

## **Fourth Sunday of Easter - 30th April 2023**

**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** ( 30 th April ) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. ( St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's ) Dorothy Evans (RIP); **Sunday** 10-30 a.m. Veronica Greenwood (RIP) ( Helen ).

**Weekday Mass Intentions** **Wednesday** (3<sup>rd</sup> May<sup>h</sup>) 9-30 a.m. ( St.Joseph's ) Joe Brennan (RIP) ( Mary Walker ); 11-00 a.m (St.John Kemble) Rose McDonnell (RIP) ( Francis & Rose ); **Thursday** 9-30 a.m. Barbara Green ( RIP) (June & David Vaudin ); **Friday** 9-30 a.m. **Mass for the Coronation of King Charles III.**

**" O God, to Whom every human power is subject, grant to Your servant our sovereign Charles, success in the exercise of his high office, so that, always revering You and striving to please You, he may constantly secure and preserve for the people entrusted to his care, the freedoms that come from civil peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen"**

**Mass Intentions next Sunday** ( 7<sup>th</sup> May) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m.( St.John Kemble) Parish& People; 6-00p.m. ( St. Joseph's) Mary Pauline Sullivan (RIP) ( Pauline & Margaret); 10-30 a.m. Stuart Michael (RIP) ( Phil, Sacha & Alwyn)

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

**Readers: This Sunday** ( 30<sup>th</sup> April) 6-00 p.m. Gerald Smith; 10-30 a.m. Bernadette Payne. **Next Sunday** ( 7<sup>th</sup> May) 6-00 p.m. Volunteer please; 10-30 a.m. Mary Walker. **Please take the opportunity to arrive early and look at (and prepare ) the readings beforehand. Thank you.**

**Candles:** Sacred Heart – Terry Woolcock ( RIP ); Our Lady – Roger Fluck (RIP); St. Joseph – "My family"

**Anniversaries:** Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Owen O'Donnell (2022); Russell Palfrey (2015); Violet Francis (2000); Edna Bartlett (2001); Francis Thomas (2011); Sidney Darnell (2004); Mary Sullivan (2008); Pamela Hughes (2001); Helen Evans (2006); Kenneth Hopkins 92016); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**Terry Woolcock (RIP)** Please remember Terry and the family in your prayers. Terry's Funeral Service will take place here in St. Joseph's this Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 12 midday.

**Joe Glover (RIP)** Please remember Joe and the family in your prayers. Funeral Service at Margam Crematorium this Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 10-30a.m.

**Roger Fluck (RIP)** Please remember Roger and the family in your prayers. Roger's Funeral Mass will take place here in St. Joseph's on Friday 26 May at 10-30 a.m.

**John Mahoney (RIP)** Please remember John and the family in your prayers. John's Funeral Mass will take place at St. Therese of Lisieux, Sandfields, on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 10-30 a.m.

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**Welsh National Pilgrimage** to the Shrine of our Lady, Cardigan. Sunday 21 May from 1-30 p.m. to 5-15 p.m. with Archbishop Mark. Please see poster for further details.

**Annual Torchlight Procession** in Honour of our Lady. Belmont Abbey Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 9-00 p.m. led by Archbishop Mark. ( Refreshments from 6-00 p.m. ). See poster for details.

**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.

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

**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. Seven Application Forms have been received. Please keep in your prayers – Ieuan Rees, Noah Wheatley, George Challenger, Henri Afolabi, Kaitlin Edwards, Bella Tariq, Luke Tariq The date of the First Holy Communion Mass will be dependent on progress ( and attendance ) at the classes.

**Parking outside the Church** Please ensure that you do not infringe upon the double-yellow lines at the top of the road and that if you park up ( slightly) on the pavement that you leave plenty of room for wheelchair/pram access along the full length of the pavement and not to park over the exit from the pavement which allows wheelchairs and prams to access the pavement. The police were in attendance last weekend and may take further photographs of how cars are parked outside the church.

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

**Last Sunday's Collection:** St. Joseph's £496-67 ( plus Direct Debits ). Many thanks. St. John Kemble £54-00 – Many thanks.

**Second Collection** – this weekend ( Good Shepherd Sunday ) the annual Diocesan Priests' Training Fund. Please see poster and hand-outs. We look forward to the Ordination of Greg Beckett to the Priesthood at the Cathedral in July.

**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.

**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, Pat Day., Donnie O'Connell. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

**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!

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