



The Parishes of the Blessed Sacrament Gorseinon & St Bride's Pontarddulais



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

WHAT'S ON

Tea and Coffee

Please join us for tea, coffee and a chat after mass on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month in Gorseinon.

Film Club

Every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month in the Gorseinon Parish Hall. Doors open at 1.30pm, film to start at 2pm.

Holy Rosary Group

First Saturday of the month at 11am in the Blessed Sacrament parish hall

Men's Rosary Rally

First Saturday of the month in Swansea Centre, outside St David's Priory at 1pm.

Scripture Group

Meet Tuesday at 5pm in the Parish Office.

ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR THIS WEEK: Vittorio Antoniazzi, Elwyn Cox, Ann Colleton, Bridget Lewis, William Gower, Bridget Murphy, Joseph Kellett, David Hurdidge, Meiron James, Bridget Tighe, Robert Bale, Fr. E Monaghan, Eileen Strickland, Fr. P Twomey, Shirley Herbert, William Pardoe, Clara Burrows, Gino Foligno, Canon E James, Arwyn Samuel, Rachel Rees, Ada Veronica Richman, Daniel Adakole Ejembi, Adebamiji Adeboboye, Walter Chikwendu..

SOLEMNITIES, FEAST AND MEMORIA: 20TH: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr, St. Sebastian, Martyr; 21st: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr; 22nd: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; 24th: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church.

OF YOUR CHARITY: Please pray for those who ask our prayers at this time: Mary Donovan, Ian O'Brien, Wendy Wilcox, Dorothy Stocking, Alan Jones, Tina Jones, Kathy Thomas and all who are sick, housebound, or hospitalised and those who care for them.

PLASTIC TUBS COLLECTION FOR MACMILLAN: Last Christmas we collected Plastic Tubs, which were recycled and the money collected donated to Macmillan Cancer charity. We want you to collect and donate any plastic tubs you have and leave them in the church porch again this year. Many thanks.

Holy Rosary Group: This new group has been formed by a parishioner to enable those who would like to come together to pray the rosary. The group will meet on the first Saturday of the month in the parish hall. Next Rosary Group meeting will be on Saturday 7th February 2026 at 11am. Everyone is welcome. If you haven't got rosary beads they are available in the repository.

Reading Cycle: Year A (II)

This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday	17th	5pm	Jen Golightly RIP (GG) - St Bride's
Sunday	18th	10.30am	People of the Parish
Tuesday	20th	9.30am	No Intention
Wednesday	21st	9.30am	No Intention - St Bride's
Thursday	22nd		No Mass
Friday	23rd	9.30am	Mary Fildes RIP (MC)
Saturday	24th	5pm	Jen Golightly RIP (GG) - St. Bride's
Sunday	25th	10.30am	People of the Parish

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday	From 4.30pm	St Bride's
Sunday	From 10:15am	Blessed Sacrament (or after mass on request)

Our Lady's Lamp Intentions

<u>Blessed Sacrament:</u> No Intention	<u>St Bride's:</u> No Intention
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Vacancy: Facilities Manager / Caretaker (Part Time) - St Joseph's Cathedral Primary School is seeking to appoint a reliable and enthusiastic Facilities Manager/Caretaker to play a key role in maintaining a safe, welcoming and well-kept school environment. The post is part time (27.5 hours per week, term time) and permanent. Previous experience is beneficial, but training will be provided. Full details, including the job description, person specification and application form, can be found on our website: www.stjosephscathedralprimary.swansea.sch.uk
Closing date: **Friday 23 January 2026, 12 noon**

The Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia is seeking a Safeguarding Officer to support safe parishes across South, West & Mid Wales and Herefordshire. Role includes managing Offender & DBS plans, audits, and training. **Requirements:** Safeguarding or multi-agency/investigative experience; flexibility for travel and some evenings/weekends.

Salary: £34,500 | **Hours:** 35/week | **Leave:** 30 days + public holidays

Apply/Info: HR@cardiffmenevia.org | Info: Chris Mullane, 02920 379480

More details: <https://rcadc.org/vacancy-safeguarding-officer/>

Open-ended closing; early applications encouraged.

Health & Safety: We are in need of a volunteer to keep our Health & Safety programme up to date. This work is not arduous and entails using a software programme to keep risk assessments up to date. But it does need to be done regularly. If you have relevant qualifications in Occupational Health & Safety e.g. Certificate in Occupational Health & Safety, and can spare some time each week please speak to Stephen for more information.

Newsletter: We are in need of a volunteer to assist in the production of our newsletter. This entails working opposite a current parishioner every other week. The newsletter needs to be completed in time for mass at St. Bride's church, Pontarddulais each Saturday. The volunteer would need to be familiar with Microsoft Office as we use Word and Publisher to produce the newsletter. If you are interested speak to Stephen.

Legislative Consent Motion on Assisted Suicide Bill As the Senedd prepares to debate whether to give legislative consent to Westminster's Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, Archbishop Mark and Bishop Peter Bignall wish to express their deep concern about legalising assisted suicide in Wales. International experience shows that where assisted suicide is legalised, eligibility criteria expand over time and subtle pressure is placed on those who are elderly, disabled, or who fear becoming a burden. True compassion means accompanying those who suffer and ensuring no one feels abandoned, not ending life. They urge Members of the Senedd to withhold consent and focus on strengthening palliative care. **On Monday 26th January, those who can are asked to observe a day of fasting** in solidarity with the vulnerable. **Please also engage respectfully with your Member of the Senedd** to make your voice heard on this important decision for Wales.

There are a few **2026 Directory/Year Books** available in the porch for sale at £5 each.

NEWSLETTER: For newsletter queries, please email gorseinon@menevia.org.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 18TH JAN

Readers: Richard Lake, Shaun Lloyd

Eucharistic Ministers: Group B

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Tel: 01792 892722 - Safeguarding Rep (Kate Spence) **Email:** catherinemspence@icloud.com

Parish of St Bride: Cross Street, Pontarddulais, SA4 8LR (Served from the Blessed Sacrament) -

Email: pontarddulais@menevia.org -

Safeguarding Rep (Felicity John) **Mob:** 07800 779995

Priest in Charge: Fr Clement **Mob:** 07459 335606

Hospital Chaplain Numbers: Morriston : 07792003905. Singleton : 01792 655336.