

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sunday 12th February 2023

“ 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).

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”*

Mass Intentions this Sunday (12th February 2023) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; (St. Joseph's) 6-00p.m. Christopher Abell (RIP) (The Family); **Sunday** 10-30 a.m. Stuart Michael (RIP) (Zoe).

Weekday Mass Intentions: Wednesday (15th) 9-30 a.m. **NO MASS.** 11-00 a.m. (St.John Kemble) Peggy Swan (RIP) (Elizabeth & Kieron). Thursday (16th) 9-30 a.m. Lilian Jones (RIP) (Karen & Doug); Friday (17th) 9-30 a.m. John Hickey (RIP) (Peter & Isabel).

Mass Intentions next Sunday (19th February) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; (St. Joseph's) 6-00 p.m. Peter & Brenise Derrick (RIP) (Mary & Ross); **Sunday** 10-30 a.m. Jean Wallis (RIP) (Anne-Marie O'Donnell).

Readers: This Sunday (12th) 6-00 p.m. Gerald Smith; 10-30 a.m. Babs Hunt. **Next Sunday** (19th) 6-00 p.m. Caroline Thomas; 10-30 a.m. Des Nicholas. **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 - Ukraine

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Christopher Abell; Mary Martin (2001); Ruth Potter (2007); Bernadine McCann (2007); Rita Newton (2015); Gerald Shillingford (2020); Olive Davies (2015); John Greene (2001); Peter Derrick (2006); Julia Watkins (2011). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

John Carson Morris (RIP) Please remember Carson in your prayers and the family at this time. Funeral Service here in St. Joseph's, Thursday 2nd March at 10-15 a.m. *Eternal rest rant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. Amen.*

Martin Morrisey (RIP) Please remember Martin in your prayers and the family at this time. Funeral Service here in St.Joseph's, Friday 3rd March at 10-00 a.m.

Last Sunday's Collection: St. Joseph's £367-03 (plus DD); St. John Kemble £17-00. (Many thanks).

World Day of Prayer Friday 3rd March at 2-00 p.m. St. Thomas Church, Church Place, Neath.

Second Collection this weekend. **TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL.** Please give generously. Also from this weekend, CAFOD has been working with partners in Syria for the duration of the 12-year conflict providing humanitarian aid to families who now battle another devastating crisis.. CAFOD has made an initial allocation of £100, 000 to secure urgent support – water, food, medical assistance, shelter and water kits. Anyone wishing to learn more or to make a donation is asked to visit www.cafod.org/give where there are also prayers for people in dire need. Thank you.

Walk with Me - Lenten Readings & Prayers Please take a **FREE** copy from the back of the church. ASH WEDNESDAY and the beginning of Lent (!) a week on Wednesday (22nd).

First Holy Communion July 2023. Regular attendance at Mass is essential to preparation for First Holy Communion. Please submit requests to Carolynn, Elaine & Mary for consideration.

S.P.U.C. National Prayer Campaign. Please take with you the **EIGHTH** in the series of the prayer cards, **“Prayer to St. Michael”** and join with this six month national prayer campaign

Daniel Payne Daniel would like to thank parishioners for their donations for his bike ride, “the 12 days of Christmas” in aid of Kidney Research UK. He successfully rode 321.6 miles over the 12 days raising £1,284. He is grateful for all the support.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 12 to 19th October 2023. £605. Sr. Margaret (Stella Maris) 01792 987059.

Please note that Mass Intentions are already reserved for nearly every weekend Mass until June and weekday Masses into March.

Parish Coffee Morning – Thursday from 10-00 – 11-00 a.m.

Fr Henry Nevin Parish Priest of Clydach and Ystradgynlais is leaving parish ministry to return to his Religious Congregation. His last Masses will be on the weekend of 18/19 February. We send him our good wishes.

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. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

Damaged Cars. Unfortunately, car tyres have been slashed on two cars parked outside the church during the 6-00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass. A few months ago a car side panel was damaged. The police have been informed and hope to provide a presence. Please report any further problems.

FLAME 2023 The Archdiocese of Cardiff and Diocese of Menevia announce that the biggest Catholic youth event in the U.K. is returning to London on Saturday 4th March. The theme of Flame 2023 – which is exactly 150 days before World Youth Day in Lisbon – takes the WYD Scripture verse “ Mary arose and went in haste “ and crystallises into the theme, “Rise Up”. Details of the event can be found at <https://cymfed.org.uk/flame> The cost to participate will be £50 and will include the ticket and transport to and from London with pick up points planned at Swansea, Bridgend, Cardiff and Newport. If you would like to participate or to receive further information please contact Rev. Christian Mahoney on 07764515864 or email Christian.mahoney@rcadc.org **If you are interested in attending this Youth Event please make the arrangements and the parish will cover the £50 cost of attending.**

Parish History Booklet Copies of the reprint of the History of the Parish are still available if you would like to pick up a copy from the back of the church - £5-00

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.*

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