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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time– 13th February 2022

Mass Intentions this Sunday: (13th February) **Saturday** (St.John Kemble) 4-00p.m. Kay Buttle (RIP) (Elizabeth, Kieron & Family); (St. Joseph's) 6-00p.m. Kevin Halloran (RIP) (Gaynor and David); **Sunday** 8-00a.m. Parish & people; 10-30a.m. Emilio Rossi (RIP) (Remo).

Weekday Mass Intentions: Tuesday (15th February) 6-30 p.m. Maureen Pitt (RIP) (S.V.P.); Wednesday (16th February) 9-30 a.m. Kevin Halloran (RIP) (Joe & Lorna O'Brien); 11-00 a.m. Catherine Newcombe (RIP) (June & Family). Thursday (17th) 9-30 a.m. Luigi Gacigalupa (RIP) (Remo); Friday (18th) John Hickey (RIP) (Peter & Isabel).

Mass Intentions next Sunday (20th February) **Saturday** – 4-00 p.m. (St.John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St.Joseph's) Elwyn Davies & Patricia Moule (RIP) (Margaret Gladwin); **Sunday** 8-00 a.m. Sr.Carmel (RIP) (Donie, Pat & Family); 10-30a.m. Paddy Clifford (RIP) (The Family).

First Holy Communion next Saturday at the 6-00 p.m. Mass for Bodie and Efan Lewis, and Lucy and Joseph Owen. Please remember them in your prayers.

The Sacrament of Confirmation Please remember in your prayers those preparing for Confirmation – Zaira and Joshua Zambrano, Carys Smitham, Tommy Parel, Isabella and Maria Grabczewski, Oisín and Cian Fitchett, Eve Abell, Daniel Rowlands, Mia Faure, Joseph Payne, William Heslop, Callum Lavin, Martin and Marya Joseph and Bethany Clifford, Sophie Wheatley. Note for the diary! - Archbishop George Stack will visit us on **Friday 29th April** (7-00 p.m.) to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Confirmation Group will resume on **NEXT SUNDAY 20th February** after the 10-30 A.M. Mass. Attendance at Mass continues to be an essential part of the preparation process.

N.B (!) Next Sunday (20th) at 10-02 p.m. on 20/02 in 2022 it will be 220220022022 (read the same backwards or forwards using only two numbers). Question: When was the last time this was possible and when will it happen next? (cf. 11-11a.m on 11th November in 1111 A.D. !!)

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ruth Potter (2007); Bernadine McCann (2007); Rita Newton (2018); Gerald Shillingford (2020); Olive Davies (2001); John Greene (2001); Peter Derrick (2006); Julia Watkins (2011); Bridget Sagattis (2009); Bridget Mullane (2009). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Please Note (Mass Intentions). Saturday and Sunday Masses and weekday Masses are already reserved for a particular intention until the **BEGINNING OF APRIL** Please think several months ahead if you would like to reserve a particular date (or nearest date). Thank you.

Candles The Sacred Heart – Marjorie Grant (RIP); Our Lady - Fr. Gerald Galvin (RIP); St. Joseph – John and Nellie Galvin (RIP).

Readers: **This Sunday** (13th February) 6-00 p.m. Patrick McAteer; 8-00 a.m. Adrian & Paula Macpherson-Jones; 10-30 a.m. Peter Buckingham. **Next Sunday** (20th February) 6-00 p.m. Nora Reynolds; 8-00 a.m. Gregory Page; 10-30 a.m. Des Nicholas.

Last Sunday's Collection: St.Joseph's - £359-93 (plus Direct Debits); St.John Kemble – £85-00. Many thanks. Grateful thanks also to the Parish Guild for the very generous donation of £500 to parish funds. Many thanks. All donations and gifts to parish funds gratefully received. **Second Collection next weekend** (20th), The Missio Annual Overseas Mission Appeal, this year in support of the Society of African Missions.

REVISION OF COVID REGULATIONS

It can be difficult keeping up to date with the various changes to the Covid Regulations but it is now possible to significantly modify the restrictions that we have been under for the last two years. However I believe that we should continue to proceed cautiously since there remains the very real possibility that at some time in the days ahead we may have to return once again to tighter restrictions.

The pews will continue to be roped off and the arrows/floor markings remain in place but there is no longer the requirement to observe social distancing (thus up to eight people can sit in each open pew) and both the main door and the side door may be used to enter/exit the Church with no need to observe the floor arrows. There is no longer any requirement for the pews to be sanitised after each Mass and the sanitising of hands is now optional (though recommended). **MASKS must continue to be worn** – unless medically exempt and the windows left open for ventilation.

The Prayer Kneeler If you wish, you may kneel to receive Holy Communion – on the tongue or in the hand.

For the time being the Holy Water stoups will remain covered and please continue to place your Offertory Collection in the Box provided. We shall continue to print hymn sheets and the Sunday 8-00 a.m. Mass will continue until Easter Day. All being well and by God's Grace, if the situation continues to improve, these last remaining restrictions will all be lifted on Easter Day.

Many, many thanks to all those who have faithfully and regularly stayed behind after Mass over the last two years to ensure that all the pews have been sanitised. The celebration of Mass would not have been possible without this commitment. Thank you.

Cleaning Teams. Please see notice above – thank you!

Refreshments after the 10-30 a.m. Mass We are very grateful to the volunteers who prepare refreshments in the Parish Hall after the Sunday Mass – currently three groups (S.J.P.G; S.V.P.; Tanzania Ambulance Appeal). We would be grateful for a fourth group to serve tea & coffee (for parish funds).

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, Peggy Swan (Glynneath), Jane Boland, George Johnson, Nancy Morris, Cheryl Ford, Andrew Jenkins, Jason Saunders, Stephen Saunders, Yolanda Jones, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna O'Brien, Betty Hopkins, Rose Williams, Donie O'Connell, Margaret Jeffrey, Dennis Taylor, Marion Brocksopp. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT. "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). *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.*

PRAYER AFTER MASS St.Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.