

Holy Cross Catholic Community

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

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Year of Matthew

1st December 2019 First Sunday Advent

Reading cycles: Sundays Year A Psalter Week 1

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Day & Date	Mass Time	Mass Intention
Saturday 30th November First Mass of Sunday	6.00 pm	Jackie Saunders RIP
Sunday 1st December First Sunday Advent	9.30 am	Angelo di Francesco RIP Patrick Cullen & Arthur Jones RIP
Monday 2nd December 1st week Advent	9.30 am	Susan Rees 60th Birthday Blessings
Tuesday 3rd December St Francis Xavier	NO MASS	
Wednesday 4th December 1st week Advent	7.30 pm	Alfredo Special Intention
Thursday 5th December 1st week Advent	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Friday 6th December 1st week Advent	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Saturday 7th December St Ambrose	12 noon	Elsie Miller Special Intention
Saturday 7th December First Mass of Sunday	6.00 pm	John & Margaret Kavanagh & Family RIP
Sunday 8th December Second Sunday Advent	9.30 am	

Recently Died

Canon Edmund Mullins

Anniversaries

Margaret Stanford
Jackie Halloran
Mark Kervin
Gillian Taylor
Peter Okello
Beatrice Cole
Maureen Davies

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

Confessions : Saturdays 11.15 to 12 noon

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & morning Prayer / Rosary / Divine Mercy 30 minutes
before all weekday Masses.

Vocations Prayer

Lord, make me a better person,
More considerate towards others,
More honest with myself, more faithful to you.
Make me generous enough to want sincerely
to do your will whatever it may be.
Help me find my true vocation in life and grant
that through it I may find happiness in myself
and bring happiness to others. Grant, Lord,
that those whom you call to enter the priest-
hood, diaconate, or religious life, may have the
generosity to answer your call, so that those
who need your help may find it. We ask this
through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Dear young people, to be called by name is a sign of
our great dignity in the eyes of God and a sign of his
love for us. God calls each one of you by name. When
we open ourselves to God's grace, the impossible
becomes a reality. "If God is for us who can be against
us?" God's grace touches the 'now' of our lives, takes
hold of you as you are, with all your fears and limits, but
it also reveals his marvellous plans!! You young people
need to know that someone truly believes in you: please
know that the Pope has confidence in you, that the
Church has confidence in you!! For your part, have

Teaching Assistant Post

St Joseph's School, Port Talbot
See notice board for further details

Last weeks Collection £ 476
200 Club winner 58

Legion of Mary Prayer group
Mondays after Mass.

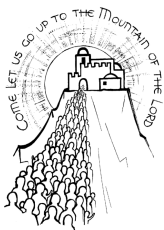
Christmas Fete—total raised £1425. Thanks to all those who contributed and supported. A very special thanks to the volunteers of the charity shop for their hard work, commitment and love for our community. Thank you and God bless.

Confirmation Classes
Sunday after Mass until 12.00 noon

First Communion Class
Mondays 5.30pm—6.30 pm

Growing in Faith Mondays 7.30 pm

Therefore, stay awake! ... So too, you also must be prepared.



Advent

As the Advent time draws near
 We wait with expectation
 As Mary and her husband dear
 Await the Incarnation.

Advent is the time to look
 To watch with eyes of Faith
 To make our hearts an open book
 Our souls an empty slate.

For Christ will sole come to all
 To write upon our inward scroll
 The words of Faith He shall recall
 And childhood's love extol.

The baby Jesus shall rekindle
 The child's Faith within
 For as we light the Advent candle
 We shall give birth to Him

The God who Speaks

*Scripture is at the centre of everything the Church does.
 The word of God shapes our prayer and worship. The Bible
 shows us how to understand the world, how we are called to
 live and relate to each other.*

*2020 is the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini – Pope
 Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the
 Lord' and the 1,600 anniversary of St Jerome's death.
 These dates have inspired the Catholic Bishops'
 Conference of England and Wales to dedicate 2020 as a
 year of focus on the Bible and 'The God Who Speaks'.*

*Whenever we celebrate the liturgy, the Scriptures are
 proclaimed. We listen to God speaking to us with the
 Church.*

Year of the Word
Celebration at the Cathedral
Sunday 1st December 5.30 pm
Solemn Vespers with Adoration & Benediction

Ministers of the Word & Eucharistic Ministers **Weekend 7th / 8th December**

Saturday

<i>First</i>	Karen Mc
<i>Second</i>	Patricia
<i>Bidding Prayers</i>	Emma
Eucharistic Ministers	Pam Lorraine

Sunday

<i>First</i>	Marvel
<i>Second</i>	Betisha
<i>Bidding Prayers</i>	Alexi
Eucharistic Ministers	Shirley Bindu Siji

Church Cleaning

December 7th	Beena & Shiji
December 14th	No clean

*Ministers—if you cannot attend or need to change
 your rota, please let us know. For Sundays contact
 Donna (460411 Mobile 07745947773) and for
 Saturdays contact Pam Phillips (07816980698*

DOMSEC

Advent Day of Recollection
Saturday 7th December at Our Lady
of Lourdes Church, Townhill, Swansea.
10.00 am—2.00 pm

SVP Christmas Party for Seniors

Saturday 7th December at 2.00 pm

Please put your name on the list in the porch if
 you wish to attend.

Bishop Vaughan Christmas Celebration

Seniors are invited to s Christmas Celebration on
 Wednesday 11th December. Begins with Mass at
 11.30 am followed by Christmas Lunch and
 entertainment. There will also be a raffle. Trans-
 port will be provided with the school's mini bus so
 numbers are limited to 15.

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 you wish to attend. Pick up times will be con-
 firmed later.