

Fourth Sunday in Lent – Sunday 19th 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).

Lenten Alms Our Lenten Alms this year will go towards the Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal.

Mass Intentions this Sunday (19th March – Mothering Sunday) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's) Deceased members of the Rees Family (RIP) (Martin & Nuala); **Sunday** 10-30 a.m. Peter & Hazel Huxtable (RIP) (Dennis)

On this "Mothering Sunday" (Laudate Sunday) we wish all our mothers a happy day and all of us a joyful day celebrating our Mother, the Church.

Weekday Mass Intentions: Monday 20th **St. Joseph** (transferred) 9-30 a.m. Joseph Stanislaus (RIP)(Sivaupan Family); Wednesday (March 22nd) 9-30 a.m. (St. Joseph's) John Burke & Family (RIP) (Betty & Roger); 11-00 a.m. (St. John Kemble) Catherine Newcombe (RIP.) (June, John & family); Thursday (23rd) 9-30 a.m. Lorna O'Brien (Sp. Int) (June 7 David Vaudin); Friday (24th) No 9-30 a.m. Mass. 6-00 p.m. Stations of the Cross. 6-30 p.m. **Vigil Mass of the Annunciation** Anne Williams (RIP) (Siobhan Fitchett).

Mass Intentions next Sunday (26th 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).

Readers: This Sunday (19th) 6-00 p.m. Paula Macpherson-Jones; 10-30 a.m. Tommy Parel. **Next Sunday** (26th) 6-00 p.m. Sian Loynes; 10-30 a.m. Stephen Evans. **Please take the opportunity to arrive early and look at (and prepare) the reading beforehand.**

Candles: Sacred Heart – Private Intention (M); Our Lady – Ben (Healing); St. Joseph – Mary McDonnell.

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time; William Newton (2000); Harold Jenkins (2021); Riopah Kirby (2005); Anne Morgan (2000); Leonard Grey (2012); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen*

Churches together in Neath Lenten Talk/Devotions. **This Monday Evening** (20th) in the Parish Hall at 7-00 p.m. We host this week's Lenten Talk. All welcome - please support this event. Also, **Holy Week Service** here in St. Joseph's on Monday 3rd 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.

Holy Baptism Please remember in your prayers Elliot Stuart Michael and Emelia May Michael who will be baptised into the Church next Saturday morning.

Altar Servers We welcome back Altar Servers to the Altar next Sunday.. Please keep Thusha, Tommy, Brendan and Johnny in your prayers in this important ministry on the Altar. (Rehearsal next Saturday at 10-15 a.m.)

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.) **PLEASE NOTE** – due to a Diocesan SVP meeting this Monday we are unable to open the Warm Hub this Monday. Our next opening day will be the 27th 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 17th and 24th 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.

Last Sunday's Collection: St. Joseph's £323-04 (plus DD); St. John Kemble £24-00. (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

FOOD BANK Please leave donations to the Neath Food Bank at the back of the church - the products Food Banks need most: Tinned veg (peas and sweetcorn); tinned tuna and mackerel; brown, basmati and long grain rice; pulses (eg: kidney beans and chickpeas); grains (eg: couscous); easy cook noodles; tinned fruit (eg: pineapple slices); wholegrain cereals (eg: wheat biscuits); oat drinks and UHT milk. **THANK YOU!**

S.V.P If you or someone you know are in any kind of need, please contact a member of the SVP which will be in the strictest confidence. A list of members can be found at the back of the church on the SVP information board.

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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