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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 7th November 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”*

Towards a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission

REVISED CONSULTATION PROCESS

Following feedback from across the world, the General Secretariat for the Synod of Bishops in Rome has revised the consultation deadline to allow a longer period of time for the faithful to respond. The Diocesan phase of the preparation process has been extended to June 2022 and the deadline for parish responses is 22nd January 2022. In the Diocese of Menevia the following process/timetable has now been proposed which we will attempt to follow: (i) there will be an opportunity for parishioners to meet together (perhaps, three or four meetings/Guided Meditations – preceded by Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament?) to consider the various questions/ideas already proposed for consideration (PowerPoint Presentations will be available to assist reflection and discussion). (ii) the appointment, in each parish, of **two parish facilitators** who will “steer the parish through the whole listening/discerning process and who will record the voiced consensus from the Guided Meditations”. These two parish facilitators must be available to attend a half-day deanery training session (to take place after 15 November – dates to be announced). **Thank you** to those who have already responded – your written responses will be returned to you for you to bring to the attention of others (if you wish to do so) at the proposed parish meetings. Please continue to pray about your concerns/suggestions regarding the life and witness of the Church. “ The purpose of this consultation is for the bishops of the Church to arrive at an understanding of what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church at this time”.

Mass Intentions this Sunday (7th November) **Saturday** (St. John Kemble) 4-00p.m. Parish & People; (St. Joseph's) 6-00p.m. Terry Isaac (RIP) (Mary Isaac); **Sunday** 8-00a.m. Katherine Sheehan (RIP) (SVP); 10-30a.m. Irene Jenkins and Helen Gethin (RIP) (Sheila Morgan). Please note, **Remembrance Sunday** is next 14th November and the Blessing of Graves will take place at Llantwit Cemetery at 2-30p.m.

There will be two School Class Masses during the week. Unfortunately, following LEA Guidelines parents and parishioners will not be able to attend in order to secure the safety of the class “bubble”. Please keep the staff and children in your prayers in these difficult and challenging circumstances.

Weekday Mass Intentions Tuesday 9th November (St Joseph's) 6-30p.m. Aldo Vaccari (RIP) (Barbara Vaccari); **NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY.** Friday 12th November (St. Joseph's) 9-30a.m. Katherine Sheehan (RIP) (Nuala & Martin Rees).

Mass Intentions next Sunday (14th November – **Remembrance Sunday** – A short Act of Commemoration will precede the 4-00p.m. and 10-30a.m. Masses) **Saturday** (St John Kemble) 4-00 p.m. Parish & People; (St. Joseph's) 6-00p.m. Margaret Allen (RIP) (The Elias Family); **Sunday** 8-00 a.m. Lawrence Macpherson-Jones (RIP) (Adrian and Paula); 10-30a.m. Andy Johnson (RIP) (Anne Guest).

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Felix Wluka (2003); Leslie Collins (2007); Brendan McPeake (2020); Aldo Vaccari (2020); Jean Walters (2007); Katherine Sheehan (2018); Myrna Francis (2018). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Readers: This Sunday (7th November) 6-00p.m. Sian Loynes; 8-00a.m. Gregory Page; 10-30a.m. Des Nicholas.
Next Sunday (14th November) 6-00p.m. Sian Loynes; 8-00a.m. Adrian & Paula Macpherson-Jones; 10-30a.m. Berni Payne.

Cleaning Teams. This Sunday (7th November) 6-00p.m. Sian & Mary; 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30a.m. Volunteers please. **Next Sunday** (14th November) 6-00p.m. Maralyn & Nora; 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30a.m. Joan & Anne.

N.B Cleaners urgently needed to help clean and tidy the Church on a once-a-fortnight rota. We are currently down to just 6/7 volunteers. A commitment of just one hour in the fortnight. **Thank you for volunteering!** Please have a word with either Nora or Sheila. Many thanks!

Candles: The Sacred Heart – Sharon O'Donnell (RIP). Our Lady – Ann Moruzzi (RIP); St.Joseph – Mary Bowen (Special intention).

Parish History Booklet After a very successful launch of the History of the Parish a reprint is to follow (with amendments and improved photography). If you would like to reserve a copy/copies please have a word with Sandra or Father Neil. We hope copies will be **available from next Saturday 13th November**.

Prayer for COP26 “ *Loving God, we praise Your Name with all You have created. You are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of creatures. We acknowledge the responsibilities You have placed upon us as stewards of Your creation. May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society. Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the poorest and most vulnerable, and commit their nations to the care of our Common Home. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen*”.

Christmas Flowers Donations toward the cost of decorating the church at Christmas gratefully received.

First Holy Communion Classes Please keep in your prayers as they prepare for their First Holy Communion Ronan Abell, Lucy Owen, Jack Challenger, Ava Mallows, Julia Karczynska, John Grabczewski, Amelia Tristram, Julia Kuligowska, Efan and Bodi Lewis, Drake and Juris Pascual, Shuyalini Sivarupan, Joseph Owen, Brendan Fitchett, Lowrie Smitham, Ivy Walters, Dorothea Boland. **Attendance at Mass is an essential part of preparation** for receiving Holy Communion. Classes will take place at 9-30 a.m. in the Parish Hall before the Sunday 10-30 a.m. Mass. **PLEASE NOTE** classes resume this Sunday (7th November).

The Sacrament of Confirmation Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, the original date for the Archbishop's visit to us in July of last year had to be postponed. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation please have a word with Fr.Neil so that we make arrangements for the Archbishop (or new Bishop) to re-arrange his visit to us.

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, Peggy Swan (Glynneath), Jane Boland, George Johnson, Nancy Morris, Cheryl Ford, Andrew Jenkins, Jason Saunders, Yolanda Jones, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna O'Brien, Betty Hopkins, Kevin Halloran, Rose Williams, Donie O'Connell. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

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 until the **middle of JANUARY** Please think several months ahead if you would like to reserve a particular date (or nearest date). Thank you.

Mince Pie & Wine Evening Monday 29th November at 7-00p.m. in the Parish Hall. Entry by ticket -£2-50 (please see Nora or Sheila). A festive parish celebration - all welcome.

Tea & Biscuits in the Hall after the 10-30am. Mass. Please see Sheila if you are able to help. Thank you.

Parish Collection Last weekend **St.Joseph's** £335 -20 (plus Direct Debits). **St.John Kemble** £28-80 Many thanks.