

CHRIST THE KING – 23rd NOVEMBER 2025

“Come Holy Spirit and renew the hearts of the faithful; enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created and You will renew the face of the earth. O God Who has taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Holy Spirit we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.”

“ 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).

Mass Intentions this Sunday (23rd November – Christ the King) Saturday (St. John Kemble) 4-00 p.m. Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph’s) Brian Hudson (RIP) (Brigid & family); 10-30 a.m. Alan Phillips (RIP.) (Ann Guest & family)

Weekday Mass Wednesday (26th November) St. Joseph’s 9-30 a.m. Marion Brocksopp (Sp.Int.) (Pat, Donie & family); 11-00 a.m. St. John Kemble - Elaine Reynolds (RIP) (Bella & Reg); Thursday (27th) 9-30 a.m. **Advent School Mass** Michael & Edna McAteer (RIP) (The family).

Mass Intentions next Sunday (Sunday 30th November – **Advent Sunday**) Saturday (St. John Kemble) 4-00 p.m. Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St.Joseph’s) Dennis Taylor (RIP.) (The family);10-30 a.m. Annie & William Cochrane (RIP) (J.Evans).

Mass Intentions Please note Mass Intentions are now reserved into **February** (weekdays and weekends) – many dates are also already reserved later on in 2026. Please think several months ahead if you would like a Mass said for a loved one. At present, it takes about twelve weeks (three months) for a reserved Mass to be celebrated.

Readers: This Sunday (23rd) 6-00 p.m. Maureen McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Sophia Hikary. **Next Sunday** (30th) 6-00 p.m. Ceri McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Bethan Lee.

Readers Please come early so that you have the opportunity before Mass to look at the readings beforehand. If you are unable to keep your place on the rota please arrange for someone to take your place (!!).

Anniversaries Dennis Underwood (2005); Andrew Saunders (2006); George Duncan (2009); Grace Mallaghan (2009); David John (2007; Colin Rees (2007); Dennis Taylor (2022).. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Candles: Sacred Heart - Ukraine; Our Lady – Peggy Davies (Sp.Int.); St. Joseph – Gareth Perkins (RIP).

Mary Yates (RIP) Please remember Mary in your prayers and the family at this time. Mary’s Funeral Service will take place on Friday 5th December at 11-15 a.m. at Margam Crematorium.

Gareth Perkins (RIP) Please remember Gareth in your prayers and Joan and loan at this time. Funeral details to be announced.

Daphne Winter (RIP) Please remember Daphne in your prayers and the family at this time. Funeral details to be announced.

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

Christmas Party Sunday 14th December after morning Mass. Please sign up on the list at the back of the church

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Christmas Raffle Draw Donation of gifts for the Christmas Raffle gratefully received. Please have a word with Peter if you are able to contribute. Many thanks. Raffle Tickets now available at the back of the church – please take and distribute as many as you are able to sell to family and friends. Many thanks.

Mince Pie Evening Monday 1st December Tickets £5 available from Nora and Sheila. Proceeds to Ty Olwen.

Faith Study Group studying “ We dare to hope” booklet (following the earlier study of “ We dare to say”) for five weeks, each Friday at 2-00 p.m. (for one hour only) in the Parish Hall, November 21st, 28th; December 5th, 12th, 19th. All welcome – please come along even if you cannot commit to all the sessions.

Church Cleaning Due to illness and other difficulties we need help maintaining the cleanliness of the church and any help to fill the short fall would be greatly appreciated. Any volunteers please contact Nora on 07816 315 897 Please tidy the pew (tissues etc) around you when leaving the church. There is a bin at the entrance to the church. We are very grateful to those who keep the church so clean & tidy. Please volunteer!

Relaunched Instagram Page – “ Emmaus Catholic Youth” for regular comments, content and updates.

Young Adults Event (ages 18 to 35) to take place on Saturday 13th December at Our Lady and St. Michael’s Church, Abergavenny. Registration via youth@rcadc.org If you are interested the parish will cover all costs.

Vocation to the Priesthood? Fr. Matt Roche-Saunders, Director of Priestly Vocations and Youth Mission always available for information and conversation at vocations@rcadc.org or vocations@menevia.org

Opposing Assisted Suicide in Wales The Bishops’ Conference has launched an e-action urging Members of the Senedd to protect vulnerable people and support palliative care. Take part at <https://rcadc.org/archbishop-mark-issues-urgent-call-to-oppose-assisted-suicide/>

Neurodiversity Birmingham University are conducting research into Neurodiversity and our Faith. If you are an adult neurodivergent Catholic or a Caregiver of a neurodivergent Catholic your experiences will help us to become more inclusive and responsive. To find out more and to fill in a short survey please go to www.godwhospeaks.uk/neurodivergent-catholic-surveys/

On-Line Archdiocesan Newsletter Read/Sign up today <https://bit.ly/ACMSeptNewsletter>

Marriage Support Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel:+44 7887 296 983

Last Sunday’s Collection: St. Joseph’s £400-00 (plus Direct Debits); St John Kemble £96-55. Many thanks.

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, Bridie Johnson, Julie, Stephen & Jason Saunders, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna and Joe O’Brien, Margaret Jeffrey, Marion Brocksopp., Marlene John, Pat Day, Daniel John, Adrian Macpherson-Jones, Roger Horton, Kath Davies, David Vaudin, Agnes Collins, Cynthia Cronin, Angela Healey., Mark Thomas, Siobhan Fitchett, Donie O’Connell. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

The Sick & Housebound If you know of someone who (at their request) would appreciate contact with the church through a home visit from the S.V.P. please contact Anne Guest, the Secretary on 07741283098 or Pat O’Connell for a visit from the Legion of Mary.

PRAYER AFTER MASS *St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen*

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