

27th Sunday in Ordinary time – 2nd October 202

“ 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).

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”*

Mass Intentions this Sunday (2nd October) – **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. (St.John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00p.m. (St. Joseph's) Mary Pughsley (RIP) (Yolanda & Nantlais); **Sunday** 10-30 a.m. (St. Joseph's) Joe & Mary Fitzgerald (RIP – 50th Anniversary) (Joe & Lorna O'Brien)

Weekday Mass Intentions: **Wednesday** (5th) 9-30 a.m. (St. Joseph's) Mary Pughsley (RIP) (Donie, Pat & family); 11-00 a.m. (St. John Kemble) Katherine Wooley (Sp.Int.) (Nancy);. **Thursday** (6th) 9-30 a.m. Christopher Davies (RIP) (Maureen McAteer). 12-30 p.m. Funeral Service: Jean Williams (RIP)

Mass Intentions next Sunday: (9th October) **Saturday** (St.John Kemble) 4-00 p.m. Parish& People. (St. Joseph's) 6-00p.m. Marion O'Grady (RIP) (Brendan). **Sunday** 10-30a.m. Pat O'Connor (RIP) (James & Glenda Cahill).

CAFOD/Harvest Sunday Next Sunday (9th October). This Friday is the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day and our second collection next Sunday is for the work of CAFOD when we shall also celebrate the Harvest. Donations to the Food Bank (especially the items listed below) gratefully received as part of our Harvest Offering. **Please pick up Harvest Fast Day note from the back of the church.**

FOOD BANK Please leave donations to the Neath Food Bank at the back of the church - the products Food Banks need most: Tinned veg (peas and sweetcorn); tinned tuna and mackerel; brown,basmati and long grain rice; pulses (eg: kidney beans and chickpeas); grains (eg: couscous); easy cook noodles; tinned fruit (eg: pineapple slices); wholegrain cereals (eg: wheat biscuits); oat drinks and UHT milk. THANK YOU!

Readers: **This Sunday** (2nd October). 6-00 p.m. Caroline Thomas; 10-30 a.m. Peter Buckingham. **Next Sunday** (9th October) 6-00 p.m. Lorna Halloran; 10-30 a.m. Babs Hunt.

Candles: Sacred Heart – Special Intention (M); Our Lady – M & R (Sp.Int.) St. Joseph – Fr. Neil.

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Carol Callaghan (2005); Bernard McCormack (2010); Mary Heffernan (2015); Andrew Vicari (2016); Peter Copping (2015); Joseph O'Connor (2006; Michael Malloy (2008); Stella Edgell (2014); Angela Dimaio (2020).*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Jean Williams (RIP) Please remember Jean in your prayers and the family at this time. Jean's Funeral Service will take place here in St. Joseph's this Thursday 6th October at 12-30 p.m. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen*

S.V.P. Appeal If you have any pre-loved trainers in good condition for men and ladies they will find a good home at Mission 25-35 who hold a breakfast club for the homeless every Saturday morning. Please bring them along or contact Angela on 01792 424168. Thank you.

Holy Baptism Please remember Teifi Killickin your prayers who will be baptised into the Church next Saturday morning.

Parish Coffee Morning – Every Thursday from 10-00 – 11-00 a.m. All welcome!

Last Sunday's Collection: St. Joseph's – £510-24 (plus Direct Debits) Parish S.V.P. £455-60; St. John Kemble – £17-00 Parish S.V.P. £30-00. Many thanks.

Second Collections Next Sunday October 9th – CAFOD Harvest Collection.

Parish Hall Committee We hope to re-establish the Parish Hall Committee with a committed (hard-working!) team of volunteers. If you would like to nominate someone for the committee (with their permission) please hand in names – one name for each nomination (and your own name) to Fr. Neil. There are a number of issues to be addressed – replacing fascia boards around the hall, new kitchen door, new boiler, the sound system, the wording of contracts for those hiring the hall, general upkeep, etc. The Chair will be elected at the first meeting. Thank you.

Craft & Knitting Group Every Tuesday from 11-30 a.m. to 1-30p.m. All welcome.

St. Joseph's Parish Guild Meeting this Monday (3rd) at 2-00 p.m. New members welcome!

Fr. Michael Burke (RIP) Please remember Fr. Michael in your prayers. Fr. Michael was formerly the parish priest in Clydach and then at the Cathedral before moving to Florida. Fr. Michael died peacefully last Monday morning. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

Headteacher Post St. Teilo's Catholic Primary School, Tenby, are looking to appoint a full-time Headteacher starting 2nd 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>

Teaching Post St. Joseph's Catholic Infant School, Port Talbot. Temporary teaching assistant Level 2, 15 hours a week. For further details www.npt.gov.uk or www.e-teach or contact the Headteacher, Mrs Julie Beaumont-Rees on 01639 882579. Closing date noon 5th October.

Church Garden (i) toward the Grotto the Crab Apple Tree this year is full of apples (for making jam?). Please help yourself – take as many as you can. **Still plenty left on the tree!** First come first served! (ii) Donations toward the cost of the miniature rose bushes in the "chalice" garden gratefully received.

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 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 and Katherine Wooley (Glynneath), Jane Boland, George Johnson, Nancy Morris, Cheryl Ford, Jason Saunders, Stephen Saunders, Yolanda Jones, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna and Joe O'Brien, Betty Hopkins, Rose Williams, Margaret Jeffrey, Dennis Taylor, Marion Brocksopp., Marlene John, If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

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