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Sunday 21st February 2021 – First Sunday of Lent

We have been asked by the Diocese to, once again, make very clear the absolute importance of continuing to strictly observe all the necessary precautions. These precautions continue to apply even if you have received the Coronavirus Vaccine. Please wear a mask at all times, sanitise your hands before entering the church and on leaving the church. Please continue to observe social distancing, especially when invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion. **Please do not walk about the church or against the direction of the arrows** and please do not bunch up with others on entering and leaving the church or gather in a group outside of church **but continue to keep six feet apart at all times.**

Many will have chosen, following government guidance, to stay away from attendance at Mass until the present lockdown restrictions are lifted. **For online/streamed Mass** in the Diocese, please see the websites of the Cathedral, Mumbles, Town Hill, Dunvant, Haverfordwest, amongst others.

Mass Intentions this Sunday (21st February) St. John Kemble: **Saturday** 4-00p.m. Parish & People 6-00p.m. Sean Comerford (RIP) (The Family); **Sunday** 8-00a.m. Ann Hanford (RIP) (R.Hanford); 10-30a.m. Helen Gethin and Irene Jenkins (RIP) (Sheila Morgan).

Weekday Mass Times Wednesday (24th) 9-30a.m. Laurence Macpherson-Jones (RIP) (Sheila & Richard Stevens); 11-00a.m. Sarah May (RIP) (Nancy); Thursday (25th) 9-30 a.m. Tom Evans (RIP).

Fridays in Lent There will be no congregational Stations of the Cross but the church will be open for private prayers and devotions each Friday in Lent from 6-00p.m. to 7-00p.m.

Mass Intentions next Sunday (28th) St. John Kemble **Saturday** 4-00p.m. Parish & People. St. Joseph's 6-00p.m. Aldo Vaccari (RIP) (Anna & family); **Sunday** 8-00a.m. Swansea Catenian Association (Sp. Int.) (Adrian and Paul); 10-30a.m. Dora Mason (RIP) (Robert and Brenda).

The Sunday 8-00a.m Celebration of Mass. The last of the 8-00a.m. celebrations of Mass will be on Easter Sunday (4th April).

Candles The Sacred Heart - Terry Isaac (RIP): Our Lady – Fr.Bill Lloyd (RIP).

CAFOD LENT APPEAL Next Friday is the CAFOD Lent Fast Day. Through our prayers, acts of self-denial and solidarity (walking up to 10,000 steps each day – though far fewer is of great value also) we, as a Church family, can change lives for the better. If you can, do watch Abdella's daily walk for water (10 hours, 40c temperature, dangerous rocky terrain) a relentless task which prevents him from starting a business. The pool from which he fills containers is shallow and barely larger than a dinner plate. Solutions are available. CAFOD is part of the global Caritas effort to provide solar-powered water pumps to the 2.2 billion people without safe local access to clean water. Ways to donate: (i) parish collection (ii) online at cafod.org.uk (iii) text LENT to 70460 to donate £10 – network charges apply. (To opt out of updates, text LENTNOINFO to 70460). " O come to the waters all who are thirsty" (Isaiah 55 v 1). (Thank you – Sandra).

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. Please see **NEXT SATURDAY** 20th February **LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION** from 10-00A.M. Holy Mass (Preacher – Fr.Clement Oloruntoba) 11-00 a.m. "Lent alongside St.Joseph" (by Fr.Matthew Roche-Saunders) followed by Adoration/Stations of the Cross and Benediction.

Online Retreat for Lent Daily prayers and readings, please visit the BBC Radio Four Website

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 (21st) 6-00p.m. Ceri MacAteer; 8-00a.m. Gregory Page; 10-30a.m. Bernie Payne. Next Sunday 6-00p.m. Kevin Halloran; 8-00a.m. Adrian & Paula Macpherson-Jones; 10-30 a.m. Maureen Pitt.

Stewarding This Sunday (21st) 6-00 p.m. Angela & Geraint. 8-00 a.m. Christopher & Gregory. 10-30 a.m. Luke & Lena. **Next Sunday** (21st) 6-00p.m. Angela & Geraint. 8-00a.m. Christopher & Gregory. 10-30a.m. John, Aimee & Olivia.

Cleaning Teams. This Sunday (21st) 6-00p.m. Sian Loynes & volunteer please; 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala. 10-30a.m. Ann/Joan/Volunteer please. **Next Sunday** (28th) 6-00p.m. Volunteers please; 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30a.m. Volunteers please.

Holy week Services Following guidance from the Holy See, our Holy Week Services will be greatly simplified in accordance with the guidelines published by the Holy See at the beginning of the pandemic in 2020. Further details to follow.

YOUNG PEOPLE (age 18 – 30) A zoom discussion group for catholic young adults meeting on Monday evenings. Get to know other catholic young people in the Diocese. Please contact Fr. Matt Roche-Saunders at vocations@menevia.org for more information. Also check out <https://acutisproject.com/events/> providing free digital resources and training for young Catholics.

WARNING! A safeguarding alert has been reported by CSAS that the online game “Avakin Life” has been/is a grooming platform. Two million people currently use the game – half a million using it every day.

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Howell Gwynn (2016); Roland Webb (2020); David Palfrey (2014); Margaret Bevan (2006); Stanley May (2008); Lilian Foundy (2000); Julia McGrath (2002); Linda Bennett (2005); Clive Roberts (2011); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Thank you for last Sunday's Collection – St. Joseph's £318-89 (plus Direct Debits). Thank you. Our second collection next Sunday (28th) is the CAFOD Lent Appeal Collection.

Driveway Appeal Many thanks for the further donation to the Parish Funds/Driveway Appeal of £100. Thank you also for the donation of £350-00 in lieu of flowers in memory of **Laurence Macpherson-Jones**. We are grateful for this bequest in Laurence's memory. All donations gratefully received. We now have **£5,175** in the Driveway Fund. **Many thanks.**

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 and all those who are self-isolating because of the Pandemic. Especially at this time, Jason Saunders, Tess Court, Gillian Boland, Marjorie Grant, Yolanda Jones, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna O'Brien, Betty Hopkins, Harold Jenkins. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

Pastoral Visits Please note that Fr. Neil is happy to call if you are continuing to self-isolate at home but would appreciate a visit. However - wearing masks and observing social distancing - this must be at your own risk (!). Except for emergencies, Fr. Neil will not call uninvited during the pandemic. **Please note: At present, the Sacrament of Reconciliation – by arrangement**

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 until the end of March (Palm Sunday – the beginning of Holy Week). Please think several months ahead if you would like to reserve a particular date (or nearest date) – in other words, from Easter and beyond. Thank you