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Sunday 22nd November 2020 – Christ the King (34th in Ordinary Time)

This Sunday (22nd November) **Saturday** St.John Kemble – 4-00 p.m. Parish & People. St.Joseph's – 6-00 p.m. John Morse (RIP) (Pat). **Sunday** 8-00 a.m. Brian Hudson (RIP) (The Family). 10-30 a.m. Peter and Hazel Huxtable (RIP) (Dennis)

Next Sunday (29th November) St.John Kemble: **Saturday** 4-00p.m. Parish & People; St.Joseph's 6-00p.m. John Reilly (RIP) (John & Jane Smith); **Sunday** 8-00a.m. John Williams (RIP); 10-30a.m. Peter Healey (RIP) (Angela).

Readers This Sunday (22nd) Saturday 6-00 p.m. Patrick McAteer. Sunday 8-00 a.m. Adrian/Paula Mcpherson-Jones. 10-30a.m. Bernadette Payne. **Next Sunday** (29th) 6-00p.m. Ceri McAteer. Sunday 8-00a.m. Gregory Page. 10-30a.m. Barbara Hunt.

Stewarding this Sunday (15th) 6-00 p.m. Angela & Geraint. 8-00 a.m. Christopher. 10-30 a.m. Luke & Lena.

Cleaning Teams this Sunday (15th) 6-00p.m. Sian & Mary. 8-00 a.m. Martin & Nuala. 10-30 a.m. Joan & Ann. Next Sunday – 6-00p.m. Nora & Mary. 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala. 10-30 a.m. Helen & Karen.

Weekday Mass Times: Wednesday 25th November 9-30a.m. (St.Joseph's) Jacqueline Rivers (Sp. Int.) (Martin & Nuala); 11-00a.m. (St.John Kemble) Josephine Ronan (RIP) (Pat Morse);Thursday 26th 9-30a.m. Kathleen Bramley (RIP) (Pat Morse).

Candles: Sacred Heart – Angela Dimaio (RIP); Our Lady - Ann Moruzzi (RIP); St.Joseph – Peter Codd (RIP).

Advent Sunday. Next Sunday is the beginning of the New Year in the Church Calendar when we begin that cycle of Feasts and Celebrations that will take us all the way through Advent, Christmas and Epiphany to Candlemas (The Presentation of Christ) on 2nd February (forty days after Christmas) and the end of the Advent/Christmas Cycle. So much has happened over the last year and with Brexit ahead and the continuing global pandemic we must continue to pray that these events (and whatever, as yet, unknown challenges still lie ahead of us) that God will allow these events (according to His secret purposes and intentions for us) to re-form us, re-make us and renew us – “ break me, melt me, mould me, fill me! Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me!”. Come, Holy Spirit! Come, Lord Jesus!”. May God bless us and strengthen us in our following of Christ in the year ahead.Amen!

A Timely Reminder!! Most people attending Mass are complying with Covid advice and guidelines but others, on occasion, are not so diligent. (i) Phones to be turned off on entering the church. It is irreverent to leave Mass to answer a phone call. (ii) Please be sure to maintain social distancing on entering the church and on leaving via the Lady Chapel – please hold back and avoid bunching up together. (iii) Please follow arrows at all times to maintain social distancing. **Thank you!**

A Further Timely Reminder! Please note(!) that the **Gloria, Creed, Sanctus, Our Father, Agnus Dei** are all **congregational** responses and although the priest may start them off (in the absence of an M.C/Choir) they are to be taken up and **proclaimed** (!) – confidently – by the congregation. Thank you!

Anniversaries: Guiseppina Lewis (2006); Brian Hudson (2017); Merfyn Mayers (2000); Dennis Underwood (2005); Andrew Saunders (2006); George Duncan (2009); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Driveway Appeal Many thanks for the further donation to the Parish Funds/Driveway Appeal. All donations gratefully received. We now have £2,050 in the Driveway Fund. Many thanks.

Shop on AMAZON and donate to the Diocese of Menevia! If you shop Amazon Black Friday Week deals from 20th – 30th November, you can also donate to the Diocese at no extra cost. Simply shop at smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/234168-0 or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app, and AmazonSmile will donate to the Menevia Diocesan Trust!

Message to the Brave. Last year, as a parish, we sent Christmas Cards to “Defenders” of human and environmental rights across the world. In 2019 more than 300 such people were killed because of their efforts. Hundreds more were threatened or criminalised. This year CAFOD has chosen six more individuals/groups as representatives of the brave. Please pray for them and let them know that they are not alone by sending a Christmas card to one or more of them. Physical cards need to be received at CAFOD’s London Office by 7th December, online messages by the 19th. Please see Cafod.org.uk – Messages to the Brave. Thank you.

CAFOD World Gifts for Christmas. To help the poorest throughout the world for as little as £4 a gift. A few catalogues are available (please do not return them to the table once you have touched them) otherwise please see the CAFOD website. Thank you.

The ABORTION (cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot) BILL. At present abortion is available up to birth for those unborn children suffering from any of these (treatable) disabilities. This Bill will change the law to clarify that these disabilities are not to be grounds for abortion. Please visit www.standupandsmile.org.uk to find out how to e-mail your M.P. asking them to support this Bill. It only takes 30 seconds.

Pastoral Visits Please note that Fr.Neil is happy to call if you are continuing to self-isolate at home but would appreciate a visit. However - wearing masks and observing social distancing - this must be at your own risk (!). Except for emergencies, Fr.Neil will not call uninvited during the pandemic. **Please note: At present, the Sacrament of Reconciliation – by arrangement.**

Aldo Vicarri (RIP) Please remember Aldo in your prayers and Barbara and the family. Aldo’s Funeral Mass will take place here at St.Joseph’s this Friday 27th November – by invitation only. (Pandemic restrictions will apply) *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen*

A Coronavirus Prayer. “ Lord Jesus Christ, You travelled through towns and villages ‘ curing every disease and illness’. At Your command, the sick were made well. Come now to our aid, in the midst of this global pandemic, and send down Your blessing and healing upon us and protect our healthcare workers. Bring us through to Resurrection and a New Pentecost. For Thy Name’s sake. Amen.

Christmas Cards are now available from Sheila before the 6-00pm. Saturday Vigil Mass or before and after the 10-30a.m. Mass (also from Pat after the 8-00a.m. Mass). Each box costs £4 – please have the **exact money** to put into the box. No cross-handling of money is permissible.

Donations for Flowers. Donations toward the cost of decorating the Church for Christmas gratefully received.

Christmas Masses Unfortunately, because of anticipated numbers, we will have to operate a booking/application system for those wishing to attend Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day – further details to follow. **Christmas Eve** – St.John Kemble 4-00p.m. St.Joseph’s 6-00 p.m. and 10-00p.m. **Christmas Day** – St.Joseph’s 8-00a.m. and 10-30a.m. This means that there will be enough room for everyone wishing to attend but it may not be possible to attend at the Mass time you would usually prefer. If possible, we would like the 6-00p.m. Mass to especially accommodate younger families so please take this into consideration when indicating which Mass you would like to attend. **PLEASE FILL IN A BOOKING/APPLICATION FORM AND PLACE IN THE BOX PROVIDED.**

Second Collection The Second Collection this weekend (22nd) will be the (postponed) **World Communications Day Collection.** (from 24th May) The following second collections will then take place, Sunday 29th - Day for Life (from 21st June); Sunday 6th December – Peter’s Pence (from 28th June); Sunday 13th December – Stella Maris. **THANK YOU** for last weekend’s collections (and especially for covering the three Sundays in lockdown) - St.Joseph’s £1,698 (plus Direct Debits), Sick & Retired Clergy £404-03; St.John Kemble £157-00, Sick & Retired Clergy £25-00.