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SUNDAY 31ST DECEMBER – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

TIMES OF HOLY MASSES & OTHER SERVICES

30/12/23: SAT Haverfordwest	6:00PM	H MASS: HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH <i>INT: BRANDON NOTT - RIP</i>
31/12/23: SUN Haverfordwest	10:00AM	H MASS: HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH <i>INT: JACK HIGGINS – RIP – ANNIVERSARY (MG)</i>
31/12/23: SUN Narberth	12:00PM	H MASS: HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH <i>INT: PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH & THE CHILDREN</i>
01/01/24: MON Haverfordwest	9:00AM 10:00AM	THANKSGIVING ADORATION HOLY MASS: MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD <i>INT: THANKSGIVING INTENTIONS (SR)</i>
01/01/24: MON Narberth	10:30AM 11:30AM	THANKSGIVING ADORATION HOLY MASS: MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD <i>INT: THE DECEASED: THE A. & Z. VAS FALCAO FMLY</i>
02/01/24: TUE Haverfordwest	10:00AM	HOLY MASS: SS BASIL & GREGORY, BISH. & DOC <i>INT: JANET DAVIES – GETWELL INTENTIONS (AD)</i>
03/01/24: WED Haverfordwest	11:00AM	FUNERAL MASS JOSEPHINE MARGARET STEPHENS - RIP
03/01/24: WED Narberth	4:30PM	HOLY MASS: MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS <i>INT: FR. OWEN McGREAL – RIP (AD)</i>
04/01/24: THU	NO HOLY MASS TODAY	
05/01/24: FRI Haverfordwest	5:00PM 6.30PM	ADORATION & HOLY MASS: WEEKDAY OF CHRISTMAS <i>INT: NOEL – GOOD HEALTH INTENTIONS (AL)</i>
06/01/24: SAT Haverfordwest	10:00AM 10:30AM	HOLY MASS: WEEKDAY OF CHRISTMAS <i>INT: NOELLA McGAHAN – RIP (AL)</i> ADORATION & CONFESSIONS
06/01/24: SAT Haverfordwest	6:00PM	HOLY MASS: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD <i>INT: EDWARD & ELIZABETH MURPHY – RIP (BM)</i>
07/01/24: SUN Haverfordwest	10:00AM	HOLY MASS: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD <i>INT: TIM & LAURA McARTHUR- RIP (BM)</i>
07/01/24: SUN Narberth	12:00PM	HOLY MASS: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD <i>INT: PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH & VISITORS</i>



CONFESSIONS
CYFFES
Haverfordwest
SAT: 5:15 – 5:45pm
SUN: 9:15 – 9:45am
Narberth
WED: 5:00 – 5:20pm

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK ... GWEDDI DROS Y CLEIFION:

POPE FRANCIS, MARGARET HIGGINS, CLARE HUGHES, THE ELDERLY & RETIRED CLERGY, ALL THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM OUR REMEMBERING THEM IN OUR PRAYERS.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR DECEMBER...

THAT PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITIES MAY BE AT THE CENTRE OF ATTENTION IN SOCIETY, AND THAT INSTITUTIONS MAY OFFER INCLUSIVE PROGRAMS WHICH VALUE THEIR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION.

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER – CHRISTMASTIDE

WE ARE CALLED UPON TO PRAY FOR: MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES, AND FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS.

REMEMBERING OUR DEAD & ANNIVERSARIES IN DECEMBER:

Let us remember those souls who have no one to remember them in prayers! Amy Moore (1997), Thomas May (1999), Elizabeth O'Sullivan (2002), Patrick Mahoney (2002), John Concannon (2003), Anne Byrne (2006), Anne Johnson (2006), Daniel Sweeney (2006), May Sullivan (2007), William Rowe (2007), Ambrose Charles Roche (2008), Mary Catherin Absalom (2009), Mary McManus (2009), Lillian Gwendoline Skipp (2009), William Henry Fennell (2010), Mary Teresa Raymond (2011), Henry 'William' Phillips (2011), John Feehan (2012), Jean Marr Goodeve (2014), Teresa Jeffrey (2017), Veronica Joan Adams (2017), Maria Livia Wiseman (2018), Wilfred George Hart (2018), James Alexander Doyle (2018), Joseph Brian Bell (2018), Melveana Pearl Herde (2018), David John Evans (2019), Vesta Eileen Chapman (2020), Beverley Anne Mitchell (2020), Stephanie Ann Mansfield (2021), Margaret Bernadette Feehan (2021) John Robert James "Jackie" Higgins (2022) Josephine Margaret Stephens (2023)... **MAY THEY REST IN PEACE...!**

Happy New Year 2024...!



*"I said to the man... who stood at the gate of the year...
'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown'
And he replied: 'Go out into the darkness
and put your hand into the hand of God...
That shall be to you, Better than light and safer than a known way...!'"*

WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024...!

**Thanking YOU all for your kind support... & for all YOU do...!
MAY GOD BLESS YOU & GUIDE YOU WITH PEACE & JOY...!**

CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERING 2023: The Crib Offerings this year will go towards two causes: one "at home" and one "abroad", namely, the work of Caritas Cardiff and Menevia, & in aid for Christians in the Holy Land, through the work of Friends of the Holy Land and the Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulchre. This latter fund, of course, is particularly pertinent at the moment, given the situation in Israel and Gaza.

CRIB COLLECTION: We will hold a Retiring CRIB Collection on 6th & 7th January towards the two charities named above. Kindly remember to Gift-Aid your generous donations. God bless.

BISHOP MARK O'TOOLE'S PASTORAL LETTER & FEEDBACK: I am certain that all of you either read or listened, and reflected on the Pastoral Letter from our Bishop Mark O'Toole. The feedback for the same is very important. After the busy time of welcoming Jesus into our hearts and homes, we will have more time to further reflect on the same. In the early 2024, we will have opportunities to share our thoughts and discuss them with Bishop Mark. First of all, there will be a meeting with Bishop Mark and two representatives each from each parish both of Menevia and Cardiff. For Menevia it will be on 3rd Feb (Sat) at 10:00am, St Mary's, Carmarthen. The clergy will have the similar meeting at the extra-ordinary Deanery meetings, called by Bishop Mark. Then there will be various meetings with a few parishes together in different parts of both dioceses. We are privileged to host one of those for our area. The Open Listening Meeting & Station Mass will be here on February 20th at 5pm., followed by Lenten Station Mass. So, kindly note the date in advance to avoid having to give an apology.

THANK YOU: CHRISTMAS 2023... It's that time of the year when we remember with gratitude those many hands that make things happen in this Church. During a beautiful celebration like Christmas, the celebration is incomplete without a BIG THANK YOU...! I would like to remember those committed people who work tirelessly behind the scene. I would like to render my thanks to the Ministers of the Word, the Altar Servers, the organists and musicians... the mighty cleaning group... the Church Flower Group for such fantastic displays, the finance department of counters and book keeper... and if I have missed out any others, they too... And last but not the least, YOU parishioners...! Without your help, support and contribution, to me personally and for your parish, nothing of this could happen. May God's blessings be on you, in your family too. Thank you so much...!

A PERSONAL THANK YOU for all your cards, prayers, blessings and gifts... You are very generous...!

CHRISTMAS GIFTS -DONATIONS TO MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY: If you have any items from your Christmas presents that you think that you may not use and would like to donate to the needy, kindly bring them over to the church and place it in the box provided. We can thus contribute to the work of the Missionaries of Charity Sisters of St. Teresa of Kolkatta in Swansea, for the benefit of those in their care. Thank you for your generosity towards the needy.

HOLIDAYS: FR. PAUL: I will be taking a short break to visit my Mother and family from January 9th to Feb. 01st, 2024. In my absence, Rev. Fr. Robert Davies will celebrate the weekend Holy Masses for us. For Pastoral Care Emergencies, Rev. Canon Pius Augustine (01239 612615) & Rev. Fr. Mansel Usher (01834 842692) are available. You may also contact Ann Soper (07581400399) for any other information. Thanks.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & CATECHISTS: We will begin our preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation in the new year. The celebration will be in June, 2024. A reshuffle of Catechists will take place, to also absorb new volunteers for this great service. Parents of the children from non-Catholic Schools, who would like to prepare for First Holy Communion, kindly talk to Fr. Paul after one of the Holy Masses.

USED STAMPS: Did you receive a lot of cards this time? So, you must have a lot of stamps. Kindly save them for the Charity, **"GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND"**. Thank you...!

PARISH SAFEGUARDING POLICY: SAFETY & SAFEGUARDING of all who visit our church, both parishioners & visitors, are important to us. If you have concerns about any safeguarding issues, kindly contact the Parish Safeguarding Representative, Mrs. Anne Barnes on 01437765365. More information about our Safeguarding Policy is found here: <http://www.menevia.org/safeguarding/>

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READINGS: SUNDAY 31ST DECEMBER – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

1st Reading: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

Psalm: 104: 1-6, 8-9

RESPONSE: He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant for ever.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19

Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40