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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 4th July 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 (4th July) **Saturday** (St. John Kemble) 4-00p.m. Parish & People; (St. Joseph’s) 6-00p.m. Muriel, Gerald, Yvonne & infant Richards (RIP) (Annette, Phillip & Paul); **Sunday** 8-00a.m. Gillian Boland (RIP) (Deacon Jim & Marie); 10-30a.m. Joan Hardie (RIP) (Karen & Doug).

Weekday Mass Intentions Wednesday (7th July) 9-30a.m. (St. Joseph’s) Lawrence Knight (RIP) (Brendan O’Grady); 11-00a.m. (St. John Kemble) Frank Nedza (RIP) (Nancy); Thursday (8th July) 9-30a.m. Alan & Gillian Boland (RIP) (Sandra & Kathleen).

Mass Intentions next Sunday (11th July) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. (St John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m (St. Joseph’s) Steve Meany (RIP) (Brendan O’Grady); **Sunday** 8-00 a.m. Patrick Hayes (RIP) (Yolanda & Nantlais); 10-30a.m. Steve Harris (RIP) (June & David Vaudin).

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Catherine Kelly (2000); Louise Thomas (2008); Frank Nedza (2008); Maria Britton (2009); Edith Higgins (2008); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Teresa (Tess) Court (RIP) Please remember Tess in your prayers who died peacefully on Wednesday evening, and also the family at this time. Funeral arrangements to be announced. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

Candles: Our Lady – The Neary Family (RIP); The Sacred Heart – Mavis Jones (RIP); St. Joseph – Aimee & Sam

Wedding Bells! Congratulations to Aimee Wellington and Sam Owen who will be married here in St. Joseph’s next Saturday 10th July. Please remember Aimee and Sam in your prayers.

Congratulations to Pat & Donie who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Thursday – with a card from the Queen! - and a Blessing from Pope Francis! Many congratulations.

Many thanks - for last Sunday’s Collection (St. Joseph’s) of £778-43 (plus direct debits) and £125-80 (Peter’s Pence) - and (St. John Kemble) £86-00 and £15-00 (Peter’s Pence). Many thanks.

The Second Collection this weekend (4th July) is the annual Day for Life Collection.

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 **A Biblical Examination of the Mass** by Fr Michael Akpoghiran (Mumbles) on Saturday 17th July from 11-00a.m. to 1-00p.m.

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 three months **until the beginning 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 Hall Committee. We hope soon to re-establish the Parish Hall Committee and elect a Chairperson and Secretary to oversee all aspects of hall management. It will not be possible to hire out the hall until we are fully compliant with all the legal/insurance regulations covering hall maintenance and the wording of contracts which must be completed and signed by all those wishing to hire the Hall.

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.

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.

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 (4th July) 6-00p.m. Maureen McAteer; 8-00a.m. Gregory Page; 10-30a.m. Mary Walker. **Next Sunday** (11th July) 6-00p.m. Lorna Halloran. 8-00a.m. Adrian & Paula Macpherson-Jones. 10-30a.m. Tommy Parel.

Stewarding: This Sunday (4th July) 6-00p.m. Angela & Geraint; 8-00a.m. Christopher & Gregory; 10-30a.m. John, Aimee & Olivia. **Next Sunday** (11th July) 6-00p.m. Angela & Geraint; 8-00a.m. Christopher & Gregory; 10-30a.m. Luke & Lena.

Cleaning Teams. This Sunday (4th July) 6-00p.m. Sian & Mary; 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30a.m. Volunteers please. **Next Sunday** (11th July) 6-00p.m. Maralyn & Nora; 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30a.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, Nancy Morris, Cheryl Ford, Fr. Paul Brophy, Andrew Jenkins, Jason Saunders, Marjorie Grant, 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.

A Coronavirus Prayer. " Lord Jesus Christ, You travelled through towns and villages ' curing every disease and illness'. At Your command, the sick were made well. Come now to our aid, in the midst of this global pandemic, and send down Your blessing and healing upon us and protect our healthcare workers. Bring us through to Resurrection and a New Pentecost. For Thy Name's sake. Amen".

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. Please note that, except for emergencies, Fr.Neil will not call uninvited during the pandemic. **Please note: At present, the Sacrament of Reconciliation – by arrangement**

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.*