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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**The Year of St. Joseph** A daily prayer to St. Joseph. *“Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became a man. Blessed St. Joseph, to us too, show yourself to be a father, and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen”*

**Mass Intentions this Sunday** (27<sup>th</sup> June ) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. (St John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m (St. Joseph’s) Harold Jenkins (RIP) ( The family ); **Sunday** 8-00 a.m. Lawrence Knight (RIP) ( June & Graham Evans) 10-30a.m. Alan Boland (RIP) ( Deacon Jim & Marie Caddick ).

**Weekday Mass Intentions** Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> ( **St. Peter & St. Paul** ) 6-30p.m. John & Kitty Williams (RIP); Wednesday (30<sup>th</sup> June ) 9-30a.m. (St. Joseph’s) Teresa Diaz (RIP) (Isabel & Peter ); 11-00a.m. ( St. John Kemble) Will Mahon (Sp. Int. ) ( Mike & Lorraine ); Thursday ( 1<sup>st</sup> July ) 9-30a.m. Pat & Donie O’Connel ( Diamond Wedding );

**Mass Intentions next Sunday** ( 4<sup>th</sup> July ) **Saturday** ( St. John Kemble ) 4-00p.m. Parish & People; (St. Joseph’s) 6-00p.m. Muriel, Gerald, Yvonne & infant Richards (RIP) ( Annette, Phillip & Paul ); **Sunday** 8-00a.m. Gillian Boland (RIP) ( Deacon Jim & Marie); 10-30a.m. Joan Hardie (RIP) ( Karen & Doug ).

**Anniversaries:** Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time: David Moran (2000); William Worth (2003); Patrick Russell (2006); Annie Tyrrell ( 2007 ); Don Thomas (2009); Delia Lewis (2008 ); Ann Leavy (2013). Jeanette Griffiths (2018); Margaret Tucker (2012). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**Candles:** Our Lady – Donie and Pat ( Thanksgiving.); The Sacred Heart – The Butler Family (RIP);

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**Driveway Appeal - Goal achieved!!** Many thanks for the further donations of £1,000 and £100 to the Driveway Appeal which brings the total raised to **£60,497-50** (!!). Many thanks to all those who have so generously donated to raising this magnificent sum over the last 15 months. A great achievement in so short a time. This will now enable us to put the work of designing and tarmacking ( and lighting ) the driveway out to contract . Self congratulations in order! Many thanks to all who have so generously donated to this Appeal.

**Driveway Update!** Unfortunately, last weekend, a large amount of sewage water erupted in a number of “springs” along the driveway and from underneath the Hall and in front of the school playground, indicating a major break in one of the main sewers running behind the Church/ Presbytery/School ( either inside our grounds or running along Cook Rees Avenue ) which may have resulted from the build-up of pressure due to a major blockage in the sewer. The blockage has been released but we have been advised that, as well as repairing the pipe, there may have to be major works carried out in restructuring and extending the sewage pipes in order to accommodate ( redivert) all the water coming down into the system from the estates and new housing behind the church. Work on the driveway will, necessarily, be delayed until we are assured that all the necessary remedial work on the sewage system has been completed and there is no danger of further flooding.

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**Wedding Bells!** Congratulations to Aimee Wellington and Sam Owen who will be married here in St. Joseph’s on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Please remember Aimee and Sam in your prayers.

**Congratulations** to Sheila Penry who begins the year ahead as the new Mayor of Neath. Llongyfarchiadau, Sheila, a phob bendith – Congratulations and every blessing in your work in the year ahead.

**Congratulations** to Siobhan Fitchet who has been appointed to the post of Deputy Head of St. Joseph's Cathedral School. Many congratulations.

**Landscapes of Faith Festival:** This event takes place across Wales throughout June. Discover more about Wales' varied faith traditions, including Banwen's connection with St. Patrick; and the "New Library" due to open soon at Llantwit Major, where St. Illtud founded Britain's first centre of Christian learning. See more on [www.landscapesoffaith.org](http://www.landscapesoffaith.org)

**Many thanks** - for last Sunday's Collection ( St. Joseph's ) of £301-19 ( plus direct debits ) and (St. John Kemble) £78-00.

**The Second Collection** this weekend ( 27th June ) is the annual Peter's Pence Collection in support of the Holy See, and next Sunday ( 4<sup>th</sup> July ) the annual Day for Life Collection.

**PLEASE NOTE** – To all stewards, readers and cleaners. **THERE IS NO OBLIGATION TO COME TO CHURCH IF YOU DO NOT FEEL SAFE OR COMFORTABLE TO DO SO.** Please let Fr. Neil know so that he can arrange a replacement. Thank you.

**Readers: This Sunday** (27<sup>th</sup> June) 6-00p.m. Ceri McAteer. 8-00a.m. Adrian & Paula Macpherson-Jones. 10-30a.m. Sheila Williams. **Next Sunday** ( 4<sup>th</sup> July ) 6-00p.m. Maureen McAteer; 8-00a.m. Gregory Page; 10-30a.m. Mary Walker.

**Stewarding: This Sunday** ( 27<sup>th</sup> June) Angela & Geraint. 8-00a.m. Christopher. 10-30a.m. Luke & Lena. **Next Sunday** ( 4<sup>th</sup> July ) 6-00p.m. Angela & Geraint; 8-00a.m. Christopher & Gregory; 10-30a.m. John, Aimee & Olivia.

**Cleaning Teams. This Sunday** (27<sup>th</sup> June ) 6-00p.m. Maralyn & Nora; 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30 a.m. Joan & Ann. **Next Sunday** ( 4<sup>th</sup> July ) 6-00p.m. Sian & Mary; 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30a.m. Volunteers please.

**DOMSEC Livestreamed Events in 2021** A full programme of (over 25) events! See [www.domsec.org.uk](http://www.domsec.org.uk) or [www.ourladystaroftheseamumbles.org.uk](http://www.ourladystaroftheseamumbles.org.uk) to access the livestreams and click "Livestream" on the menu bar.

**Four talks on The Spirit and Power of Elijah** by Fr Jerome Ituah on successive Tuesday nights from 6-30 – 8-30 p.m. **Final talk - this Tuesday June 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**Please Note** If you wish to reserve a particular date or day for a Mass Intention, please note that Saturday and Sunday Masses and weekday Masses are already reserved for a particular intention for the next three months **until the beginning of SEPTEMBER.** Please think several months ahead if you would like to reserve a particular date ( or nearest date ). Thank you

**A Polite Reminder (!)** – to those returning to Mass and to those who may have forgotten! Masks must be worn and hands sanitised as soon as you enter the church before going to your pew, and please continue to observe the arrow directions and not cut across the church through the pews. Thank you.

**Parish Hall Committee.** We hope soon to re-establish the Parish Hall Committee and elect a Chairperson and Secretary to oversee all aspects of hall management. It will not be possible to hire out the hall until we are fully compliant with all the legal/insurance regulations covering hall maintenance and the wording of contracts which must be completed and signed by all those wishing to hire the Hall.

**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 and all those who are self-isolating because of the Pandemic. Especially at this time, Nancy Morris, Cheryl Ford, Fr. Paul Brophy, Andrew Jenkins, Jason Saunders, Tess Court, Marjorie Grant, Yolanda Jones, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna O'Brien, Betty Hopkins. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

**Parish Catechists.** Pope Francis has recently established a new ministry in the life of the Church – that of the Ministry of Catechist. Other parishes are well blessed with volunteers to help prepare children for First Holy Communion and teenagers/young adults for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are able to offer this valuable Ministry to the Church please have a word with Fr. Neil.