

## **ST.PETER & ST.PAUL – 29th 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** ( 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 ).

**Weekday Mass** No weekday celebration of Mass this week.

**Mass Intentions next Sunday** ( 6<sup>th</sup> July ) Saturday ( St. John Kemble ) 4-00 p.m. Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. ( St.Joseph's ) Mavis Jones (RIP) ( Angela & Maralyn );10-30 a.m. Norman Evans ( RIP ) ( J.Evans ).

**Weekend Masses in July** will be covered by visiting priests beginning from next Sunday when we welcome Fr. Marvyn ( Assistant-Priest at the Sacred Heart ) to celebrate Mass for us.

**Mass Intentions** Please note Mass Intentions are now reserved until the middle of September ( weekdays ) and the beginning of October ( 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** ( 29<sup>th</sup> St.Peter & St. Paul ) 6-00 p.m. Patrick McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Mary Walker. Next Sunday ( 6<sup>th</sup> July ).6-00 p.m. Mandy Smith; 10-30 a.m. Sophia Hikary.

**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** If you know of someone who might be interested in taking up the position of Hall caretaker please have a word with a member of the Parish Hall Committee.

**“International Food Festival”** (!) – after the 10-30 a.m. Mass next Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July - no teas/coffee served that day - Admission will be by **TICKET ONLY**.

**Further Procedure** Fr. Neil is having further treatment this week and weekend Masses will be covered by visiting priests during the month of July. Thank you for your prayers.

**Apologies!** – if you have been trying to ring through to the presbytery since Monday. The tree which came down in the school playground last Sunday night also brought down the phone line to the presbytery although if you phone it sounds as though it is continuously ringing and nobody is answering! Hopefully, to be fixed in the next few days.

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

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

**Anniversaries** Annie Tyrrell ( 2007 ); Don Thomas (2009); Delia Lewis (2008); Ann Leavy ( 2013); Tess Court (2021); Jeanette Griffiths (2018); Margaret Tucker ( 2012); Louise Thomas (2008); Frank Nedza ( 2008 ). *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.

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**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.

**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!

**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 £382-63 ( plus Direct Debits ); St.John Kemble – £36200. Many thanks.

**Second Collection** this weekend is for Peter's Pence – the annual collection in support of the Holy See.

**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.

**" 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.

**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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