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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 20th 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 (20th June) **Saturday** (St. John Kemble) 4-00p.m. Parish & People; (St. Joseph’s) 6-00p.m. Gillian Boland (RIP) (Maureen McAteer); **Sunday** 8-00a.m. Rose & Stanley Jones (RIP) (Adrian & Paula); 10-30a.m. Sion Parry Evans (RIP).

Weekday Mass Intentions Wednesday (23rd June) 9-30a.m. (St. Joseph’s) Eileen Maloney (RIP) (Mike & Lorraine); 11-00a.m. (St. John Kemble) Annie Hipsley (RIP) (Bella); Thursday (24th June – Birth of John the Baptist) 9-30a.m. Alan Boland (RIP) (Sandra Davies).

Mass Intentions next Sunday (27th 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).

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Marjorie Francis (2014); Raymond Clifford (2000); Bronislaw Koziel (2003); Cyril Jones (2005); Neil Davies (2006); Marcus Flynn (2006); Maureen Gough (2012). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Candles: Our Lady – Scott Dale (Good Health.); The Sacred Heart – Andrew Mills (RIP); St. Joseph – The McInerney Family

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.

Wedding Bells! Congratulations to Aimee Wellington and Sam Owen who will be married here in St. Joseph’s on Saturday 10th 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.

Lawrence Macpherson-Jones (RIP) – We are very grateful for the gift of £1,250 from the Estate of Lawrence Macpherson-Jones toward the servicing and tuning (repair) of the Organ and the painting of the Organ Loft. Many thanks.

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

Many thanks – for last Sunday's Collection (St. Joseph's) of £455-51 (plus direct debits) and £422-35 (SVP – India Twin Diocese); (St. John Kemble) £27-00 and £11-30 (SVP – India Twin Diocese).

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

S.V.P. Thank You – Thank you to all those who have contributed towards the cost of a new garden bench for the church grounds. The polyboard bench which will be inscribed to the memory of the deceased members of the S.V.P. is expected to be delivered by the end of August.

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 (20th June) 6-00p.m. Sian Loynes. 8-00a.m. Adrian & Paula Macpherson-Jones. 10-30 a.m. Barbara Hunt. **Next Sunday** (27th June) 6-00p.m. Ceri McAteer. 8-00a.m. Adrian & Paula Macpherson-Jones. 10-30a.m. Sheila Williams. (or, maybe, I have got the two Sundays mixed up?!)

Stewarding: This Sunday (20th June) 6-00p.m. Angela & Geraint. 8-00a.m. Christopher. 10-30a.m. John, Aimee & Olivia. **Next Sunday** (27th June) Angela & Geraint. 8-00a.m. Christopher. 10-30a.m. Luke & Lena.

Cleaning Teams. This Sunday (20th June) 6-00p.m. Sian & Mary; 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30a.m. volunteers please. **Next Sunday** (27th June) 6-00p.m. Maralyn & Nora; 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30 a.m. Joan & Ann.

DOMSEC Livestreamed Events in 2021 A full programme of (over 25) events! See www.domsec.org.uk or 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. **This Tuesday June 22nd** and then the 29th. And on Saturday 19th June from 11-00a.m. to 1-00p.m. **The Sacramental Economy in Sacred Scripture** by Fr. Robert Davies.

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.