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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 1st August 2021

The Year of St. Joseph A daily prayer to St. Joseph. *“Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became a man. Blessed St. Joseph, to us too, show yourself to be a father, and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen”*

Mass Intentions this Sunday (1st August) **Saturday** (St. John Kemble) 4-00p.m. Parish & People; (St. Joseph's) 6-00p.m. Ann Hanford (RIP) (Richard Hanford); **Sunday** 8-00a.m. Andrew Mills (RIP) (The Family); 10-30a.m. Michael Gregory (Lorna & Joe).

Weekday Mass Intentions Wednesday (4th August) **St. Joseph's** 9-30a.m. Ann Hanford (RIP) (The family); **St. John Kemble** 11-00a.m. Fr. Eric Wastell (RIP); Thursday (5th August) **St. Joseph's** 9-30 a.m. Sr. Josephine Brady & Sr. Rose Butler (RIP).

Mass Intentions next Sunday (8th August) **Saturday** (St John Kemble) 4-00 p.m. Parish & People;. (St. Joseph's) 6-00p.m. Pat Johnson (RIP) (Mary and Ross); **Sunday** 8-00 a.m. Shaun Elias (RIP) (The Mills family); 10-30a.m. Alan Boland (RIP) (The family).

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

Marjorie Grant (RIP) Please remember Marjorie and the family at this time, whose Funeral Mass (limited numbers - by invitation only) will take place here in St. Joseph's this Monday 2nd August at 1-00 p.m. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.*

Doris Wearing (RIP) Please remember Doris in your prayers whose Funeral Service takes place at Margam Crematorium this Thursday (5th August) at 2-30 p.m.. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual life shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

Candles: Our Lady – Christine Minty (RIP); The Sacred Heart – Marjorie Grant (RIP); St. Joseph – Thanksgiving (Karen).

Painting of the Sacristy Many thanks to David Jones on completing the next stage in our refurbishment and painting of the church. The Christian Faith (and especially the Catholic Faith) should express itself in the beauty of our worship (the liturgy and the music) and in the architecture and decoration of the church and church grounds. Hopefully, over the coming year, with the re-introduction of music and singing, and new altar furnishings, our offering of the Mass will more faithfully reflect the reverence and devotion that we owe to the majesty of God as we seek to honour and glorify Him in our worship and in the offering of our lives in His service.

The Driveway We shall begin by tidying (and confirming) the boundary between the driveway and the four residential properties in front of the driveway to clarify the options available to us in draining and landscaping the driveway and carpark. We hope also to hear soon that the problem of sewage water erupting in various places along the driveway has been successfully addressed by Welsh Water.

First Holy Communion Classes We hope to restart the classes in September. The following children began classes before the pandemic – Ronan Abell, Lucy Owen, Jack Challenger, Ava Mallows, Julia Karczynska, John Grabczewski, Amelia Tristram, Alexa Jones, Julia Kuligowska. If there are others who would now like to be included please submit names to Fr. Neil. Attendance at Mass is an essential part of preparation for receiving Holy Communion. Classes will take place before the Sunday 10-30 a.m. Mass. In the Parish Hall.

DOMSEC Livestreamed Events in 2021 A full programme of (over 25) events! See www.domsec.org.uk or www.ourladystaroftheseamumbles.org.uk to access the livestreams and click "Livestream" on the menu bar. The next talk will be **Elijah for the 21st Century** by Fr Jerome Ituah - Saturday 21st August from 11-00a.m. to 1-00p.m.

Many thanks - for last Sunday's Collection (St.Joseph's) of £407-15 (plus direct debits); (St.John Kemble) 10 July £17-00; 17 July £19-00 and £11-00 (Apostleship of the Sea); 24 July £47-00. Many thanks.

Second Collection next Sunday is the second of the two annual collections in support of our Sick & Retired Clergy.

PLEASE NOTE – To all stewards, readers and cleaners. **THERE IS NO OBLIGATION TO COME TO CHURCH IF YOU DO NOT FEEL SAFE OR COMFORTABLE TO DO SO.** Please let Fr. Neil know so that he can arrange a replacement. Thank you.

Readers: This Sunday (1st August) 6-00 p.m. Ceri McAteer; 8-00 a.m. Gregory Page; 10-30 a.m. Peter Buckingham. **Next Sunday** (8th August) 6-00 p.m. Volunteer please; 8-00 a.m. Gregory Page; 10-30 a.m. Peter Buckinham.

Stewarding: This Sunday (1st August) 6-00 p.m. Angela & Geraint; 8-00 a.m. Christpher & Gregory; 10-30 a.m. John, Aimee & Olivia. **Next Sunday** (8th August) 6-00 p.m. Angela & Geraint; 8-00 a.m. Christopher & Gregory; 10-30 a.m. Luke & Lena.

Cleaning Teams. This Sunday (25th July) 6-00 p.m. Maralyn & Nora; 8-00 a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30 a.m. Joan & Ann. **This Sunday** (1st August) 6-00 a.m. Sian & Mary; 8-00 a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30 a.m. Volunteers please. **Next Sunday** (8th August) 6-00 p.m. Maralyn & Nora; 8-00 a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30 a.m. Joan & Ann

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), Anita O'Donnell (Glynneath), Jane Boland, George Johnson, Nancy Morris, Cheryl Ford, Andrew Jenkins, Jason Saunders, Yolanda Jones, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna O'Brien, Betty Hopkins. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

Please Note If you wish to reserve a particular date or day for a Mass Intention, please note that Saturday and Sunday Masses and weekday Masses are already reserved for a particular intention for the next two months **until the middle of SEPTEMBER**. Please think several months ahead if you would like to reserve a particular date (or nearest date). Thank you

A Polite Reminder (!) – to those returning to Mass and to those who may have forgotten! Masks must be worn and hands sanitised as soon as you enter the church before going to your pew, and please continue to observe the arrow directions and not cut across the church through the pews. Thank you.

Parish Catechists. Pope Francis has recently established a new ministry in the life of the Church – that of the Ministry of Catechist. Other parishes are well blessed with volunteers to help prepare children for First Holy Communion and teenagers/young adults for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are able to offer this valuable Ministry to the Church please have a word with Fr.Neil.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT. *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!*

ANIMA CHRISTI! *Soul of Christ, sanctify me, Body of Christ save me, Blood of Christ inebriate me, Water from the Side of Christ wash me. Passion of Christ strengthen me. O Good Jesus hear me. Within Thy wounds hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from Thee. From the malicious enemy defend me. In the hour of death call me, And bid me come to Thee, That with the Saints I may praise Thee, Now and forever. Amen.*