

PENTECOST SUNDAY – 8th 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 (8th June – **PENTECOST**) Saturday (St. John Kemble) 4-00 p.m. Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St.Joseph's) Terry Issac (RIP) (Mary);10-30 a.m. Ouday Hikary (Sp. Int.) (The family).

Weekday – (Archdiocesan Clergy School) Friday 13th (St. Anthony) 9-30 a.m. Eileen & Bill Whiting (RIP) (Sheila).

Mass Intentions next Sunday (15th June) Saturday (St. John Kemble) 4-00 p.m. Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's) Pat & David John (RIP) (The family); 10-30 a.m. Stuart Michael (RIP) (The family).

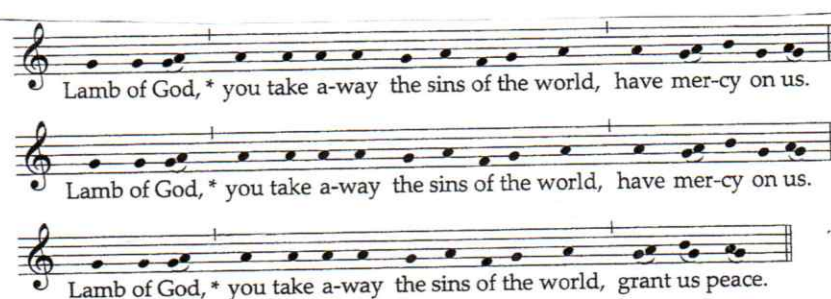
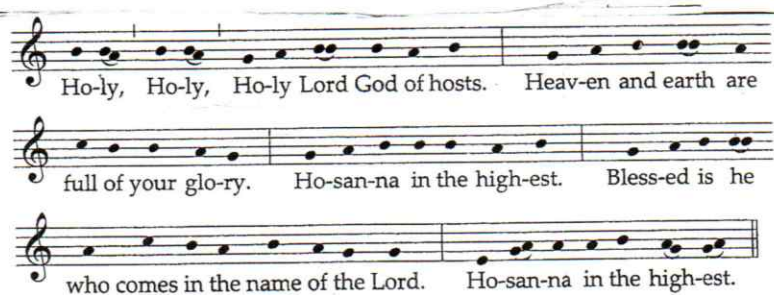
Mass Intentions Please note Mass Intentions are now reserved until the beginning of August (weekdays) and the beginning of September (weekends) Please think several months ahead if you would like a Mass said for a loved one. At present, it takes about eight weeks for a reserved Mass to be celebrated.

Readers: **This Sunday** (8th) 6-00 p.m. Maureen McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Stephen Evans. **Next Sunday** (15th) 6-00 p.m. Ceri McAteer; 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 (!!).

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 6th 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.



Candles: Sacred Heart - Fr. Neil (Sp.Int.); Our Lady – Michael Mead (RIP); St. Joseph – John Woolcock (RIP).

Anniversaries Gaynor Jenkins (2014); Patricia John (2003); Raymond Cronin (2011); Albert Hughes (2022); Aldo Sterlini (2015); Philip Davies (2017); Gloria Bewsher (2016). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Michael Mead (RIP) Please remember Michael and the family in your prayers at this time. Michael's Funeral Service will be held at Margam Crematorium on Friday 20th June at 12-45 p.m. *Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

The Choir We are looking for further members to join the choir. Please have a word with a present member for further information. Many thanks to the choir for the music at our Confirmation Mass. With a larger choir our options are also enlarged. Don't be shy!

Gentle Reminder! Please do not respond reluctantly (!) or in a whisper (!). The congregational responses are an affirmation of your faith! Respond boldly - so that the priest knows you are there! If you are unsure of the responses or the wording of the Creed, Gloria etc – there are Mass Cards at the back of the church to help you.

" Fleeting Shadows " A fictionalised account of the genuine attempt to establish Gnoll College (" The Western University of Great Britain ") here in Neath in 1857 (referencing the real Neath characters involved) written by local author (!) our own Sandra Davies (co-author with Alan Boland of " St. Joseph's Parish: A Short History " – also still available!) copies of which will be available from the Sacristy from next weekend for £10 – all proceeds going to support CAFOD.

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

Last Sunday's Collection: St. Joseph's £799-30 (plus Direct Debits); St.John Kemble – £49-00. Many thanks.

Second Collection next Sunday. The annual Day for Life collection.

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 13th 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 11th June – Digital Resilience 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday 24th September - Understanding Harmful Sexual Behaviour 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday 12th November – Child sexual exploitation awareness 6 to 8 p.m. To book your place please contact 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

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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