

## **PENTECOST SUNDAY! – 24<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026**

Today we celebrate the coming down of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, our Lady and others gathered together in the Upper Room on the Day of Pentecost. They had been in continuous prayer that the Risen, Ascended and Glorified Jesus from His Throne of Glory at the Right Hand of God the Father would send down upon them the Promise and Gift of the Holy Spirit – and so He came! Throughout the Book of the Acts of the Apostles we read that, again and again, the Holy Spirit continued to be poured out upon believers gathered in prayer – and so it has been throughout the long history of the Church, in times of renewal, revival and restoration through the centuries. When Pope St. John XXIII convened the Second Vatican Council in 1962 -65 his fervent wish and prayer was that, following the Council, there would be a New Pentecost in the life of the Church, for which we continue to pray.....

“ 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 ). Come, Holy Spirit!

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

**Mass this Sunday** ( 24<sup>th</sup> May – **PENTECOST** ) Saturday 4-00 p.m. ( St. John Kemble ) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. ( St. Joseph’s ) Dennis Taylor (RIP) ( Vi Taylor); 10-30 a.m. Evan Elias (RIP) ( The family)

**Weekday Mass Times** No celebrations of Mass this week – Fr. Neil will be taking a few days off this week

**Mass next Sunday** ( Sunday 31st May- **TRINITY SUNDAY** ) Saturday 4-00 p.m. ( St. John Kemble ) Parish& People; 6-00 p.m. ( St. Joseph’s ) Elizabeth Fluck (RIP) ( Pat, Donie & family ); Sunday 10-30 a.m. Shaun Elias (RIP) ( The family).

**Pentecost Sunday - Psalm Response** “ Send forth Your Spirit, O Lord. And renew the face of the earth” ( Sunday - Year A; Daily Mass Readings – Year II; Daily Office - Week 4 )

**Readers: This Sunday** ( 24<sup>th</sup> Pentecost ) 6-00 p.m. Ceri McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Stephen Evans. **Next Sunday** ( 31<sup>st</sup> May ) 6-0 p.m. Gerald Smith; 10-30 a.m. Des Nicholas.

**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 (!!).

**Nancy Nedza (RIP)** Please remember Nancy in your prayers and the family at this time. Nancy’s Funeral Mass will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June at St. John Kemble. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

**Canon Jason Jones (RIP)** Please remember Canon Jason in your prayers. Canon Jason (56) died suddenly in his sleep in the early hours of Thursday morning. Father Jason was an Assistant Priest with us here in Neath and Glynneath in the 1990s and more recently has served as Parish Priest at the Sacred Heart in Moriston for many years and Chaplain to Moriston Hospital where he quickly secured a reputation as a hardworking and dedicated chaplain especially during the Covid Pandemic. His ministry as Dean to the wider Deanery is also a great loss. He will be very much missed. Funeral details to be announced. *Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen*

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**Candles:** Sacred Heart – Fuencisla Martin Diez ( Sp.Int. ); Our Lady – June Jackson (RIP ); St. Joseph – Canon Jason Jones ( RIP)

**Anniversaries** Violet Hanford ( 2021); Linda Gottuso ( 2013); Sydney Parsons (2010); Hazel Huxtable (2018 ).; Maureen Lewis (2014 ); Marion Davies ( 2017 ); Kim Jenkins (2018 ); Michael Mead (2025); Ellen O’Connell (2020)

**Catholic ( Teaching ) C.D. and D.V.D. Library** If you would like to borrow a C.D. or D.V.D. please write your name, the name of the CD/DVD you are borrowing and the date out/returned in the book provided ( in the Lady Chapel).

**Catholic Catechesis** If you are thinking and praying about the possibility of being received into the Catholic Church, we shall begin a series of teaching and instruction after the 10-30 a.m. Sunday Mass each Sunday beginning **next Sunday** (31<sup>st</sup>). These will be short sessions before joining others in the Parish Hall for refreshments afterwards.

**Parish Discussion Group** The group to discuss Archbishop Mark’s Mission Plan for individuals, parishes and the Diocese will start on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 7-00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend as many sessions as you want.

**Teachers for the First Holy Communion Class** After many years Carolynn and Mary are retiring from teaching the First Holy Communion Class. We thank them very much indeed for their service and commitment over the years ( and also to Elaine ) and if you are able to take on this role ( with others ) please have a word with Fr. Neil. Each teacher will need to be DBS checked.

**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](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) Tel:+44 7887 296 983

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

**Parish Safeguarding** see [SafeguardingatStJosephsNeath@proton.me](mailto:SafeguardingatStJosephsNeath@proton.me) to contact Mrs Anne Guest our Parish Safeguarding Representative – also the Diocesan Team [safeguarding@rcadc.org](mailto:safeguarding@rcadc.org)

**Last Sunday’s Collection:** St. Joseph’s £330-80 ( plus Direct Debits ) World Communications Day £89-88. St. John Kemble £62-00. World Communications £4. **Second Collection** next weekend ( Sunday 31st May) – Priests’ Training Fund.

**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 and Luke, 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, Angela Healey., Mark Thomas, Siobhan Fitchett, Jane Smith, Donie O’Connell, Dennis Huxtable, Colin Mulligan, Sheila Morgan, Mary Bowen, Kay Mead, Deacon Jim. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

**VOCATIONS PRAYER** Lord, make me a better person, more considerate towards others, more honest with myself, more faithful to You. Make me generous enough to want sincerely to do Your will whatever it may be. Help me to find my true vocation in life and grant that through it I may find happiness myself and bring happiness to others. Grant Lord that those whom You call to enter the priesthood, diaconate or religious life may have the generosity to answer Your call, so that those who need Your help may find it. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

**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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