

**CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART**  
**EGLWYS Y GALON SANCTAIDD**  
**KOŚCIÓŁ NAJŚWIĘTSZEGO SERCA PANA JEZUSA**  
**DIOCESAN SHRINE OF DIVINE MERCY**  
**ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2017**

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**Christmas at a quick glance**

Sat 23rd Dec 10.30am Holy Mass

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent** Sat Vigil Mass 5.30pm

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Holy Mass 9.30am, 11am

End of Advent NB -No 6.30pm Sunday Mass

**Christmas Eve** Nativity play 5pm

Childrens Vigil Mass 5.30pm

Carol service 11.30pm and Blessing of Crib

**Midnight Mass**

Christmas Day 9.30am,11am

**Christmas Week.** 26<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.30am,

27<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30pm,28<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.30am,

29<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm,30<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.30 am

Weekend (as normal) New Years day- 12 noon

**Misericordias Domini in aeternum cantabo -I will Sing forever of the Mercy of the Lord**

What a historic day for our parish as we became an official Shrine of Divine Mercy for the Diocese. It was great that so many came to support this historic milestone in the parish at the 11am Mass with the Bishop. Many thanks for the donations from Parishioners and friends for the development of the Shrine. We have over £6000 given to us for development s ie- advertise, make improvements and publicity. Thank you one and all for your generous support. Each Friday at 3pm there will be a special Hour of Mercy. This will include the Chaplet and the reading of intentions in the petition book, there will sometimes be Adoration and other times with the Stations of the Cross.

We have a busy month ahead of us with the Holy Season of Advent. The most important thing you can do for Advent is your Advent Confession - The Sacrament of Mercy with the Lord Jesus –mercy made flesh. If you have family coming to mass over christmas pleased remind them they will need confession if they have not been to mass since last Christmas and wish to receive Holy Communion . What a great Christmas gift it would be to bring someone else with you to confession and let them experience a blessed and Happy Christmas by being at peace with God through a good confession ready to start 2018. Wishing someone a happy christmas is only real when Jesus is truly with them when they are in a state of grace. Its the best gift you can give someone this Christmas. Visiting priests are also coming.

**Help needed** -We are in urgent need of helpers for the rotas. Please complete and return the rota sheet

**Still Looking for a Christmas gift or something different?** . Why not consider a reflexology treatment provided in the privacy of your own home or that of your relative or friend by Cecelia one of our parishioners a qualified reflexologist Contact her for an appointment or to purchase a voucher . £15 All proceeds from this go to the parish -07828144628. Try a sample session at the parish Christmas fayre Dec 10min for £5. Vouchers on sale that day too. Also the Harmony childrens Christmas CD on sale at the Christmas Fayre Dec 2nd

Finally Midnight Mass is at Midnight and is of course the main mass for Christmas. The childrens 5.30pm vigil mass is as it suggests for children, and if you come it means a 2 hour stand if you dont get a seat and sometimes in the porch. Please spread yourselves over the masses.

# Whats on at a glance

Dec 2nd Parish Christmas Fayre  
Dec 10th Christmas Raffle Draw  
Dec 17th Italian Lunch

## Daily Events -Holy Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the Dying in Parish and Hospital

## Weekly events

**Sunday** – 4.30pm Choir (Centre),  
**Monday**– 7pm Adult formation classes (back room),  
7pm Lectio Divina Prayer Group (Centre)  
8pm Charismatic prayer (see Sheila or Frances)  
**Tuesday** – 4.30 pm Harmony Guitar Group  
6.30pm Legion of Mary (Back room)  
**Thursday**– 7.30pm SVP meeting (Centre)  
**Friday** - 3pm Hour of Mercy  
**Saturday**– Music Lesson, 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Classes,  
Childrens Rosary and Mass and homily (Term time)

**Confessions** These are heard regularly and also on Sundays when both priests are at home. Otherwise as follows: - Wed 7pm, Fri 7pm, Sat 11am +5pm. Sunday 9am and during Masses (if both of us here)

## Monthly Events

**1st Mondays** – 7.30pm Healing service (as and when advertised)  
**1st Wednesday** – 2.30pm Holy Mass and Over 50's Group (Centre)  
**1st Friday**– All day Eucharistic Adoration  
**3rd Friday** – 6.30pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour, Mass, Study Group

### Contact names for Various Parish Activities

<b>Hall Hire</b> –	Paul Relf
<b>SVP President</b> -	Bernard Regan
<b>Legion of Mary</b> -	Mer Badilla
<b>Social events</b> -	Heather Harris
<b>1st Holy Communion</b> -	Mrs Liz Arthur
<b>Confirmation-</b>	Arthur Jones
<b>Choir</b> -	Kathryn Merry
<b>Finance and Envelopes and Gift Aid-</b>	Pauline Morris
<b>Parish Childrens Guitar group</b>	Brian Griffiths
<b>Childrens Liturgy</b> -	Suzanne Romano
<b>Parish Safe Guarding Rep</b> -	Elaine Rees

**Activities for Children.** Do you know about the following activities each week for our parish Children?

**Harmony Guitar group** –Tue 4.30pm Term time

**Sat Music lessons, and Catechism class** Term closes Dec 16th – Jan 13th

**1st Communion class** Registration closed

**Childrens Rosary and Mass Sat 11.15am-** in term time

**Liturgy for Children** Sun Mass 9.30am, 11am -All year

**Forthcoming Childrens Events – Dec 2nd** 1pm Childrens Advent Wreath making.

**24th Dec** 5pm Nativity Play 5.30pm Childrens Mass

### Rotas

#### 3rd Dec

Our Lady – AJ + Sheru  
Linen - Manibo Family  
Counters, Bernard + Jo  
Cleaning - Suzanne + Elle  
Flowers- Carmel Poles

#### 10th Dec

Our Lady- Emma Pole  
Linen Manisbo Family  
Counters Margaret + Alyn  
Cleaning – Marian Morgan  
Flowers – Tumbali Family

#### 17th Dec

Our Lady – Available  
Linen Leni  
Counters, Helen, Ann + John  
Cleaning All Cleaners please  
Flowers AJ + Sheru

#### 24th Dec

Our Lady – Available  
Linen Leni  
Counters, Chris + Sheila  
Cleaners anyone who is free  
Flowers Parishioners Ponsietta

**2nd Collection - 1st** Sunday of each month for the sisters. Nov £251  
**We are grateful to the families have undertaken Direct debit to support the sisters.**

### Shrine Donations -£6.000

#### November collections

**Week 1** £ 1061.04 **Week2**£1049.89  
**Week3** £1020.26 **Week4**

There are some gaps for Christmas Masses . Christmas Mass cards are on sale

**The Centre** Please- Note the Centre will be closed from Dec 18th – January 9th 2018. No Bookings during these dates

**Legacy-** If you are writing your Will please remember the Shrine and Parish.

**Heating** Only Jesus was born in a barn, all other please close the Church door. Heating is on

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Nov dead List  
 Tue 28<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Nov dead List  
 Wed 29<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Nov dead List  
 Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Nov dead List

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of Month**

9.30am - Vocations  
*All day adoration- Please sign*  
 Holy Hour 6.30pm  
 7.30pm Swansea Sick to  
 Lourdes -Peggy .

**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday**

10.15am The Rosary  
 10.30am Our Lady - J O Sullivan

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**5.30pm Sat Vigil Mass**  
**9.30am Mr + Mrs Iwobi Diamond**  
Wedding.  
Jim and Tracey Boyle Margaret  
**11am – J Joseph Sebastian**  
+Family  
**3pm latin EF –Tom and Elaine**  
Silver wedding  
**6.30pm**

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Varghese + Mary  
 7pm Advent Healing Service  
 Tue 5<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Suriya Int  
 Wed 6<sup>th</sup> 9.30am  
 7.30pm De Marco Int  
 Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Elfyd Tomas- Kath

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> The Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Lady**

9.30am int of Fr Andrzej  
 6.30pm Holy Hour  
 Visiting Confessor  
 7.30pm Ambrose O Connell  
 The Rosary 10.15am  
 10.30am Eileen and Family

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**5.30pm Vigil Mass**  
**9.30am Harry –Family**  
**11am**  
**6.30pm**

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Int of Cleo  
 Tue 12<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Harry Cooper  
 Wed 13<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Lorna and family  
 7.30pm In thanksgiving –  
 Eileen  
 Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Ruben birthday

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Int of fr Andrzej  
 6.30pm Divine Mercy Holy  
 Hour  
 7.30pm Fara Khosrovami Int  
 8pm Study Group  
 Sat 16<sup>th</sup> 10.15am The Rosary  
 10.30 am Donor Int DMP

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Gaudete Sunday**

**5.30pm**  
**9.30am For Cleo**  
**11am For Mary Bryan and**  
M.Kinsella  
**6.30pm**

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Donor Int DMP  
 Tue 19<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Healy/ Curran Family  
 Wed 20<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Holy Souls  
 7.30pm Christine Doyle  
 Eileen Rowe  
 Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> 9.30am M Escorio /Emmanuel  
 Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.30am Holy Souls  
 7.30pm M Escorio/Emmanuel  
 Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.15 The Rosary  
 10.30am Judiel Pasia +  
 Thuvelyn Lucero

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**5.30pm Vigil Mass**  
**9.30am Hugh Lambert R +J**  
George  
**11am Parents of Liz Arthur**

NB No 6.30pm

**Christmas Eve**

5pm Nativity Play  
 5.30pm Childrens Mass Kristy Brian + Colleen  
 11.30pm Carol service + blessing of Crib  
 Midnight Mass- Poor Claires -Kathryn + Sheila

**Christmas Day**

9.30am Mary Barnard- R+J George  
 11am Phyllis + Trevor Williams – Judith  
 26<sup>th</sup> 10,30am Agnes Martel Int  
 27<sup>th</sup> 7pm Carols +Benediction  
 7.30pm Mother Gabriel 100<sup>th</sup> Kathryn +  
 Sheila  
 28<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Lolite San Felipe family int  
 29<sup>th</sup> 7pm Carols and Benediction  
 7.30pm Gordon Hanford -Philip  
 30<sup>th</sup> Rosary 10.15  
 10.30 am Estrellas Ints

**Baptism requests** are not arranged by phone or email but after Sunday Mass for registered parishioners. (of at least 6months)

**Lessons for Adults-Faith formation**, Mondays 7pm  
For further info speak with Fr Andrzej

**Handmaids of the Sacred Heart** Girls please meet with the sister 15min before each Sunday Mass to be allocated jobs.

### **Advent/Christmas Events**

Nov 25<sup>th</sup> shopping trip to Gloucester  
Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Friday club night and Grand bingo  
Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> Parish Christmas fayre 1pm and children activity to make family Advent wreathes £1 per child for covering costs of oasis and candles  
Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.30am 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Mr and Mrs Iwobi  
Dec 4<sup>th</sup> Advent Healing Service  
Dec 6<sup>th</sup> Over 50's Christmas Lunch -  
Dec 8<sup>th</sup> The Immaculate Conception  
Advent recollection and visiting confessor -  
Dec 9<sup>th</sup> SVP seniors and housebound party  
Dec 9<sup>th</sup> Harmony Christmas Party, Altar servers party  
Dec 10<sup>th</sup> Draw for Christmas Raffle 7.30pm  
Dec 13<sup>th</sup> Arrival of Mother General from Malta T  
Dec 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Concert Brangwyn hall  
Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Arrival of Seminarian Rod  
Dec 15+16 Indian House blessings  
Dec 17<sup>th</sup> Gaudete Sunday- Blessing of Christmas nativity sets and bambini for Children  
Dec 17<sup>th</sup> Christmas coffee morning and sale after morning masses, Italina Lunch  
Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> Parish Sick communions Dec 18<sup>th</sup> Confessions at the Mumbles Fr Jason  
Dec 20<sup>th</sup> Confessions Fr Artur + fr Mansel 6pm - 8pm  
Dec 21 Fr Artur Confessions Morriston 9am -10.30  
Dec 21<sup>st</sup> Confessions 5pm Town Hill- Fr Andrzej

**Dec 23/24/ 25 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent and Christmas**  
May I gently remind you that as Christmas is a Monday, Catholics have to attend both Sunday mass and Christmas day Mass as they are both days of obligation.

**Mass Intentions** Please note the 1<sup>st</sup> Sat Mass + 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Mass intention each month has been booked for the year. With the designation of the Church as a shrine we have also received a number of Masses for 2018. Including a Gregorian Mass eg 30 consecutive masses each day for 30 days. Please book your s early to be assured of your date.

**Christmas Raffle tickets** in by Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm please

**2018 Parish Diaries**- £1 in the porch. Thanks to local business for sponsorship

**Readers** The Advent\_Rota is now available. Please would all readers ensure they read and put into effect the readers notes. **Iwobi family will be reading at the 9.30am 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Mass and Catechism Children at 11am**

**Advent reading booklets**.and gospel readings for 2018 also daily mass readings for 2018 now on sale.

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Of Advent** Diamond Wedding Mr and Mrs Iwobi. The family have their own readers for 9.30 mass. The catechism children will be reading at the 11am Mass.

### **Prepare a bed for the Baby Jesus**

Children will be invited at Sunday Masses to come forward as usual and place the straw and collect their Advent Candles for their liturgy during Advent

**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion 2019 yes 2019** Please be aware that the preparation of children who are now aged 5 have begun their preparation for 2019. The Children who have enrolled in catechism class will have priority for the Sacraments as they will be so well prepared.

Red Mission Boxes are due in please

**Harmony Group Christmas Cd** Now on sale.

An excellent gift of our parish childrens music group.

**Decorating the Church** Please can each and every family bring a red poinsettia on Sunday Dec 17<sup>th</sup> to decorate the Church. From £1.50

**Christmas offering envelopes** will be available. This is your gift to the priests not as a Christmas present but to support them through the year as in the UK this is the main source of income to supplement the annual wage of £2500 about £200 a month.

**A candle for you** at Christmas £2.50 now on sale with card and a candle for church over Christmas

**Italian Lunch** Dec 17<sup>th</sup> £10 each or £35 for a family  
This is a ticket only event. Book with Fr Jason or Reno

**The Catechism Classes** are for Children who attend Sacred Heart Morriston Parish only as their families contribute financially to the parish which in turn supports the Sisters by means of the Sunday collection and 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection