

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 31st 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).

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: (31st July) **Saturday** (St.John Kemble) 4-00 p.m. Parish & People; (St. Joseph’s) 6-00p.m. Bendan Harvey (RIP) (John & Linda Slattery); **Sunday** 10-30a.m. Attilio Bassi (RIP) (Marcellina Bacchetta and Gisella Tambini).

Weekday Mass Intentions: Tuesday 6-30 p.m. NO MASS; Wednesday 9-30 a.m. Fr. Paul Hughes (RIP) (SPCD); 11-00 a.m. (St.John Kemble) Cath & John Wooley (Sp. Int.). Thursday 9-30 a.m. Ann Hanford (RIP) (The Family); Friday 9-30 a.m. Sr.Josephine Brady & Sr. Rose Butler (RIP.).

Mass Intentions next Sunday (7th August) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. (St.John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00p.m. (St. Joseph’s) The Carpenter Family (Sp. Int.) (Caroline Thomas); **Sunday** 10-30 a.m. Pauline Griffiths (RIP) (Michael Family).

Readers: This Sunday (31st) 6-00 p.m. Caroline Thomas; 10-30 a.m. Stephen Evans. **Next Sunday** (7th August) 6-00 p.m. Lorna Halloran; 10-30 a.m. Barbara Hunt.

Candles

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Margaret Moorland (2009); Guiseppina Segadelli (2003); Anita O’Donnell (2021); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

The Synodal Process – Passing Christ’s Love On The Diocese of Menevia have published the replies from the parishes to the Synod questions. (The full response is available on the Parish Website). The Diocesan response to the Synod recommends that parishes reach out more to their communities. At our meeting on Monday 18th July, we discussed how St. Joseph’s could respond. One idea was a drop-in coffee morning as an opportunity to meet more people and to try this on **Thursday 4th August in the Parish Hall from 10-00a.m. to 11-00 a.m.** .It is a social occasion where everyone is welcome to come along, parishioners and non-parishioners alike. We encourage you to come along and please mention it to, and bring along, any friends and neighbours who would enjoy themselves there. Another idea was to encourage parishioners who have not yet returned to Mass following Covid, or those who have lapsed, by taking an extra copy of the Parish Newsletter and delivering to them so that they know what is happening at St. Joseph’s. Also, some people’s lift to church may no longer be available so if you think of anyone in that situation, perhaps you could consider offering them a lift. (The Parish Synodal Co-ordinators).

Reliquary of Relics of St. Bernadette of Lourdes at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Monday 12 and Tuesday 13th September. It is possible for individuals and groups (perhaps sharing a car) to register attendance on the Relic Tour website stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/ For general enquiries go to contact@stbernadette.org.uk. **Pilgrims who have not registered will not be turned away.** Further details to follow (Please see poster).

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

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 – £325-40 (plus DD); St.John Kemble – 16/7 £68-00; 23/7 £29-00. Many thanks.

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.

The Sacrament of Confession Fr. Neil will be available to hear confessions from 5-30 p.m. before the Saturday Vigil Mass. Please arrive in plenty of time. Confessions can be either face-to-face or use the privacy of the cubicle. **Confession can also take place at other Mass times (including weekdays).**

The Church Kneeler If you so wish, you may kneel to receive Holy Communion on the tongue or in the hand.

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 at 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"*.

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 power of God, cast into hell Satan and all other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

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