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## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022

### PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.

“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!*

### The Season of Lent

*“Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting this campaign of Christian service, so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils, we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen”*

On Wednesday we enter into the Season of Lent through the door of Ash Wednesday – a time to bring ourselves into the presence of God with a profound sense of our need of forgiveness (“that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous thought”) but also to pray for grace, that through our acts of penitence and self-denial we may bring down upon us and our families showers of blessing and of grace and a time of renewal and refreshment in the life of the Church. On **Ash Wednesday** we shall receive upon the crown of our heads a sprinkling of ashes to symbolise our repentance “in dust and ashes” as we recognise our frailty and mortality (“remember thou art dust, and unto dust shalt thou return”) and think of ways, during the forty days of Lent, to express our contrition through acts of self-denial and/or extra acts of charity and almsgiving.

**Stations of the Cross** – during Lent, each Friday ( St. Joseph’s ) at 6-30 p.m. and on Saturdays ( St. John Kemble ) at 3-30 p.m. The opportunity to reflect more deeply upon, and to join ourselves to, the sufferings of Christ, “**for by Thy Holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world**” and, perhaps, to remember and pray for the people of Ukraine that they may be given the strength to bear the Cross that has come upon them.

**UKRAINE** Over our weekend masses, we remember in a special way the people of Ukraine.

**Mass Intentions this Sunday:** We remember the people of Ukraine at each Mass. ( 27th February ) **Saturday** ( St. John Kemble ) 4-00p.m. Parish & People; ( St. Joseph’s ) 6-00p.m. Kevin Halloran (RIP) ( Gaynor and David ); **Sunday** 8-00a.m. Sr. Carmel (RIP) ( Deacon Jim & Marie ); 10-30a.m. Gerard Hardie (RIP) ( Doug & Karen ).

**Weekday Mass Intentions:** Tuesday ( March 1<sup>st</sup> – St. David’s Day ) 6-30 p.m. Margot & Paddy Neary ( Good Health ) ( Paula & Adrian ); **Ash Wednesday** ( 2<sup>nd</sup> March ) 9-30 a.m. Gillian Boland (RIP) ( The Family ); 11-00 a.m. ( St. John Kemble ) Thanksgiving ( Nancy ); 6-30 p.m. Sr. Carmel (RIP) ( Yolanda & Nantlais). Thursday ( 3<sup>rd</sup> March ) 9-30 a.m. Kevin Halloran (RIP) ( Babs ); Friday (4th) 9-30 a.m. Maureen Pitt (RIP) ( Barbara Vaccari ) – **followed by Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.** 6-30p.m. Stations of the Cross.

**St. David’s Day** ( This Tuesday – Shrove Tuesday ) – **Welsh Cakes & Tea** ( and Bingo ) in the Parish Hall after the 6-30 p.m. **St. David’s Day Mass.** Admission - £2-50.

**Mass Intentions next Sunday** ( 6<sup>th</sup> March) **Saturday** – 3-30 p.m. Stations of the Cross; 4-00 p.m. ( St.John Kemble ) Fred Hipplesley ( Good Health ); 6-00 p.m. ( St.Joseph's ) Parish & People; **Sunday** 8-00 a.m. William John Sullivan ( RIP) ( Margaret, Pauline & families ); 10-30a.m. Kevin Halloran (RIP) ( Robert and Brenda ).

**Please Note** (Mass Intentions). **Saturday and Sunday** Masses are already reserved for a particular intention until the **MIDDLE OF JUNE** ( and **Weekday Masses** until the **Middle of April** ).Please think several months ahead if you would like to reserve a particular date ( or nearest date ). Thank you.

**Anniversaries:** Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Julia McGrath (2002); Lynda Bennett (2005); Clive Roberts (2011); Robert Turner ( 2001 ); Harold Booth (2006); Gillian Boland (2021);Kenneth Hill (2005); Christine Gray ( 2009). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**Candles** The Sacred Heart – Arthur Gwynn (RIP); Our Lady - Helen Diane Owen ( Well being );; St. Joseph – Sheila Burns ( Good Health ).

**Readers: This Sunday** ( 27<sup>th</sup> February 6-00 p.m. Sian Loynes; 8-00 a.m. Adrian & Paula Macpherson-Jones; 10-30 a.m. Babs Hunt. **Next Sunday** ( 6<sup>th</sup> March) 6-00 p.m. Patrick McAteer; 8-00 a.m. Adrian & Paula Macpherson-Jones; 10-30 a.m. Bernadette Payne.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation** Please remember in your prayers those preparing for Confirmation – Zaira and Joshua Zambrano, Carys Smitham, Tommy Parel, Isabella and Maria Grabczewski, Oisín and Cian Fitchett, Eve Abell, Daniel Rowlands, Mia Faure, Joseph Payne, Wiliam Heslop, Callum Lavin, Martin and Marya Joseph and Bethany Clifford, Sophie Wheatley. Note for the diary! - Archbishop George Stack will visit us on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April** (7-00 p.m. ) to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Confirmation Group meets after the 10-30 A.M. Mass. Attendance at Mass continues to be an essential part of the preparation process.

**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 sacristy - £5-00.

**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, Andrew Jenkins, Jason Saunders, Stephen Saunders, Yolanda Jones, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna O'Brien, Betty Hopkins, Rose Williams, Donie O'Connell, 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 ).

**Last Sunday's Collection:** St.Joseph's - £308-15 ( plus Direct Debits ); Society of African Missions - £401-84; St.John Kemble – £59-00; African Missions £15-00. Many thanks.

**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.*

**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.

## ENTRANCE

- 1 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty,  
hold me with thy pow'ful hand:  
bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through;  
strong Deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside,  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side;  
songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee.

## OFFERTORY

- 1 Glory be to Jesus,  
who in bitter pains  
poured for me the life-blood,  
from his sacred veins.
- 2 Grace and life eternal  
in that blood I find:  
blest be his compassion,  
infinitely kind.
- 3 Blest through endless ages  
be the precious stream,  
which from endless torment  
doth the world redeem.
- 4 There the fainting spirit  
drinks of life her fill;  
there as in a fountain  
laves herself at will.
- 5 Abel's blood for vengeance  
pleaded to the skies,  
but the blood of Jesus  
for our pardon cries.
- 6 Oft as it is sprinkled  
on our guilty hearts,  
Satan in confusion  
terror-struck departs.
- 7 Oft as earth exulting  
wafts its praise on high,  
hell with horror trembles;  
heaven is filled with joy.
- 8 Lift ye, then, your voices;  
swell the mighty flood;  
louder still and louder,  
praise the precious blood.

## HOLY COMMUNION

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of Glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ, my God:  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.
- 3 See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 His dying crimson like a robe,  
spreads o'er his body on the Tree;  
then I am dead to all the globe,  
and all the globe is dead to me.
- 5 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

### CONSECRATION OF THE PARISH TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Prostrate before your Sacrament of love, O Jesus, we adore, praise and love your most Sacred Heart, substantially united to the Word of God. We bless and give thanks to your Heart, from whose fullness we have received all that is good.

O Heart of the Son of God, Heart worthy of adoration, Heart wounded by our sins, to you we want to consecrate ourselves and our parish community.

In particular we consecrate to you the families of our parish, so that they may become true domestic churches, of which you are the centre and the source of unity.

We consecrate our children and our youth to you, so that they may not stray away from you, but rather grow in faith and Christian virtue.

To you we consecrate the sick, so that they may neither become discouraged nor lose hope, but know how to offer their suffering as a sacrifice of expiation and salvation for themselves and for all souls.

To you we consecrate the elderly and those who are lonely, so that they may find relief and comfort in your love and open their hearts to the joyful hope which awaits them.

To you we consecrate our associations, groups and all our activities, so that they may blossom and bear fruits of Christian witness.

For our part, we promise you to do all we can to render our heart similar to yours, in purity and in love, raising ourselves above earthly matters.

Pour out your blessing upon us, O Lord, so that we may have light in moments of doubt, perseverance in trials and comfort at the moment of our death.

**Amen.**

### NOVENA to the HOLY SPIRIT

Renew your wonders  
in this our day  
as by a new Pentecost.

Pope John XXIII

God the Holy Spirit  
Comforter and Sanctifier.  
Melt our hearts  
That we may accept your love.  
Renew our minds  
That we may know your truth.  
Strengthen our wills  
That we may serve you faithfully.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen



## RECESSIONAL

- 1 Hail, Queen of heav'n, the ocean star!  
Guide of the wand'rer here below!  
Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care;  
save us from peril and from woe.  
Mother of Christ, star of the sea,  
pray for the wanderer, pray for me.
- 2 O gentle, chaste and spotless maid,  
we sinners make our prayers through thee;  
remind thy son that he has paid  
the price of our iniquity.  
Virgin most pure, star of the sea,  
pray for the sinner, pray for me.
- 3 Sojourners in this vale of tears,  
to thee, blest advocate, we cry;  
pity our sorrows, calm our fears,  
and soothe with hope our misery.  
Refuge in grief, star of the sea,  
pray for the mourner, pray for me.
- 4 And while to him who reigns above,  
in Godhead One, in Persons Three,  
the source of life, of grace, of love,  
homage we pay on bended knee,  
do thou, bright Queen, star of the sea,  
pray for thy children, pray for me.