THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY – 15th NOVEMBER 2026

" 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!

Renewal of Consecration (from the " The Miracle Prayer") **" Lord Jesus, I come before You, just as I am. I am sorry for my sins. I repent of my sins. Please forgive me. In Your Name, I forgive all others for what they have done to me. I renounce Satan and all his works. I give You my entire self, Lord Jesus, now and for ever. I invite You into my life, Lord Jesus. I accept You as my God and Saviour. Heal me, change me, strengthen me in body, soul and spirit. I shall follow You all the days of my life. Mary, my Mother, Queen of Peace; all the Angels and Saints, pray for me. Amen."** To be said devoutly and sincerely, concentrating on each word.

Mass this Sunday (Sunday 15th November) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's) Colin Mulligan (RIP) (Babs); Sunday 10-30 a.m. Platon & family (Brenda & Robert).

Weekday Mass Times: Wednesday (18th) St. Joseph's 9-30 a.m. John Burke (RIP) (Betty & Roger Horton); St. John Kemble 11-00 a.m. Terry Barrie (Sp.Int.); Thursday (19th) Colin Mulligan (RIP) (Peter & Isabel).

Mass next Sunday (22nd November **Christ the King**) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's) Margaret Allen (RIP) (Elias family); 10-30 a.m. Brian Hudson (RIP) (Brigid & family).

Thirty-Third Sunday - Psalm Response " Blessed are those who fear the Lord " (Sunday - Year A; Daily Mass Readings – Year II; Daily Office - Week 1)

Readers: This Sunday (15th) 6-00 p.m. Gerald Smith; 10-30 a.m. Sheila Williams; Next Sunday (22nd) 6-00 p.m. Patrick McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Ray Rees.

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 David Mathias (2007); Kitty Griffiths (2010); Peter Codd (2013); Kathleen Lee (2010); David George (2016); Brian Hudson (2017). *.Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Candles: Sacred Heart – Gillian Boland (RIP); Our Lady – May Family (RIP); St. Joseph – Peter Smith (RIP).

Mass Intentions Please note that Mass intentions are now already reserved (weekdays & Sundays) in to the New Year. Please think several months ahead if you wish to reserve a particular day/date.

Collette O'Reilly (RIP) Please remember Collette in your prayers and the family at this time. Collette's Funeral Service will take place at Margam Crematorium at 10-30 a.m. on Monday 30th November. *Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen*

Congratulations to Terry (St. John Kemble) celebrating his 90th birthday this coming Friday. Congratulations, prayers and all good wishes.

Fr. Neil's Retirement Archbishop Mark has given his permission for Fr. Neil to take early retirement next year (2027) on health grounds. Please make a **commitment to pray** that when the new parish priest is appointed, he will feel "at home" and have the strength and vision to take our two parishes forward into renewal and new life in the Holy Spirit. Thank you for your prayers.

Car Parking. Please do not park in front of the garages opposite the church or park (illegally) up on the pavement preventing wheelchair and pram access which may result in police action and prosecution.

Christmas Raffle Tickets These are now available from the back of the church. Please help to sell these to family and friends. Thank you to those who have contributed raffle prizes and to Peter for organising the Raffle which will be drawn on Sunday 13th December after the 10-30 a.m. Mass. The Christmas Party will take place on the following Sunday (20th December). Please place ticket stubs and money in the box at the back of the church.

Last Sunday's Collection: St. Joseph's £372-06 (plus Direct Debits); St. John Kemble £101-00; All donations gratefully received.

The Relics of St. Gerard Majella will be present at the Sacred Heart, Morriston, at the 7-30 p.m. Mass on Thursday 19th November. Patron of mothers and couples trying to conceive. All welcome – bring your petitions.

Mince Pie, Mulled Wine Evening Monday 7th December 6-30 for 7-00 p.m. Bingo & Raffle. Tickets £5 from Brenda and the Piety Shop. Proceeds to the Flower Fund and the Food Bank.

Gift Aid Envelopes Please remember to place your weekly offering into your Gift Aid envelope, if you have one, otherwise we are unable to claim back tax on your contribution. Of the 63 on issue only 25 gift aid envelopes were used last weekend. Last year through the successful use of the Gift Aid scheme £8,409-69 was refunded to the parish from the government. It really does pay (into parish funds) if you use your Gift Aid envelope to donate to the parish! Many thanks.

Month of Holy Souls If you would like the names of loved ones recorded in the Book of Remembrance and placed upon the Altar in each Mass during the Month of November, please submit a November Dead List enclosed in a Holy Souls envelope – available at the back of the church. **Please note** – there is no requirement to enclose a stipend (money) in the envelope. Mass stipends for dates in November will continue to be received in the usual way.

SVP Christmas Appeal This year we are once again focusing on our own local community, the Mayoress Appeal giving a gift to a child who might not receive one. If you are able to buy a gift this year for a child ages range from birth to 17. Please leave them at the back of the church **unwrapped** no later than **NEXT Sunday 22nd November.** If you require further information please speak to Angela. Thank you.

Parish Safeguarding see SafeguardingatStJosephsNeath@proton.me to contact Mrs Anne Guest our Parish Safeguarding Representative – also the Diocesan Team safeguarding@rcadc.org

Marriage Support Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel:+44 7887 296 983 Next dates 2nd to 4th October (Tel; 0788 7296983).

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, Marlene John, Pat Day, Daniel John, Roger Horton, Kath Davies, David Vaudin, Agnes Collins, Angela Healey., Mark Thomas, Siobhan Fitchett, Jane Smith, Donie O'Connell, Dennis Huxtable, Sheila Morgan, Mary Bowen, Kay Mead, Deacon Jim, Peter Smith. 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 aguest77@yahoo.com or Pat O'Connell for a visit from the Legion of Mary.

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

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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