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Sunday 13th September 2020 - The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions – This Sunday: –The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St.John Kemble: Saturday 4-00p.m. Parish & People; **St.Joseph's:** Saturday 6-00p.m. Michael Webster (RIP) (John & Jane Smith) Sunday 8-00 a.m. Mary Sullivan (RIP) (Pauline, Margaret and families);; 10-30 a.m. Una Keegan (RIP) (Leslie, Adrienne & family).

Next Sunday (20th September) **St.John Kemble:** Saturday 4-00p.m. Bishop Patrick McCartie (RIP) (SPCD); **St.Joseph's** Saturday 6-00p.m. Terry Davies (RIP) (Sandra); Sunday 8-00a.m. Parish & People; 10-30a.m. Jim Insole (RIP) (Rosemary).

Twenty - Fourth Week in Ordinary Time (Week beginning 13th September) Wednesday 16th September – **St.Joseph's** 9-30a.m. Francis & Rose (Sp.Int.); **St.John Kemble** 11-00a.m. Fr.Peter Taylor (RIP) (SPCD); Thursday 10th September – Marion Brocksopp (Sp.Int.)

Second Collection: There are a number of second collections over the coming weeks (!) to catch up on the extended lockdown. **This Sunday – Diocesan Education.** Next Sunday – Home Missions. Sunday 27th – Our Parish SVP Group. Sunday October 4th – CAFOD Harvest. Please note – the Box for the second collection will be on the table as you exit the church via the Lady Chapel. Thank you.

Candles: (Week beginning 13th September) The Sacred Heart – Dominic O'Keefe (RIP); Our Lady – Barbara Green (RIP).

Anniversaries: Bernard Madden (2016); Elizabeth Wilson (2007); Beryl Crago (2019); David Hunt (2003); Maureen O'Grady (2014); Maureen Butler (2014); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Ann Moruzzi (RIP) Please remember Ann in your prayers, and Remo and the family at this time. Ann's Funeral Mass will take place here at St.Joseph's on Monday 21st September. (Pandemic restrictions apply. The family would appreciate your prayers for them at 10-00a.m. on the day). *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen*

MASKS Please note that masks must now be worn at Mass except if you have asthma or other breathing difficulties. If so, please take extra special care to ensure that you are observing social distancing.

THE YEAR OF THE GOD WHO SPEAKS Unfortunately the pandemic has disrupted our planned Deanery and Diocesan events, however there will be an "**Online Scripture Day of Recollection**" next Saturday 19th September led by Fr.Jerome on "Jesus in the Gospel of Mark: A Teacher with Authority" from 11a.m to 1p.m.. This talk is live-streamed on YouTube. Please on the day, go to DOMSEC Website – www.domsec.org.uk and click "Livestream" on the top menu bar.

Saints, Scholars and Spiritual Masters On line at 7-30p.m. on Thursdays. 24th Sept: St.Therease of Lisieux. 8th October: St.John Henry Newman. (Through to December) For further details see - www.christianheritagecentre.com.events or e-mail - [events\(a\)christianheritagecentre.com](mailto:events(a)christianheritagecentre.com)

Catholic Papers The Universe is once more available – for those who regularly receive a copy – with your name on it as you exit the church via the Lady Chapel. If you would like to reserve a copy please have a word with Sheila.

The Parish S.V.P Group/St.Joseph's Community Support Group/Legion of Mary (and others). We are very grateful to all those who have kept in contact by phone and helped out with shopping and in other ways, often behind the scene and unknown to others, since the beginning of lockdown. **THANK YOU TO YOU ALL! N.B. If you are still self-isolating – this help is still available.**

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.

A Coronavirus Prayer. “ Lord Jesus Christ, You travelled through towns and villages ‘ curing every disease and illness’. At Your command, the sick were made well. Come now to our aid, in the midst of this global pandemic, and send down Your blessing and healing upon us and protect our healthcare workers. Bring us through to Resurrection and a New Pentecost. For Thy Name’s sake. Amen.

Last Week’s Collection: St.Joseph’s £294-61 (plus weekly Standing Orders); St.John Kemble £24-00. Many thanks to all who regularly contribute - and for donations – to the parish funds. Many thanks for the gift of £1,000 toward the cost of new carpeting in the church. All donations gratefully received.

The Church Driveway Having already met the challenge of raising funds for removing asbestos from the church boiler room, installing a new boiler, dismantling the chimney, repairing the sanctuary arch and redecorating and refurbishing the church (a total cost of approx. £25,000), we now have the further challenge to raise a similarly larger sum (approx. £35,000?) to tarmac and properly drain the driveway.....donations gratefully received! Grateful thanks for our first donations of £1,000 and £500 to this special fund – further donations gratefully received.

.CLEANERS! Volunteers please to help clean the church. Please have a word with Sheila.

CHURCH ENVELOPES Please collect your box of yearly envelopes as you leave the church. Many thanks.

A REMINDER

There is no obligation to attend Mass during the pandemic – please return to Mass (we look forward to seeing you!) only when you feel comfortable to do so.

At St.Joseph’s, if you are thinking of returning to Mass and want to be sure of a place to sit in the church, it would be wise to attend the Sunday 8-00a.m. Mass. At present, St.Joseph’s can only accommodate about 58 people. The 6-00p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass is attended by approx. 55 people, whereas the attendance at the 8-00a.m. Mass is about 15. It is anticipated that at the 10-30a.m. Mass it will be difficult to accommodate all those wishing to attend. If you are able to do so, you might consider attending the 8-00a.m. Mass to leave room for others at the 10-30a.m. Mass. We hope to avoid the alternative of having to issue tickets (!) to come to Mass. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and co-operation.

At St.John Kemble, we can accommodate about 12 – but a few more if couples/families sit together. If in doubt about the availability of seating, please give June a ring.

A] YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES. - PLEASE NOTE MASKS MUST NOW BE WORN IN MASS

Please be aware (and prepare beforehand!) the **TOILETS ARE CLOSED** and cannot be accessed - in order to avoid cross-contamination.

- (i) Entrance to the Church is only via the main door (except for disabled access)
- (ii) On entering, hands **MUST** be washed using the sanitising soap/gel provided.
- (iii) **MASKS MUST NOW BE WORN** – (unless you suffer from asthma/breathing difficulties)
- (iv) Please place your collection/donation in the box provided. There is no Offertory Procession.
- (v) Please follow the arrows/directions of the stewards. **UP** the central aisle. **DOWN** the side aisles, or, in St.John Kemble, anti-clockwise around the central pews.
- (vi) Every other pew is cordoned off. Three individuals may sit (apart) in a pew (as marked), or, in St.John Kemble, two individuals. Families, couples, those sharing a “bubble” may sit together – keeping social distance from others.
- (vii) Readers to wear gloves,
- (viii) **Receiving the Blessed Sacrament.** Approach the Altar by the central aisle **ONLY**. Form one queue, standing two metres apart. The Sacrament will be administered to you across the Prie dieu/kneeler. Return to your pew via the side aisle, or, in St.John Kemble, anti-clockwise.
- (ix) At the end of Mass, leave your pew via the central aisle (all the time being careful to observe social distancing); walk toward the Altar (genuflect) and turn right and exit through the Lady Chapel, sanitising your hands on the way out. (In St.John Kemble, via the backdoor). Please exit the church slowly and carefully, not congregating with others when sanitising your hands. Conversations/catching up with friends can take place outside the church, observing social distancing.
- (x) The church must be cleaned after every Mass.

B] THE CELEBRATION OF MASS

There will be no hymns, no holy water, no Bidding Prayers, no Sharing of the Peace, no Offertory Procession, no altar servers. Readers must wear gloves.

Any newsletters/information sheets/booklets that may be provided – **IF YOU TOUCH THEM** – must not be replaced on the table but **MUST** be taken home with you.

An extra Mass will be celebrated at 8-00a.m. on Sunday morning for a temporary/experimental period. Please consider attending this Mass to allow space for others to attend the Saturday Vigil Mass and 10-30 a.m. Mass.

Newsletters These are available as you leave church. IF YOU PICK UP A COPY TO LOOK AT, YOU **MUST** TAKE IT AWAY WITH YOU! – DO NOT RETURN IT TO THE TABLE! Thank you.