



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



Second Sunday of Christmas

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

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: Patrick Lynch, Gilbert Clarke, Natalie Dallavalle, Kath Gazzi, Sian Howells, Jan Bojcew, Bernard Cleveland, Emily Mary O'Rourke, Michael Boland, Jozef Piecko, Martin Hussey, Audrey Szulejko, James Given, Jack Higgins, John Davies, Jean Stirrup, Harold Stirrup.

SOLEMNITIES, FEAST AND MEMORIA: Tue 6th: Epiphany of the Lord; Wed 7th: St. Raymond of Penafort, priest; Sun 11th: The Baptism of the Lord.

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 being 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. 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	3rd	5pm	People of the Parish - St Bride's
Sunday	4th	10.30am	Eira & Cliff Edwards RIP (HLS)
Monday	5th	5pm	Vigil - Epiphany of the Lord
Tuesday	6th	9.30am	Rudolf & Priscilla Nessmann RIP (SN)
Wednesday	7th	9.30am	Jen Golightly RIP (GG) - St Bride's
Thursday	8th		No Mass
Friday	9th	9.30am	Butch Brodett RIP (TD)
Saturday	10th	5pm	People of the Parish - St. Bride's
Sunday	11th	10.30am	Pat & Jane Lynch RIP (SN)

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>	<u>St Bride's:</u> No Intention
Wendy Wilcox - Recovery	

Crib Offerings 2025 This year's Crib Offerings will be shared between Aid to the Church in Need and projects helping homeless people within the Archdiocese. If you would like to donate electronically there is a QR code ,which you can scan next to the crib.



The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated on Tuesday 6th January 2026 and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses as follows: Monday 5th January 26, Vigil Mass in St. Bride's Church, Pontarddulais at 5pm; Tuesday 6th January 26, Mass in Blessed Sacrament Church, Gorseinon at 9.30am.

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

Reflection for the Epiphany – Year A

The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of Christ to the nations, symbolized by the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1–12). It is a moment of divine revelation — God's light breaking into the world, not for a select few, but for all peoples.

In **Year A**, the Gospel invites us to see ourselves in the Magi: seekers who journey through uncertainty, guided by a light they do not fully understand, yet compelled to follow. Their perseverance leads them not to a palace, but to a humble home — a reminder that God's glory often appears in unexpected places.

The Magi's gifts — gold, frankincense, and myrrh — are more than treasures; they are acts of worship, acknowledging Jesus as King, God, and the One who will suffer for our salvation. Their encounter transforms them, sending them home “by another way,” symbolizing the change that true meeting with Christ brings.

Reflection Points:

- God's light is for everyone — no one is excluded from His love.
- The journey of faith requires trust, humility, and openness to surprise.

True worship leads to transformation and a new way of living.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, Light of the world, guide my steps as You guided the Magi. Help me to seek You with a sincere heart, to recognize You in the humble and unexpected, and to offer You the gift of my life. Amen.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 11TH JAN

Readers: A McGlinchy , L Ezenkwell

Eucharistic Ministers: Group C

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