

## Fifth Sunday in Lent – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### THE SEASON OF LENT

The Season of Lent is a forty day pilgrimage to Holy Week and Easter. We shall follow the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at **6-00 p.m.** in St. Joseph's and on Saturdays at **3-30 p.m.** in St. John Kemble. We pray that this Holy Season may be a special time of grace for us.

**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"*

**" 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 ).

**Mass Intentions this Sunday** ( 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. ( St. John Kemble) Parish & People; (St. Joseph's) 6-00p.m. Alan Boland (RIP) ( Elias Family ); **CLOCKS CHANGE!** **Sunday** 10-30 a.m. Deceased members of the May Family (RIP) ( Cathy & Carl ).

**Weekday Mass Intentions:** **Wednesday** ( March 29th ) 9-30 a.m. ( St. Joseph's ) **SCHOOL MASS** - James & Johanne O'Connell (RIP) ( Donie, Pat & family ); **11-00 a.m.** (St. John Kemble ) Hikary Family (Sp.Int ) Nabil Hikary ( RIP); **Friday** ( 31st ) 9-30 a.m. Teresa Diez Fernandez (RIP) ( Isabel & Peter ); **6-00 p.m.** Stations of the Cross.

**Mass Intentions next Sunday** ( 2<sup>nd</sup> April **PALM SUNDAY** ) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. ( St. John Kemble ) Parish & People; **6-00 p.m.** (St. Joseph's ) Marion O'Grady (RIP) ( Brendan ); **Sunday** 10-30 a.m. Stuart Michael (RIP) ( Cathy & Carl ) **PLEASE ARRIVE IN GOOD TIME FOR THE BLESSING OF PALMS**

### HOLY WEEK

**Wednesday** 5<sup>th</sup> April 11-00 a.m. **CHISM MASS** – The Cathedral

**Holy Thursday** 6<sup>th</sup> April 7-00 p.m. **Mass of the Lord's Supper** Brian Jones (RIP) ( Karen & Doug )

**Good Friday** 7<sup>th</sup> April 2-00 p.m. **Liturgy of the Lord's Passion** 6-00 p.m. ( St. John Kemble ) Stations of the Cross

**Holy Saturday** 8<sup>th</sup> April 8-00 p.m. **Easter Vigil Mass**

**Easter Day** 9<sup>th</sup> April 9-00 a.m ( St. John Kemble ) 11-00 a.m ( St. Joseph's )

**Readers:** **This Sunday** ( 26<sup>th</sup> ) 6-00 p.m. Sian Loynes; 10-30 a.m. Stephen Evans. **Next Sunday** ( 2<sup>nd</sup> April Palm Sunday ) 6-00 p.m. Nora Reynolds 10-30 a.m. Sheila Williams. **Please take the opportunity to arrive early and look at (and prepare) the reading beforehand.**

**Candles:** Sacred Heart – Terry ( Sp. Int ); Our Lady – Mary Eleanor Carter (RIP); St. Joseph – Albert & Kathleen Dorey (RIP)..

**Please note** that Mass Intentions are already reserved for nearly every weekend Mass into July and weekday Masses into May

**Anniversaries:** Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Dawn Hopkins (2012); Maisie Riley (2004); Andrew Solari (2010); Domencia Fecci (2010); Michael Doherty (2020); Jean Thompson (2015). David Collier (2008); Marion O'Grady (2015); Margaret Jenkins (2014). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen*

**Churches together in Neath** **Holy Week Service** here in St. Joseph's on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7-00 p.m.

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes** From 28 June to 7 July – two spare places. Please see Deacon Jim.

**Paul Curnow (RIP)** Please remember Paul, and the family in your prayers at this time. Funeral arrangements to be announced. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

**Pat ( Paddy ) Mainwaring ( Gorman ) (RIP)** Please remember Pat in your prayers and the family at this time. Pat died peacefully after many years as a resident in the Gnoll Nursing Home. Funeral arrangements to be announced. *Eternal rest grant unto he O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. 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.

**Altar Servers** We welcome back Altar Servers to the Altar this Sunday. Please keep Thusa, Tommy, Brendan and Johnny in your prayers in this important ministry on the Altar.

**First Holy Communion Classes** will begin at 9-30 a.m. before the morning Mass on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Regular attendance at Mass is an essential part of preparation for First Holy Communion – date of Mass to be decided. Please return Application Forms to Fr.Neil.

**Easter Flowers** Donations toward the cost of decorating the church with flowers for Easter gratefully received.

**Parish Hall** Are there any parishioners with an hour to spare. We are looking for someone with expertise and enthusiasm for D.I.Y. to help out with some small repairs? Please contact Brenda on 01639 636326 or 07817656157.

**Warm Space Hub** (Mondays 11-00a.m. to 2-00 p.m.) This Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March when there will be an opportunity to make your own Easter Card with Maralyn. This will be the last opening until after Easter. Warm Hub will resume on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of April.

**Youtube** Please check out, "The Biblical Roots of Ash Wednesday" ( Dr. Pitre ) and other items of interest at "Catholic Productions". See also " Eucharistic Amazement: The Bible and the Mass" ( Scott Hahn ) at FOCUS Catholic.

**Parish Coffee Morning** Thursdays 1-00 a.m. to 11-00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Bring a friend!

**Last Sunday's Collection:** St. Joseph's £409-34 ( plus DD ); St. John Kemble £31-00. (Many thanks).

**Envelope Boxes** Now available from the back of the church. Please note, you may have a different numbered box than last year. If you would like to donate via the envelope scheme please have a word with Robert Grant.

**S.P.U.C. National Prayer Campaign.** Please take with you the **ELEVENTH** in the series of the prayer cards, **THE ANNUNCIATION** – " A Prayer for those in Crisis Pregnancies " and join with this six month national prayer campaign

**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), 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, Marion Brocksopp., Marlene John, Geraint Jones, Pat Day., Fr.Neil, Donnie O'Connell. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

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