

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 29th October 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 (29TH October) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St.John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00p.m. Brenise Derrick (RIP) (Mary Bowen) – **CLOCKS CHANGE** (fall back one hour) – Sunday 10-30 a.m. Shaun Elias (RIP) (The Family).

November - Month of Holy Souls. Mass intentions (and stipends) will continue as usual throughout November therefore **no stipend (money)** is required in the Holy Souls' Envelopes if you would like loved ones to be remembered at each Mass in our Book of Remembrance on the Altar. Please place names in the envelopes provided.

Weekday Mass Intentions Tuesday (31st) 6-00 p.m. (Vigil Mass of All Saints – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION) Eileen Moran (RIP) (Brendan); Wednesday (1st – ALL SAINTS' DAY) 9-30 a.m. Janet Jones (RIP) (Geraint Jones); 11-00 a.m. (St. John Kemble) Bernard Newcombe (RIP) (June & family); Thursday (2nd November – All Souls' Day) 11-00 a.m. (St. John Kemble); 6-00 p.m. (St.Joseph's). Friday (3rd) 9-30 a.m. Dorothy Evans (RIP).

Mass Intentions next Sunday (5th November) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's) Peter Healey (RIP) (Angela Healey). Sunday 10-30 a.m. Thomas O'Leary (RIP) (Sheila and David).

Fr. Tony Cullen (RIP) Fr. Tony died on Sunday 1st October. Fr. Tony was for a short time Assistant-Priest here at St.Joseph's in the 1980s and Parish Priest in Glynneath and Hirwaun. His Funeral Mass will be this Friday 3rd November at 10-00 a.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes in Swansea followed by interment at 12-15 p.m. at Morryston Cemetery. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

Readers: Next Sunday (29th) 6-00p.m.Ceri McAteer; 10-30a.m. Stephen Evans. Next Sunday (5th) 6-00 p.m. Patrick McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Des Nicholas. **Please take the opportunity to arrive early and look at (and prepare) the readings beforehand. Thank you.**

Candles: Sacred Heart – The Middle East; Our Lady – Dorothy Evans (RIP); St. Joseph – Ukraine

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Teresa Watkins (2004); Laurence McGinty (2017); Peggy Evans (2017); Bernard Newcombe (2019); Edwina Peoples (2010);Doreen Murnane (2015); Roger Bennett (2012); Mary Martin (2003); Gerald O'Brien (2005). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Mass Intentions Please note, weekend Mass intentions are already reserved into the middle of December and weekday Mass intentions into November. Please be thinking ahead by several months if you would like a Mass intention for a loved one on a particular day/date – even so, some dates are reserved a year ahead and if so Mass will be said on the nearest date available to the request. Thank you.

Volunteers please Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with the cleaning of the church on a four week rota. Please see the rota at the back of the church. Please add your name at the bottom of the page if you also are able to help. Many thanks.

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ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL If you have a child over 2 years of age or are new to the area and are looking for a school – look no further! St Joseph's has a loving, caring ethos to bring out the full potential of your child. Please contact the school on 01639 635099 for further details

Defibrillator Many thanks to all those who attended the three training sessions. Hopefully we will never have to use the defibrillator but hopefully, also, if the need arises there will be several in the congregation able to team up to help. Thank you also to Angela for arranging the purchase of the defibrillator and organising the training.

Hugh Thank You to parishioners for contributing to the SVP Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. A total of 186 boxes were achieved. The children of St. Joseph's Infant School, Port Talbot, donated 47 boxes and our St. Joseph's Primary School contributed 6 big carrier bags with much needed necessities. The area co-ordinator was overwhelmed at the result and gave us an insight as to why this appeal is so essential to those in need. THANK YOU!

Last Sunday's Collection: St. Joseph's £344-18 (plus Direct Debits). St John Kemble – £83-00.

Second Collection This Sunday (29th October) World Mission Sunday – to collect funds to support Catholic communities across the world experiencing poverty and turmoil. **Next Sunday** (5th November) Sick & Retired Clergy (please take a leaflet from the back of the church).

Evening of Song and Entertainment The Parish Hall Committee are holding an evening of Song & Entertainment on **Monday 6th November** in the Parish Hall 6-30 p.m. for 7-00 p.m. With Christine Lee Jones (Stars in their Eyes, T.V & Radio personality) Buffet included. Cost £7-50. Also, Bingo & Raffle (not included!!) See Angela Healey or Peter Buckingham for tickets. Book now!

Cancer Challenge Singers On **Sunday 17th December** to begin our celebration of Christmas, a Service of Christmas Carols & Readings at 5-00 p.m. here in St. Joseph's followed by refreshments in the Hall. Tickets £5 – (available later on) to support Cancer Challenge. Make a note in your diary!

Childrens' Christmas Party in the Hall after the 10-30 a.m. Mass on Sunday 10th December. Details to follow. Please make another note in your diary!

Christmas Raffle. Donations of raffle prizes gratefully received. Please see Peter Buckingham.

Legion of Mary Every Tuesday evening at 6-00 p.m. in the Hall. New members very welcome. Please come along.

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

First Holy Communion Classes each Sunday in the Parish Hall before the 10-30 a.m. Mass. Please keep in your prayers – Ieuan Rees, Noah Wheatley, George Challenger, Henri Afolabi, Kaitlin Edwards, Keris Edwards, Bella Tariq, Luke Tariq. The First Holy Communion Mass will take place at the 10-30 a.m. Mass on **Sunday 19th November**. (No class this Sunday – 29th). Many thanks to Carolyn, Elaine and Mary for their hard work and commitment to the children.

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), George Johnson, Cheryl Ford, Julie, Stephen & Jason Saunders, Yolanda Jones, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna and Joe O'Brien, Betty Hopkins, Rose Williams, Margaret Jeffrey, Marion Brocksopp., Marlene John, Pat Day, Daniel John, George McIntyre, David Reynolds, Adrian Macpherson-Jones. Roger Horton. Kath Davies. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

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!

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