

Holy Cross Community Swansea

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

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3rd January 2016 Solemnity The Epiphany of the Lord
Reading cycles: Sundays C Psalter Week 2

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 6.00 pm First Mass of Sunday

Intention: Chacko Thadathil RIP

Sunday 9.30 am Solemnity Epiphany of the Lord

Intention: Crudge Family Special Intention

Monday 9.30 am Monday after Epiphany

Intention: Blodwen Clancy RIP

Tuesday after Epiphany

NO MASS

Wednesday 7.30 pm Wednesday after Epiphany

Intention: Philip McCarthy & Family Special Intention

Thursday 9.30 am Thursday after Epiphany

Intention: Karen McCarthy Special Intention

Friday 9.30 am Friday after Epiphany

Intention: Gerald McCarthy & Family Special Intention

Saturday 12.00 noon Saturday after Epiphany

Intention: Helen Collins & Family Special Intention

Confession: 11.30—12.00 Saturday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & morning / evening prayers 30 minutes before all weekday Masses.

Recently Died

Anniversaries

Chacko Thadathil

Barbara Clancy

Patrick Houlihan

Mary Houlihan

Mary Veronica Lewis

Edith Watson

Steve Parker

Julia Chriswick

Jean Wade

David Rees

Richard Cole

Len Llewellyn

Wendy Thomas

Frank Thomas

Kevin O'Sullivan

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

Year of Mercy with Pope Francis *Reflections from his writings*

"If we look at Jesus,
Wisdom of the Incarnate God,
we realise that difficulties
become challenges,
challenges appeal to hope,
and hope makes us joyfully aware
that we are creators
of something new,
thus encouraging us to continue
giving the best of ourselves. "

A big thank you to all of you for your Christmas gifts, cards and generous Christmas offering. Many thanks and God bless. Fr Cyril

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

Classes restart on **Monday 4th January**

Growing in Faith Group

Each Monday evening at 7.30 pm. All are welcome to join. **Restarts Monday 11th January**

Charity Shop

CLOSED FROM 15TH DEC TO 5TH

JANUARY. Please do not bring any bags or items during this time. Thank you for your co-operation.

KNITTING GROUP

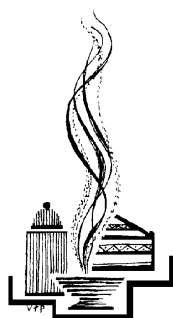
Restarts Friday 8th January 2016

YOUTH BOX

Confirmation Classes restart **Sunday 10th January**

And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

Look!
Look up!
O Jerusalem,
here comes the world
running to walk in your light.
We are the sparkling and the dim,
the kings and the beggars,
the bosses and the
slaves.
Lord,
shine your light on us even so.
Like wise men we search for truth, for love.
Let us find you in the flight of the geese,
the look of love on a father's face;
find you, find you everywhere.
Star,
chase away our dark.
Glow and grow
within
us.



Flower Arranging for the Church

If there is anyone who is willing to spare some time to occasionally do some flower arranging for the church, please contact Father Cyril.

Ministers of the Word & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 9th / 10th January

Saturday

First

Second

Bidding Prayers

Eucharistic Ministers

Lorraine

Rita

Emma

Sunday

First

Second

Bidding Prayers

Eucharistic Ministers

Marion

Martyn

Wilson

Helen John Mary Mc

Church Cleaning Rota

Jan 2nd

Jan 9th

Sibi/Siji & Anil/Shiji Families

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)

Year of Mercy

Pope Francis celebrated on Sunday in St. Peter's Basilica one of the first great Holy Year events:

the Jubilee of Mercy for Families.

"In the Year of Mercy, every Christian family can become a privileged place on this pilgrimage for experiencing the joy of forgiveness. Within the family we learn how to forgive, because we are certain that we are understood and supported, whatever the mistakes we make."

The Pope recalled **the importance of small gestures** in every day life, such as, saying grace before meals, going to Mass together, assisting parents, and helping children to know God better.

"What can be more beautiful than for a father and mother to bless their children at the beginning and end of each day, to trace on their forehead the sign of the cross, as they did on the day of their baptism? Is this not the simplest prayer which parents can offer for their children? To bless them, that is, to entrust them to the Lord."

In summary, Pope Francis reminded those taking part in the Jubilee pilgrimage that it does not end when they pass through the Holy Door, but continues when they return home and put into practice the spiritual gifts which they have received.