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## ALL SAINTS ( Day of Prayer for COP26 ) – 31st October 2021

**The Year of St. Joseph** A daily prayer to St. Joseph. *“Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became a man. Blessed St. Joseph, to us too, show yourself to be a father, and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen”*

### Towards a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission

Pope Francis has invited the whole church to participate in a world-wide preparation for the Synod of Bishops meeting in Rome in 2023. The theme of the Synod is “ **Towards a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission**”. Over the next six months, parishes, Deaneries and Dioceses will have the opportunity to offer reflections and comments on the contemporary life of the Church and on the way forward.

If anyone would like to respond to such questions as (i) When I pray for the Church – what am I praying to happen in the life of the Church? (ii) Why has there been such a drastic decline in church attendance over the last 50 years? What is the cause? What is the remedy? (iii) What is/ought to be, the role of Catholic schools in the life of the Church, the life of the parish, the life of society? (iv) Do I want to be more involved in the life of the parish/and the church? If not, why not? How ( in what ways ) would I like to contribute more to the parish/to the Church? or if you have responses to other concerns/questions ( which do not question the teaching of the Church! ) – I will ensure that those views are made known at a Deanery level which will then be passed on to the Archbishop. A Diocesan Report will then be forwarded to the Bishops’ Conference of England & Wales.

**PLEASE NOTE** – Please may I have responses/comments/observations by **NEXT SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER** in preparation for our Deanery Clergy Meeting in November. Many thanks.

**Mass Intentions this Sunday** ( 31st October – **ALL SAINTS** – Day of Prayer for COP26 ) **Saturday** ( St John Kemble ) 4-00 p.m. Parish & People; ( St. Joseph’s ) 6-00p.m. Shaun Elias (RIP) ( The Mills Family ); **CLOCKS CHANGE!** **Sunday** 8-00 a.m. Edna McAteer (RIP) ( The Family ); 10-30a.m. May Gregory ( Sp.Int ) ( Lorna & Joe ).

**Weekday Mass Intentions** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November ( **ALL SOULS’ DAY** ) St Joseph’s 9-30 am Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary ( Legion of Mary ); St. John Kemble 11 am Bernard Newcombe (RIP) ( June, John & family ); St. Joseph’s 6-30 p.m. Peter and Hazel Huxtable (RIP) ( Dennis ); **NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY.** Thursday ( 4<sup>th</sup> ) 9-30a.m. Dorothy Evans (RIP).

**November – Month of Holy Souls.** All Saints has been transferred to this Sunday ( 31<sup>st</sup> ) but All Souls, as usual, will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> November ( Tuesday ) with Mass at 9-30 a.m. and 6-30p.m. ( St. Joseph,s ) and 11-00a.m. ( St. John Kemble ). Mass intentions ( and stipends ) will continue, as usual, throughout November therefore no stipend is required if, otherwise, you would like loved ones remembered throughout the Month of Holy Souls - please place names in the envelopes provided. All names will be remembered at every Mass. The Book of Remembrance will be placed on the Altar from All Souls’ Day.

**Mass Intentions next Sunday** ( 7<sup>th</sup> November ) **Saturday** ( St. John Kemble ) 4-00p.m. Parish & People ( St. Joseph’s ) 6-00p.m. Terry Isaac (RIP) ( Mary Isaac ); **Sunday** 8-00a.m. Katherine Sheehan (RIP) ( SVP ); 10-30a.m. Irene Jenkins and Helen Gethin (RIP) ( Sheila Morgan ). Please note, **Remembrance Sunday** is on the 14<sup>th</sup> November and the Blessing of Graves will take place at Llantwit Cemetery at 2-30p.m.

**Patrick Cuddy (RIP)** Please remember Pat and the family in your prayers whose Funeral Mass takes place at 10-00a.m. next Saturday ( 6<sup>th</sup> November ) at St. Therese of Lisieux, Hirwaun. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

**Anniversaries:** Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Peggy Evans (2017); Edwina Peoples (2010); Doreen Murnane (2015); Roger Bennet ( 2012 ); Mary Martin (2003 ); Gerald O'Brien ( 2005 ); Bernard Newcombe ( 2019 ). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**Readers:** **This Sunday** (31<sup>st</sup> October ) 6-00p.m. Patrick McAteer; 8-00a.m. Adrian & Paula Macpherson-Jones; 10-30a.m. Bethan Lee. **Next Sunday** ( 7<sup>th</sup> November ) 6-00p.m. Sian Loynes; 8-00a.m. Gregory Page; 10-30a.m. Des Nicholas.

**Cleaning Teams.** **This Sunday** ( 31<sup>st</sup> October ) 6-00p.m. Marlyn & Nora; 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30a.m. Joan & Anne. **Next Sunday** ( 7<sup>th</sup> November ) 6-00p.m. Sian & Mary; 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30a.m. Volunteers please.

**Candles:** The Sacred Heart – Dorothy and Tom Evans (RIP).

**Parish History Booklet** After a very successful launch of the History of the Parish a reprint is to follow ( with amendments and improved photography). If you would like to reserve a copy/copies please have a word with Sandra or Father Neil.

**COP26** ( the 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference Of Parties ( COP ) – governments, NGOs, trade unions, businesses and everyone else with any interest in climate change (!) to review and negotiate global action, takes place from this weekend. Please remember the Conference in your prayers. **Prayer for COP26** “ *Loving God, we praise Your Name with all You have created. You are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of creatures. We acknowledge the responsibilities You have placed upon us as stewards of Your creation. May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society. Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the poorest and most vulnerable, and commit their nations to the care of our Common Home. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen*”.

**Global Day of Action for Climate Change:** There will be an event in Cardiff next Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November. CAFOD will join Christian Aid and Tear Fund for a short period of prayer and reflection at 10-45 a.m. at Eglwys Dewi Sant before merging with the main assembly at City Hall at 12 noon for the walk to the Senedd. All welcome. ( Eglwys Dewi Sant, St Andrew’s Crescent, CF10 3DD is approx..0.3 miles from Queen St. Railway Station. Turn off Queen St. at Windsor Place

**Christmas Flowers** Donations toward the cost of decorating the church at Christmas gratefully received.

**Booster Jab?** If you are over 50 you may arrange to have your booster jab by ringing NHS COVID 01639 862323.

**First Holy Communion Classes** – resume next Sunday at 9-30a.m. in the Parish Hall before Mass. Attendance at Mass is an essential part of preparation for receiving First Holy Communion.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation** Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, the original date for the Archbishop’s visit to us in July of last year had to be postponed. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation please have a word with Fr.Neil so that we make arrangements for the Archbishop ( or new Bishop ) to re-arrange his visit to us.

**Tea & Biscuits** in the Hall after the 10-30am. Mass. Please see Sheila if you are able to help. Thank you.

**St Joseph’s Parish Guild** – meeting at 2-00p.m. this Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November. New members warmly welcome!

**Parish Collection** Last weekend **St.Joseph’s** £315-14 ( plus Direct Debits) and £116-75 for World Missions. **St.John Kemble** £61-00 and £15-00 for World Missions. Many thanks.