

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 3rd July 2022

“ Renew Your wonders in this our day, as by a New Pentecost. Grant to Your Church that, being of one mind and steadfast in prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and following the lead of blessed Peter, it may advance the reign of our Divine Saviour, the reign of truth and justice, the reign of love and peace. Come Holy Spirit, in Your power and might to renew the face of the earth”. (Pope St.John XXIII).

“Holy Spirit, Lord of Light, from the clear celestial height, Thy pure beaming radiance give. Come, Thou Father of the poor, come with treasures that endure, Come Thou Light of all that live. Light Immortal, Light Divine, Visit Thou this soul of mine, Wash the stain of guilt away. Bend the stubborn heart and will, Melt the frozen, warm the chill, Guide the steps that go astray” Come, Holy Spirit!

AN INVITATION FROM THE BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

N.B. RETURNING TO MASS – PENTECOST SUNDAY (EXTRACT) “ The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply” – “ when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation” – “ Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person”.

Mass Intentions this Sunday: (3rd July) **Saturday** (St.John Kemble) 4-00 p.m. Bernard Newcombe (RIP) (June and family); (St. Joseph’s) 6-00p.m. Parish & People; **Sunday** 10-30a.m. Joan Hardie (RIP) (Doug and Karen).

Weekday Mass Intentions: No weekday Mass this week.

Mass Intentions next Sunday (10th July) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. (St.John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00p.m. (St. Joseph’s) Muriel & Gerald Richards, Yvonne & Infant (RIP) (Annette, Philip & Paul); **Sunday** 10-30 a.m. Nash Family (RIP) (Nuala and Martin).

The Welsh National Pilgrimage to Lourdes 25th – 30th July 2022. A full programme, al transport, travel and full board are included in the package, Further details to follow. See www.welshnationalpilgrimage.com

Pilgrimage to Lourdes: The Lourdes Group is travelling (by rail) this year from 20th – 29th July. There are still two places available. For further details contact Deacon Jim on 07816 750864.

Readers: This Sunday (3rd July) 6-00 a.m. Nora Reynolds; 10-30 a.m. Mary Walker. **Next Sunday** (10th July) 6-00 p.m. Maureen McAteer. 10-30 a.m. Bethan Lee

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Margaret Tucker (2012); Catherine Kelly (2000); Louise Thomas (2008); Frank Nedza (2008); Maria Britton (2009); Edith Higgins (2008); Aldo Rinaldi (2021); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Ken Williams (RIP) Please remember Ken in your prayers and Corine and the family. Funeral details to follow. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

Candles The Sacred Heart – Helen Diane Owen (Sp.Int.); Our Lady – Bill & Eileen Whiting; St.Joseph – Gregory Beckett (Newly Ordained)

Gregory Beckett (Diocesan Seminarian) Please keep Greg in your prayers who was ordained Deacon last weekend at St. Mary’s College, Oscott, for the Diocese of Menevia. Greg grew up in Haverford West and has one more year of studies before (God Willing) he will be ordained Priest next year in St. Joseph’s Cathedral.

Mrs Clare Dineen. All good wishes to Mrs. Dineen who has announced her early retirement as Head of St. Joseph's School – from the end of the Autumn Term. We are very grateful to Clare for all her hard work and wish her every blessing in her retirement.

Two Teaching Posts – at St. Mary's Catholic Primary School in Carmarthen. **REVISED CLOSING DATE** for application – **this Monday 11th July**. Details available from the Carmarthenshire County Council Website. For an informal discussion, please contact Mrs Hannah Corcoran (Acting Head) on 01267 234297

Archbishop Mark O'Toole Archbishop Mark was installed as Bishop of Menevia on Thursday 23rd June at St. Joseph's Cathedral. In his homily he said he already had happy memories of the Diocese from his Holy Week visit to St. Joseph's, Neath (!!) in 1991 when as a newly ordained priest (studying at Oxford University) he stayed for a week in the Presbytery with Fr. Michael Donnellan. Perhaps some of you remember his visit? He spoke extensively in Welsh (!) in the homily – which he has been studying for only a few months. It is possible to view the Installation Mass on the internet (try ShalomWorld or typing in " Installation of").

.Parish Guild Meeting in the Hall this Monday (4th) at 2-00 p.m.

Legion of Mary Meeting every Wednesday at 6-00 p.m. A warm welcome to new members.

THE CHURCH GROUNDS We are gradually recovering and restoring the church grounds and hope to set up the Stations of the Cross along the side of the school playground leading up to the Grotto. It is intended that (in due time) the Grotto of Our Lady will be the "centre" of the restored grounds ("estate"!). It involves a lot of work (!) and we would be grateful for volunteers to help with general maintenance (weeding!) keeping the hedges trimmed etc. If you can help with this please have a word with Chris, Martin or Nuala to whom we are very grateful for their splendid work in the gradual transformation of the estate. When completed and the driveway/carpark tarmacked there will be a Service of Dedication to Our Lady.

Couples for Christ Invites you to rediscover God's Love! At the Sacred Heart Centre, Morrision (SA6 6HX) every Saturday for 8 weeks from 11th June 2 -5 p.m. " Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever". For further information please contact Arnel and Bridget – 07902 930831 (see poster).

Parish History Booklet Copies of the reprint of the History of the Parish are still available if you would like to pick up a copy from the back of the church - £5-00

Last Sunday's Collection: St. Joseph's – t.b.a. St. John Kemble – £44-00. Many thanks.

Second Collection This Sunday (3rd July) **Peter's Pence** Collection in support of the Holy See. **Next Sunday** 10th July (Sea Sunday) – **Apostleship of the Sea** (Stella Maris).

Prayer for Ukraine (from the Bishops 'Conference) "*Mary, Our Lady of Kiev, Mother of God, We ask you to intercede for the people of Ukraine, For their government and all who suffer as a result of war. Be with them as you stood beside your Son, Suffering on the Cross of Calvary. Give them strength and courage, Through faith, hope and justice. May we, in our turn, Support them through prayer and generosity, That lives may be saved, the injured healed, that the dead may rest in peace, And that war will end in peace*".

The Sick and Housebound Please continue to remember in your prayers all those who are sick and housebound, those in hospital and in our local care homes. Especially at this time, Peggy Swan (Glynneath), Jane Boland, George Johnson, Nancy Morris, Cheryl Ford, Jason Saunders, Stephen Saunders, Yolanda Jones, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna O'Brien, Betty Hopkins, Rose Williams, Margaret Jeffrey, Dennis Taylor, Marion Brocksopp, Peter Thomas. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

Reliquary of Relics of St. Bernadette of Lourdes at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Monday 12 and Tuesday 13th September. Further details of prayers/devotions to follow.

TO CONTACT THE PARISH/FATHER NEIL - The Presbytery, Hillside Lane, Neath, SA11 1TG. 01639 643323
N.B. The phone in the Presbytery is now re-connected. Parish Website – www.catholicchurchneath.org.uk

PRAYER AFTER MASS *St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the*