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### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – Second Sunday of Advent

**The Season of Advent** marks the beginning of the New Year in the Church Calendar when we begin that cycle of Feasts and Celebrations that will take us all the way through Advent, Christmas and Epiphany to Candlemas (The Presentation of Christ) on 2<sup>nd</sup> February ( forty days after Christmas) and the end of the Advent/Christmas Cycle. So much has happened over the last year and with Brexit ahead and the continuing global pandemic we must continue to pray that these events ( and whatever, as yet, unknown challenges still lie ahead of us) that God will allow these events ( according to His secret purposes and intentions for us ) to re-form us, re-make us and renew us – “ break me, melt me, mould me, fill me! Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me!”. Come, Holy Spirit! Come, Lord Jesus!”. May God bless us and strengthen us in our following of Christ in the year ahead.Amen!

**Advent Day of Recollection** Livestreamed from Our Lady Star of the Sea next Saturday 12 December from 10-00a.m. to 1-00p.m. Please visit – [www.domsec.org.uk](http://www.domsec.org.uk)

**This Sunday** (6<sup>th</sup> December) **Saturday** St.John Kemble – 4-00 p.m. Parish & People. St.Joseph’s – 6-00 p.m. “Muriel, Gerald, Yvonne and infant Richards” (RIP) ( Annette, Phillip & Paul ). **Sunday** 8-00 a.m. Deceased members of The Legion of Mary (RIP) ( The Members ). 10-30 a.m. Dennis Grant and Raymond Gibbons (RIP) (Robert & Brenda)

**Weekday Mass Times:** Wednesday 9th December 9-30a.m. ( St.Joseph’s ) Norman Evans (RIP) (Elias Family); 11-00a.m. ( St.John Kemble ) Frank Nedza (RIP) ( Nancy ); Thursday 10th 9-30a.m. Angela Dimaio (RIP) (Geraldine & Family).

**Next Sunday** (13<sup>th</sup> December ) St.John Kemble: **Saturday** 4-00p.m. Parish & People; St.Joseph’s 6-00p.m. Sean Comerford (RIP) ( McAteer Family ); **Sunday** 8-00a.m. Ann Moruzzi (RIP) ( Pat, Donie & Family); 10-30a.m. Andrew Mills (RIP) ( Elias Family);

**Please Note** – Please consider reserving Mass requests well in advance of particular desired dates. At present all Sundays/Saturdays and weekday Masses have been reserved into the middle of January.

**Readers:** **This Sunday** 6-00p.m. Sian Loynes. 8-00a.m. Adrian/Paula Macpherson Jones. 10-30 a.m. Mary Walker. **Next Sunday** ( 13<sup>th</sup> ) 6-00p.m. Maureen McAteer. Sunday 8-00a.m. Gregory Page. 10-30a.m. Des Nicholas

**Stewarding** this Sunday ( 6<sup>th</sup> ) 6-00 p.m. Angela & Geraint. 8-00 a.m. Christopher & Gregory. 10-30 a.m. Luke & Lena.

**Cleaning Teams.** This Sunday – 6-00p.m. Sian & Mary. 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala. 10-30 a.m. Joan & Ann. **Next Sunday** (13<sup>th</sup>) 6-00p.m. Nora & Mary. 8-00 a.m. Martin & Nuala. 10-30 a.m. **VOLUNTEERS PLEASE**

**Please could we have extra volunteers to help spray the pews etc after the 10-30a.m. Mass. Thank you.**

**CORONAVIRUS VACCINES** Whereas, previously, the Bishops of England & Wales suggested that Catholics could not conscientiously object to the use of a vaccine derived from aborted fetuses (!) – they have now issued a new statement saying that the use of an abortion-derived Covid vaccine is, instead, a matter of the “prudent judgement of conscience” for Catholics, “ many may in good conscience judge that they will accept such a vaccine, some may in good conscience judge that they will not”. The Bishops have received clarification from the UK Government that some institutions have been using cell lines derived from abortions even though that cell line may extend back over many years. The Government has given assurances that no new foetal tissue is being obtained. The Oxford University/AstraZeneca vaccine involves the HEK-293 cell line modified from tissue taken from the kidney of an unborn child in 1972. You may or may not have moral objections to the use of this vaccine and you may or may not have concerns about the safety of this vaccine, **please therefore respect the fact that your neighbour may “in good conscience” have an opinion different to your own** and may choose or not choose to avail themselves of the vaccine.

**Sheila Manning (RIP)** Please remember Sheila in your prayers who died after a short illness, and her friends and 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*

**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.**

**Anniversaries:** Dennis Protheroe (2001); Patrick O’Connell (2006); Kathleen Mahoney (2009); Regina Pearl (2012); Clare Pike (2006). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**Driveway Appeal** Many thanks for the further donations to the Parish Funds/Driveway Appeal of £100, £300 and £250. All donations gratefully received. We now have £2,700 in the Driveway Fund. **Many thanks.**

**Christmas Cards** are now available from Sheila before the 6-00pm. Saturday Vigil Mass or before and after the 10-30a.m. Mass ( also from Pat after the 8-00a.m. Mass). Each box costs £4 – please have the **exact money** to put into the box. No cross-handling of money is permissible. **PLEASE NOTE – because the coronavirus can be passed on by touching the same pieces of paper/envelopes - PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE CHRISTMAS CARDS AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH FOR OTHERS TO COLLECT – all such cards will be removed.** Thank you!

**Candles.** The Sacred Heart – Peter Healey (RIP); Our Lady – Ann Moruzzi (RIP); St.Joseph – Laurence Mcherson-Jones (Special Intention).

**Christmas Masses ( PLEASE NOTE )** Unfortunately, because of anticipated numbers, we will have to operate a booking/application system for those wishing to attend Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. **Christmas Eve – St.John Kemble 4-00p.m. ( Please note that this 4-00p.m. Mass is now FULLY RESERVED. )** St.Joseph’s 6-00 p.m. and 10-00p.m. **Christmas Day – St.Joseph’s 8-00a.m. and 10-30a.m.** This means that there will be enough room for everyone wishing to attend but it may not be possible to attend at the Mass time you would usually prefer. If possible, we would like the 6-00p.m. Mass to especially accommodate younger families so please take this into consideration when indicating which Mass you would like to attend. **PLEASE FILL IN A BOOKING/APPLICATION FORM AND PLACE IN THE BOX PROVIDED.**

**Message to the Brave.** Last year, as a parish, we sent Christmas Cards to “Defenders” of human and environmental rights across the world. In 2019 more than 300 such people were killed because of their efforts. Hundreds more were threatened or criminalised. This year CAFOD has chosen six more individuals/groups as representatives of the brave. Please pray for them and let them know that they are not alone by sending a Christmas card to one or more of them. Physical cards need to be received at CAFOD’s London Office by 7<sup>th</sup> December, online messages by the 19<sup>th</sup>. Please see Cafod.org.uk – Messages to the Brave. Thank you.

**The Curriculum and Assessment (Wales ) Bill** currently progressing through the Senedd will have a detrimental impact on Catholic Schools and Catholic Families across Wales. This Bill seeks to end the rights of parents to withdraw their children from Relationship and Sex Education and from Religious Education. This is a vital right for parents, especially Catholic parents who cannot send their children to a Catholic School, as it ensures these sensitive subjects can be delivered from a Catholic perspective. Please write to Members of the Senedd to ask them to halt these changes. If you visit **the website below** it will produce a template letter for your MS. All you need to do is type in your name, address and email and click submit. **<http://catholiceducation.org.uk/welshparents>** We need MSs to know how serious an issue this is for the Catholic community, so please take part in this campaign and share this with your friends and families.

**Second Collection** The Second Collection this weekend (6th) will be the ( postponed ) Peter’s Pence Collection ( from 28<sup>th</sup> June); Next Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Stella Maris/Apostleship of the Sea ( from July).

**THANK YOU** for last weekend’s collections - St.Joseph’s £288-74 ( plus Direct Debits ), Day for Life £107-50. St.John Kemble £74-00, Day for Life £15-45. Many thanks.