

## CORPUS CHRISTI – 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2025

“ 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** ( 22<sup>nd</sup> ) Saturday ( St. John Kemble ) 4-00 p.m. Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. ( St.Joseph's ) Fr. Bill Curran (RIP) ( Legion of Mary );10-30 a.m. Karen Hardie ( RIP ) ( Peter & Isabel ).

**Weekday Mass Times** Monday (23<sup>rd</sup> ) 6-00 p.m. Vigil Mass ( Birth of St. John the Baptist) David Reynolds (RIP) ( Martin & Nuala ); Wednesday (25<sup>th</sup>) 9-30 a.m. David Reynolds (RIP) ( Deacon Jim & Marie ); 11-00 a.m. ( St. John Kemble ) Fr. Neil ( Sp.Int. ) ( Lorna & Joe ); Thursday ( 26<sup>th</sup>) 9-30 a.m. Aileen Buckingham (RIP) ( Lorna & Joe); Friday (27<sup>th</sup>) **SACRED HEART** 9-30 a.m. Fr. Illtud ( Sp. Int. Ordination – Cardiff Oratory ).

**Mass Intentions next Sunday** ( 29<sup>th</sup> June – St.Peter & St.Paul ) Saturday ( St. John Kemble ) 4-00 p.m. Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. ( St. Joseph's ) Marshall & Christopher Abell (RIP) ( The family); 10-30 a.m. Clement Earle (RIP) ( Des Nicholas ).

**Mass Intentions** Please note Mass Intentions are now reserved until the beginning of August ( weekdays ) and the beginning of September ( weekends ) Please think several months ahead if you would like a Mass said for a loved one. At present, it takes about eight weeks for a reserved Mass to be celebrated.

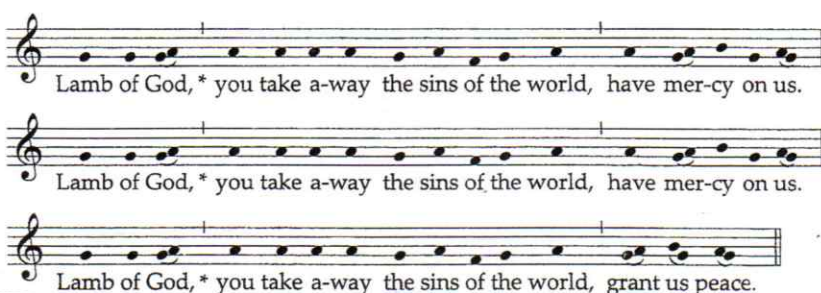
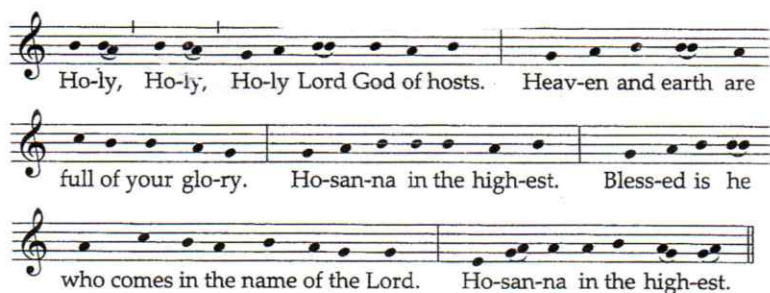
**Readers: This Sunday** ( 22<sup>nd</sup> - Corpus Christi ) 6-00 p.m. Gerald Smith; 10-30 a.m. Bernadette Payne. **Next Sunday** ( 29<sup>th</sup> St.Peter & St. Paul ) 6-00 p.m. Patrick McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Mary Walker.

**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 (!!).

**Hall Caretaker** After many years as caretaker Sheila will be retiring at the beginning of June. If you know of someone who might be interested please have a word with a member of the Parish Hall Committee. We are very grateful to Sheila for her commitment to the work over past years.

**“International Food Festival”** (!) – after the 10-30 a.m. Mass on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July ( no teas/coffee served that day). List at the back of the church. Please sign up with names and numbers hoping to attend ( for catering purposes). Admission will be by **TICKET** only – available from Nora, Sheila, Leena and Bridget. Price £10, children under 12, £5. See the team if you are able to contribute to the international cuisine on the day.

**The Kyrie** Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. ( Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy ).





**Candles:** Sacred Heart - Mary Woolcock (RIP); Our Lady – Des Nicholas ( Sp.Int. ) St. Joseph – The Middle East, Ukraine & Sudan.

**Congratulations** to Des celebrating her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday next Sunday. Prayers & all good wishes.

**Anniversaries** Marjorie Francis ( 2014 ); Karen Hardie (2024); Cyril Jones (2005); Neil Davies ( 2006); Marcus Flynn (2006); Maureen Gough (2012); Gaynor PICKRELL ( 2024); Patrick Russell (2006). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**The Annual Mass at Capel Mair, Margam Park** Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 6-00 p.m. ( If poor weather – at Our Lady of Margam ). Limited parking, wear suitable outdoor clothing, bring portable seating if required, a moderately challenging walk.

**Parish S.V.P.** Over the last 12 months our SVP group made 942 home visits and provided lifts and assistance on 143 occasions. We help at Bridge Street breakfast club for the homeless and the Salvation Army food bank. We are always humbled and grateful for your generosity in supporting our appeals but we are a small group and our membership needs to increase. Please consider joining the SVP to help us continue to support others. If interested please approach a member of the SVP.

**CAFOD -Cancel Unfair Debt in this Jubilee Year.** As record sums of money flow from the poorest nations to line the pockets of the world's biggest banks, we're calling for urgent action on the global debt crisis in this Jubilee year. The Bible teaches us that money lending is about accompanying vulnerable people not about profiteering but in our global system powerful banks make huge profits from the vulnerability of poorer nations. Please sign the Parish Petition by Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July – either on paper or online and read on the poster what Fr. Charles in Nairobi has to say on the matter.

**Health & Safety.** There will shortly be a Fire Evacuation exercise from the church.

**Last Sunday's Collection:** St. Joseph's £357-79 ( plus Direct Debits ) Day for Life - £112-99; St. John Kemble – £39-00. Day for Life - £25-00. Many thanks.

**First Holy Communion in 2025.** Regular attendance at Mass is an essential part of preparation for receiving this sacrament. Classes take place before Mass at 9-30a.m. The First Holy Communion Mass – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

**Volunteer Training Sessions** Do you volunteer with children or young people? Would you like to know more about protecting children from harm? The Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia is working with the Lucy Faithfull Foundation to deliver free "live" on-line training. Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September - Understanding Harmful Sexual Behaviour 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Child sexual exploitation awareness 6 to 8 p.m. To book your place please contact [safeguarding@rcadc.org](mailto:safeguarding@rcadc.org)

**The Archdiocese Safeguarding Team** are seeking to recruit a number of volunteers to act as "support persons" across Cardiff-Menevia. Full training and out of pocket expenses will be provided. You will need to apply for the role, attend an interview in June and training in September. Please contact us for further information on [safeguarding@rcadc.org](mailto:safeguarding@rcadc.org)

**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, Nora Reynolds, Adrian Macpherson-Jones, Roger Horton, Kath Davies, Paul Leaker, David Vaudin. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

**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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