

## **21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time – 21st August 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** ( 21st August ) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St.John Kemble ) Parish & People; 6-00p.m. (St. Joseph’s ) Michael Cahill ( RIP ) ( James Cahill ); **Sunday** 10-30 a.m. Kath Williams (RIP) ( Michael Family ).

**Weekday Mass Intentions:** No weekday celebration of Mass. Monday 22nd 6-00 p.m. Reception of Coffin. Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 11-30 a.m. Funeral Mass – Mary Pughsley (RIP) 11-30 a.m. ( Llantwit Cemetery 1-00 p.m.)

**Mass Intentions next Sunday:** ( 28th August - We are very grateful to Canon Laurence Pelosi for celebrating our weekend Masses over this weekend ) – **Saturday** ( St.John Kemble) 4-00 p.m. Parish & People; (St. Joseph’s) 6-00p.m. Mary Pughsley (RIP) ( Yolanda & Nantlais Jones ); **Sunday** 10-30a.m. For an end to the killing of the Unborn ( Isabel Buckingham ).

**Readers:** **This Sunday** ( 21<sup>st</sup> August ) 6-00 p.m. Patrick McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Bernadette Payne. **Next Sunday** ( 28<sup>th</sup> August ) 6-00 p.m. Sian Loynes; 10-30 a.m. Mary Walker.

**Candles** Sacred Heart – Fr. Neil; Our Lady – Mary Pughsley; St. Joseph – Ukraine.

**Anniversaries:** Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Margaret Phillips (2014); Sophia Richmond (2014); Mary Widlake (2016);Owen Davies (2008); Giovanni D’Angeli (2011); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**Mary Pughsley (RIP)** Please remember Mary and the family in your prayers. Mary’s Funeral Mass will take place this Tuesday 23 August at 11-30 a.m. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

**Baptism** Please remember Sebastian Nichol-Walsh in your prayers who will be baptised into the Church next Sunday afternoon.

**Clothes Exchange Party** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September. The Parish Guild are appealing for any free-standing clothes rails for the event ( will be returned afterwards! ) See Noraor Sheila. More information to follow shortly.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> July, we discussed how St. Joseph’s could respond. One idea was a drop-in coffee morning as an opportunity to meet more people - on **Thursdays 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/) For general enquiries go to [contact@stbernadette.org.uk](mailto:contact@stbernadette.org.uk). Pilgrims who have not registered will not be turned away. Further details to follow ( Please see poster).

**Legion of Mary** Meetings suspended until Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 6-00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. A warm welcome to new members.

**Headteacher Post** St. Teilo's Catholic Primary School, Tenby, are looking to appoint a full-time Headteacher starting 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023. Salary: ISR L7 – L13. Full job description and person specification available through St. Teilo's School Website <https://stteilos.wales/head-teacher-position> plus a video of the school etc on You Tube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJOHvZjvOso>

**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 – £351-97 ( plus DD ); St. John Kemble – £44-00. Many thanks.

**Fr. Neil** will take time off and then light duties to recuperate from an operation on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August. Thank you for your prayers.

**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. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

**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 AT THE BEGINNING OF THE DAY**

Lord, as I step out into this day in all the frailties and imperfections of my nature, I do not know what this day will bring. I do not know if You will bring me to the end of this day. I thank You for the life You have given me thus far, and I ask Your forgiveness that I have presumed upon, abused and violated Your many graces and mercies to me.

As I step out into this day, grant me, I pray, the grace of a deeper and deeper surrender to Your Will, a letting-go of the world, and to see Jesus always in front of me as the ultimate Goal beyond all the events of today. Grant me the grace to rest securely and serenely in Your Presence, and not to be overthrown and confused by the sudden changes of life. I am a frail earthen vessel, a phial of blood, a clod of earth. Help me toward a greater respect for my fragility – that I "hang like a drop of dew upon a blade of grass" entirely dependent upon Your Will and Favour.

Help me to live from each heart-beat and not to presume beyond it. Help me not to "grab" at what surrounds me and yet always to work harder in doing good, and with a greater commitment. May my walk today be, in every step, a pilgrimage in Thee. I do not know what storms may break upon this day or how troubled a sea it may be. Bless the source and the spring of this day, and bring me safely into the harbour at the eve of the day – that I may safely anchor in the haven with Thee. Glory to Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**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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