

31st Sunday in Ordinary time – 30th October 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!

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 (30th October) – **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. (St.John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00p.m. (St. Joseph's) Mary Pughsley (RIP) (Luigi Dimaio); **CLOCKS CHANGE Sunday** 10-30 a.m. (St. Joseph's) Shaun Elias (RIP) (Mills family).

Weekday Mass Intentions: No Mass this week.

Mass Intentions next Sunday (6th November) Thank you to Canon Laurence Pelosi for celebrating Mass for us this weekend. **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Bernard Newcombe (RIP) (June & family); (St. Joseph's) 6-00p.m. Deceased members of the S.V.P. (RIP). **Sunday** 10-30a.m. Parish & People.

Last Sunday's Collection: St.Joseph's – £432-58 (plus Direct Debits) World Mission/Missio £130-93 and £45-00 in memory of the late Mary Pughsley. Many thanks. St.John Kemble - £70-00. World Mission/Missio £20-00;

Canon Laurence Pelosi Once again, we are very grateful to Canon Laurence for helping us out next weekend in our weekend celebrations of Mass. Fr.Laurence is now retired and living in Ystradgynlais.

Holy Baptism Please remember Sophia Owen in your prayers (and Aimee and Sam & family) who will be baptised into the Church next Sunday afternoon.

Readers: **This Sunday** (30th October) 6-00 P.M. Patrick McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Mary Walker. **Next Sunday** (6th November) 6-00 p.m. Sian Loynes; 10-30 a.m. Bethan Lee.

Candles: Sacred Heart – Shaun Elias (RIP); Our Lady – Ken Williams (RIP); St. Joseph – Carter Family (RIP).

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Laurence McGinty (2017); Peggy Evans (2017); Bernard Newcombe (2019); Edwina Peoples (2010); Doreen Murnane (2015); Roger Bennett (2012); Mary Martin (2003); Gerald O'Brien (2005); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Canon Jason Jones November 1st (All Saints' Day) is the Silver Jubilee of Fr. Jason's Ordination. He will celebrate his Silver Jubilee at a **Vigil Mass** of All Saints at 6-30 p.m. on **Monday 31st October** – a Sung Mass followed by a candlelit procession of Our Lady to the parish hall for a small reception. At 6-00 p.m. before Mass, there will be **Rosary and Benediction** to close the Month of October in the presence of the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Canon Jason was assistant priest here at St. Joseph's and he extends a warm invitation to join him at his celebration.

S.P.U.C. National Prayer Campaign. 27th October to 27th April. “ 10 Million prayers “ to mark the 55th Anniversary of the Abortion Act, remember the 10 million lives lost in Britain since 1967 and to unite in prayer and build together a Culture of Life. **Please take with you one of the prayer cards, “ A prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe”** and join with this national prayer campaign.

Holy Water Stoops If you feel it is safe to do so, it is now possible, once again, to bless yourself on entry into the church. Please also to remember to genuflect to the Tabernacle on entering your pew – if you are able to do so! Otherwise, a bowing of the head is appropriate whenever passing in front of the Tabernacle/Altar.

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!

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.

S.V.P If you or someone you know are in any kind of need, please contact a member of the SVP which will be in the strictest confidence. A list of members can be found at the back of the church on the SVP information board.

Homes for Ukraine Matching Service Caritas Social Action Network in partnership with St. John of God Hospitaller Services, an international catholic charity, have launched a service to bring together Ukranian people displaced by the brutal war in their country with people in the catholic community willing to host them for six months. Once the match is confirmed the Ukranian guest can apply for their visa. If you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk> for more information.

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

Month of Holy Souls If you would like your loved ones to be remembered in our Book of Remembrance on the Altar at each Mass through November, please place the names of loved ones in one of the "Holy Souls" envelopes provided. There is no requirement to enclose a stipend/donation in the envelope. As in previous years, Mass Intentions (with stipends) will continue as usual through the month of November.

Fr. Neil – will be returning to hospital for a further procedure this Thursday 3 November and isolating for three days beforehand. This means that, this year, there will be no celebrations of Mass on All Saints' Day or All Souls' Day. Please make other arrangements. Thank you for your prayers.

International Food Festival! A Great Big Thank You to all nine families who contributed to our Food Festival! Thoroughly enjoyed delicious food and friendship. To be repeated in the spring by popular request! The amount raised was £400 for the Parish Hall. Dïolch yn fawr iawn **Next Guild Meeting** – Monday 7th November 2-00 p.m.

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

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, Julie Saunders, Yolanda Jones, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna and Joe O'Brien, Betty Hopkins, Rose Williams, Margaret Jeffrey, Dennis Taylor, Marion Brocksopp., Marlene John, Fr. Neil, David Hoy. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

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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