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Sunday 13th December 2020 – Third Sunday of Advent

This Sunday (13th 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);

Next Sunday (20th December) **Saturday** St. John Kemble – 4-00 p.m. Parish & People. St. Joseph's – 6-00 p.m. Michael McAteer (RIP) (The Family). **Sunday** 8-00 a.m. Monica Weld-Richards (RIP) (Deacon Jim & Marie). 10-30 a.m. Ann Moruzzi (RIP) (Angela Healey).

Weekday Mass Times: Wednesday 16th December 9-30a.m. (St. Joseph's) Michael McAteer (RIP) (The Family); 11-00a.m. (St. John Kemble) MICF (RIP); Thursday 17th 9-30a.m. Angela Dimaio (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. Maureen McAteer. 8-00a.m. Gregory Page. 10-30 a.m. Des Nicholas. **Next Sunday** (20th) 6-00p.m. Kevin Halloran. Sunday 8-00a.m. Adrian/Paula Macpherson – Jones. 10-30a.m. Bethan Lee

Stewarding this Sunday (13th) 6-00 p.m. Angela & Geraint. 8-00 a.m. Christopher & Gregory. 10-30 a.m.

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE

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

PLEASE NOTE – WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS TO STEWARD AND TO CLEAN THE CHURCH AFTER EACH MASS, MASSES WILL HAVE TO BE CANCELLED, INCLUDING CHRISTMAS MASSES. STEWARDING AND CLEANING ARE **NOT OPTIONAL** PRECAUTIONS. THEY ARE **ESSENTIAL** TO PROTECT HEALTH & SAFETY DURING THE PANDEMIC. MASS CANNOT TAKE PLACE WITHOUT STEWARDS AND CLEANERS! **PLEASE VOLUNTEER.**

PLEASE NOTE – YOU **MUST** FOLLOW THE ARROW SYSTEM. PLEASE DO **NOT** TAKE A SHORT CUT BACK AND FOR ACROSS THE CHURCH THROUGH THE PEWS. Please be sure to maintain social distancing on entering the church and on leaving via the Lady Chapel – please hold back and avoid bunching up together. Phones to be turned off on entering the church. It is irreverent to leave Mass to answer a phone call. **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. **PLEASE NOTE** It is understood that the **Moderna and Pfizer/BioNTech** vaccines are not derived from foetal material but have a different source “as they are mRNA based vaccines”.

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”.

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.**

Sheila Manning (RIP) Please remember Sheila in your prayers who died after a short illness, and her friends and family at this time. Sheila's Graveside Funeral Service will take place at Llantwit Cemetery on Wednesday 30th December. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

Sheila Mead (RIP). Please remember Sheila in your prayers and Michael and the family at this time, Sheila's Funeral Service will be this Tuesday (15th) here in St.Joseph's Church – by invitation only due to pandemic restrictions. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

Anniversaries: Deta May (2001); Vincent Didio (2009); Audrey Gammon (2017); Michael McAteer (2000); Madeline Lewis (2016); Kevin O'Brien (2017); John Turner (2000); Elsie Farrell (2000); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they 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**

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 – Deta May (RIP); Our Lady – Alan Williams (RIP); St.Joseph – Laurence Macpherson-Jones

Donations for Flowers. Donations toward the cost of decorating the Church for Christmas gratefully received

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. (This mass is now **FULLY RESERVED**) 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. **PLEASE CHECK THE ATTACHED LIST FOR RESERVATIONS.** (IF YOU HAVE NOT YET RESERVED YOUR SEAT PLEASE FILL IN A BOOKING/APPLICATION FORM AND PLACE IN THE BOX PROVIDED).

Second Collection The Second Collection next Sunday 20th December – Stella Maris/Apostleship of the Sea (from July).

THANK YOU for last weekend's collections - St.Joseph's £326-65 (plus Direct Debits), Peter's Pence £105-19; St.John Kemble £35-37, Peter's Pence £12-00. Many thanks.