchers**  
**Sold this week £420**  
**Parish Income £21**

### **Charity Shop**

Visit the Charity Shop and enjoy a chat and a cup of tea.  
Open Tuesdays and Wednesdays  
10.30 am—3pm

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Classes on MONDAYS at 5.45 pm

### **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION**

Classes on SUNDAYS after Mass

### **Growing in Faith Group**

Each Monday evening at 7.30 pm.  
All are welcome to join.

### **KNITTING GROUP**

Will continue from 10am—12 noon each Friday  
**(There is no morning Mass during Lent).**

### **YOUTH BOX**

"With Jesus we can do great things; he will give us the joy of being his disciples, his witnesses. Commit yourselves to great ideals, to the most important things."

*Pope Francis*

*Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days.*

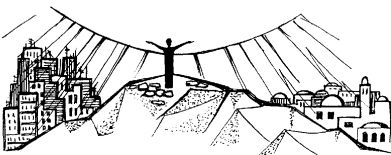
Holy Spirit,

lead us, if you will, to your desert.  
Speak straight into our hearts.

Be our only nourishment,  
source of all energy.

Fill our ruts,  
fill us up,  
with yourself,

to bring good news  
for the poor,  
as you did with Jesus.



### **Ministers of the Word & Eucharistic Ministers**

#### **Weekend 20th / 21st February**

#### **Saturday**

*First*

Karen

*Second*

Patricia

*Bidding Prayers*

Rhys

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Lorraine Yolanda

#### **Sunday**

*First*

Josie

*Second*

Jayne

*Bidding Prayers*

Maggie

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Matthew Sigi Larry

#### **Church Cleaning Rota**

**Feb 13th**

Jolly/Beena & Jaimon/Shiji Families

**Feb 20th**

No clean

### **IMPORTANT**

**Ministers—if you cannot attend or need to change your rota, please let us know. For Sundays contact Donna ( 460411) For Saturdays contact Yolanda ( 421656)**

### **Day of Reflection and Prayer for Eucharistic Ministers & Ministers of the Word**

Saturday 27th February at Holy Cross Church.

11 am—3pm

See poster for details—all ministers are encouraged to attend.

### **Catholic Bible School**

#### **Looking with Luke: a Gospel of Mercy and Joy**

The next Scripture Saturday of 2016 will be on Saturday 20th February at St David's Priory in Swansea. The day will be led by David Beresford, Director of the Catholic Bible School.

The day is entitled 'Looking with Luke: a Gospel of Mercy and Joy.' David in his usual engaging and imaginative way will lead us on a journey through the Gospel of Luke: Who is Luke? Who is Luke writing to? What is Luke's big picture message? And how does it link with the **Year of Mercy?**

### **Year of Mercy with Pope Francis**

#### **Reflections from his writings**

Let us not waste this season of Lent, so favourable a time for conversion! We ask this through the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary, who, encountering the greatness of God's mercy freely bestowed upon her, was the first to acknowledge her lowliness