

THE TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY – 18th OCTOBER 2026

“ 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.”

“ 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!

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.

Mass this Sunday (Sunday 18th October) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's) Tommy Concannon (RIP) (Brendan O 'Grady); Sunday 10-30 a.m. Shaun Elias (RIP) (The Family)

Weekday Mass Times: Wednesday (21st) St. Joseph's 9-30 a.m. Ian Thompson (RIP) (Cathy & Hannah); St. John Kemble 11-00 a.m. Aberfan- Victims & families; Thursday (22nd) Anthony Stephens (RIP) (Anna & family).

Mass next Sunday (25th October) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's) Janet Jones (RIP) (Geraint); **CLOCKS CHANGE!** 10-30 a.m. Janet Jones (RIP) (Geraint).

Twenty-Ninth Sunday - Psalm Response “ Ascribe to the Lord, glory and power ” (Sunday - Year A; Daily Mass Readings – Year II; Daily Office - Week 1)

Readers: **This Sunday** (18th) 6-00 p.m. Mandy Smith; 10-30 a.m. Peter Buckingham; **Next Sunday** (25th) 6-00 p.m. Sian Loynes; 10-30 a.m. Bethan Lee.

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 Thomas Hanson (2019); Teresa Pokoyski (2012); Patrick Gray (2014); Dina Davies (2013); Agnes Hopkins (2013)..*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Aberfan Disaster On this 60th Anniversary of the Aberfan Disaster we remember the victims of that disaster and their families, remembering also those from Neath and Glynneath who provided practical and medical support over the following days.

Candles: Sacred Heart – Aberfan - Victims & Families; Our Lady – Bella Tariq (Sp.Int.) St. Joseph – Adrian Macpherson-Jones (RIP).

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

Adrian Macpherson-Jones (RIP) Please remember Adrian in your prayers and the family at this time. Funeral arrangements to be announced. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

Reception into the Catholic Church We look forward to welcoming Steven and Charlie Corse into the full communion of the Catholic Church at our 10-30 a.m. Mass on Sunday 1st November (All Saints' Day). Please keep them both in your prayers

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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.

Last Sunday's Collection: St. Joseph's £301-53 (plus Direct Debits); St. John Kemble £106-00; All donations gratefully received. **Second Collection** next weekend (25th) **World Mission Collection** (Missio)

An Evening of Entertainment In the Parish Hall (this) Monday 19th October with the "Elderly Brothers" while enjoying cheese & wine. Tickets £10 from Brenda or Mary, also from the Piety Shop.

The Piety Shop We are now able to open the Piety Shop with the help of a few volunteers. If you would like to order any items eg: cribs, Advent calendars, 2027 calendars, diaries etc please call in. A deposit will be required. The order will be sent off in early November.

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 the end of 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

World Youth Day 2027 To all those aged 18 to 30, join Archbishop Mark and a group from the Archdiocese heading to next summer's World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea. With Pope Leo and a million other young Catholics, we'll enjoy a full schedule of activities and formation in a country with a vibrant and growing Catholic community – we'll also have the opportunity to meet up before we travel. The dates of the trip are July 28th to August 9th and the cost is £1,500 per person plus the flights (tbc – in the region of £800 - £1,200). Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. For more information contact Fr. Matt Roche-Saunders at wyd@cardiffmenevia.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. 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.

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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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