

Eleventh Sunday - 18th June 2023

“ 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 (18th June) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m.(St. Joseph's) John Mahoney (RIP) (John & Linda Slattery); **Sunday** (18th) 10-30 a.m. Patricia Phillips (RIP) (Anne & family).

Weekday Mass Intentions **Wednesday** (21st June) 9-30 a.m. (St. Joseph's) Andrew Mills (RIP) (Elias family); 11-00 a.m. (St. John Kemble) Sion Parry Evans (RIP); **Thursday** (22nd June) 9-30 a.m. Joe Glover (RIP) (Lorna & Joey); **Friday** (23rd June) 9-30 a.m. **GOLDEN JUBILEE SCHOOL MASS – 50th Anniversary of the School** (1973) John Mahoney (RIP) (The Governors) – followed by School Fete at 2-00 pm. in the schoolyard.

Mass Intentions next Sunday (25th June) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m.(St.John Kemble) Parish& People; 6-00p.m. (St. Joseph's) Hilary Hipkin (RIP) (Charles Hipkin); 10-30 a.m. Deceased members of May Family (RIP)(The Family).

Readers: This Sunday (18th June) 6-00 p.m. Nora Reynolds; 10-30 a.m. Des Nicholas. **Next Sunday** (25th June) 6-00 p.m. Maureen McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Bernadette Payne. **Please take the opportunity to arrive early and look at (and prepare) the readings beforehand. Thank you.**

Candles: Sacred Heart – Mary Woolcock (RIP); Our Lady – Norman Evans (RIP); St. Joseph – Annie & William Cochrane (RIP).

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Mervyn Thomas (2003); James Murray (2001); Bret Marc Webb (2010); Marjorie Francis (2014); Raymond Clifford (2000). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

ST.JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL If you have a child over 2 years of age or are new to the area and are looking for a school – look no further! St Joseph's has a loving, caring ethos to bring out the full potential of your child. Please contact the school on 01639 635099 for further details.

Parish Safe-Guarding. Safe guarding of children and vulnerable adults is of the highest priority. We are very grateful to Mrs Anne Guest who has taken on the role of Parish Safe-Guarding Officer. Anne will be reviewing and up-dating the paperwork of all those who work with (or visit) children and vulnerable adults on behalf of the parish. If you have any concerns about safe-guarding issues, Anne can be contacted on 07741283098.

Legion of Mary Every Tuesday evening at 6-00 p.m. in the Hall. New members very welcome. Please come along.

Parish Coffee Morning Every Thursday from 10-00a.m. to 11-00 a.m

Congratulations to Monsignor Canon Joe Cefai who will be celebrating the Golden Jubilee of his Ordination this Friday at a special Mass at 6-00 pm. in St. Joseph's, Port Talbot.

Congratulations to Nancy (Glynneath) celebrating her 90th Birthday this week (Monday) with our prayers and all good wishes.

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First Holy Communion Classes Every Sunday at 9-30 a.m. before the morning Mass. Regular attendance at Mass is an essential part of preparation for First Holy Communion. Eight Application Forms have been received. Please keep in your prayers – Ieuan Rees, Noah Wheatley, George Challenger, Henri Afolabi, Kaitlin Edwards, Keris Edwards, Bella Tariq, Luke Tariq The date of the First Holy Communion Mass will be dependent on progress (and attendance) at the classes.

Last Sunday's Collection: St. Joseph's £453-10 (plus Direct Debits) – and two further donations of £50 and £100 toward the purchase of a defibulator (see below); St John Kemble – £17-00. Many thanks.

Second Collection next weekend is the annual Day for Life collection in support of the pro-life ministry of the Church.

Defibulator We are planning to purchase a Defibulator to be situated on the presbytery wall halfway between the church and the hall. The purchase, installation, maintenance and training for use will come to approx. £1,700. We hope to obtain a grant of £200 are also very grateful for an initial donation of £300 toward the cost of the purchase and a further three donations of £500 (anonymous), £100 and £57-56 and further donations of £100 and £50 making a total, thus far, of £1,107-56. Many thanks. Further donations gratefully received.

Church Floor We hope to arrange for the sanding and polishing of the wooden floor of the church and the installation of new carpets. We are very grateful for the donation of £1,000 toward the cost of the carpet and the three quotations we have received for the sanding & polishing of the floor are all in the region of £7,000. We hope the work can be carried out the week beginning the 21st August and we are very grateful for the donation of £1,000 towards the cost of this project. Further donations gratefully received.

New Garden Bench Kevin was our groundsman at the convent and around the church grounds for many years, giving freely of his services often several times each week. We are very grateful to Lorna for the new bench in Kevin's memory (plaque to be added) and also to Chris, Martin & Nuala for their dedication and hard work in continuing to transform the church grounds and we hope that others may wish to dedicate a bench - or one of the (proposed) Stations of the Cross - in memory of a loved-one. It is intended that the gardens around the church will be a place where we can sit and enjoy times of prayer and quiet reflection.

Bingo & Batter Evening Wednesday 21 June at 7-00 p.m. in the Parish Hall in support of the Lourdes Group. Tickets £8. Please see Sheila for tickets.

Catholic Universe Newspaper. Having gone on-line for a while, the Universe is now once again available as a "hard-copy" newspaper. If you would like to take out a regular subscription (£3-50 per week) please give your name to Sheila. A minimum order of five copies is required.

Pilgrimage to Knock. Archbishop Mark will be leading a four day pilgrimage to the Knock Shrine from 4th September. Full board, all excursions included. £699-00 per person (sharing) or plus £150 single supplement. If interested please contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

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, Kathryn Woolley (Glynneath), George Johnson, Cheryl Ford, Julie, Stephen & Jason Saunders, Yolanda Jones, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna and Joe O'Brien, Betty Hopkins, Rose Williams, Margaret Jeffrey, Marion Brocksopp., Marlene John, Geraint Jones, Fr. Neil, Pat Day. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

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