

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sunday 5th February 2023

“ 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).

Prayer for Ukraine (from the Bishops 'Conference) *“Mary, Our Lady of Kiev, Mother of God, We ask you to intercede for the people of Ukraine, For their government and all who suffer as a result of war. Be with them as you stood beside your Son, Suffering on the Cross at Calvary. Give them strength and courage, Through faith, hope and justice. May we, in our turn, Support them through prayer and generosity, That lives may be saved, the injured healed, that the dead may rest in peace, And that war will end in peace”*

Mass Intentions this Sunday (5th February) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; (St. Joseph's) 6-00 p.m. Tom Cosgrove (RIP) (Brendan O'Grady); **Sunday** 10-30 a.m. Pilar Diez Fernandez (RIP) (Isabel & Peter).

Weekday Mass Intentions: Tuesday (7th) 6-30 p.m. Chris Burbidge (Sp. Int.); Wednesday **NO MASS**; Thursday (9th) **St. John Kemble** 11-00 a.m. Annie & William Cochrane (RIP) (J. Evans). Friday (10th) 9-30 a.m. Stuart Michael (RIP) (John & Linda Slattery).

Mass Intentions next Sunday (12th February 2023) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; (St. Joseph's) 6-00p.m. Christopher Abell (RIP) (The Family); **Sunday** 10-30 a.m. Stuart Michael (RIP) (Zoe).

Readers: This Sunday (5th) 6-00 p.m. Ceri McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Peter Buckingham. **Next Sunday** (12th) 6-00 p.m. Gerald Smith; 10-30 a.m. Babs Hunt. **Please take the opportunity to arrive early and look at (and prepare) the reading beforehand.**

Candles: Sacred Heart – Ukraine; Our Lady – Ben (Healing);

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Antonietta Bester (2012); Ann Buddy (2010); Iain Davies (2009); William Jelley (2010); Joan Thomas (2017); Mabel Carroll (2000); Kathleen Pughsley (2005); Catherine Davies (2006); Joan Linciano (2019); Hugh Tanner (2016). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

John Carson Morris (RIP) Please remember Carson in your prayers and the family at this time. Funeral details to be announced.

Last Sunday's Collection: St. Joseph's £400-04 (plus DD); Coffee Morning £49-87; St. John Kemble £79-00. (Many thanks).

Ann Moruzzi (RIP) Beads & Jewellery. We are very grateful for the final sum of £180 (for Parish Hall funds) raised from the sale of Ann's craft items. *May she rest in peace.*

First Holy Communion July 2023. Regular attendance at Mass is essential to preparation for First Holy Communion. Please submit requests to Carolynn, Elaine & Mary for consideration.

S.P.U.C. National Prayer Campaign. Please take with you the **EIGHTH** in the series of the prayer cards, **“Prayer to St. Michael”** and join with this six month national prayer campaign

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 12 to 19th October 2023. £605. Sr. Margaret (Stella Maris) 01792 987059.

Please note that Mass Intentions are already reserved for nearly every weekend Mass until June and weekday Masses into March.

Parish Coffee Morning – Thursday from 10-00 – 11-00 a.m.

Fr Henry Nevin Parish Priest of Clydach and Ystradgynlais is leaving parish ministry to return to his Religious Congregation. His last Masses will be on the weekend of 18/19 February. We send him our good wishes.

FOOD BANK Please leave donations to the Neath Food Bank at the back of the church - the products Food Banks need most: Tinned veg (peas and sweetcorn); tinned tuna and mackerel; brown, basmati and long grain rice; pulses (eg: kidney beans and chickpeas); grains (eg: couscous); easy cook noodles; tinned fruit (eg: pineapple slices); wholegrain cereals (eg: wheat biscuits); oat drinks and UHT milk. THANK YOU!

S.V.P If you or someone you know are in any kind of need, please contact a member of the SVP which will be in the strictest confidence. A list of members can be found at the back of the church on the SVP information board.

Parish Guild Meeting This Monday in the Parish Hall at 2-00 p.m.

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, Kathryn Woolley (Glynneath), Jane Boland, George Johnson, Nancy Morris, Cheryl Ford, Jason Saunders, Stephen Saunders, Julie Saunders, Yolanda Jones, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna and Joe O'Brien, Betty Hopkins, Rose Williams, Margaret Jeffrey, Marion Brocksopp., Marlene John, Geraint Jones, Pat Day. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

Maria Beesley After 16 years as our Parish Safeguarding Representative Maria is retiring from this important responsibility in the life of the parish. We are very grateful to Maria for her commitment to this challenging role over the last 16 years. **We need (urgently) to appoint a new Parish Safeguarding Representative.** This is a position of considerable responsibility (involving sensitive and confidential issues) and would possibly (but not necessarily) suit someone who is retired or who otherwise has the time to commit to this important ministry in the life of the parish who would also (of course) need to be DBR checked to work with vulnerable adults and children. Please have a word with Fr. Neil.

Mayor's Interfaith Afternoon Tea Hosted by the Mayor, Councillor Robert Wood at The Orangery on Thursday 23rd February at 3-00 p.m. (to arrive at 2-30 p.m.). We have been offered ten tickets to attend this Interfaith Event. If you would like a ticket to attend please have a word with Fr. Neil.

Damaged Cars. Unfortunately, car tyres have been slashed on two cars parked outside the church during the 6-00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass. A few months ago a car side panel was damaged. The police have been informed and hope to provide a presence. Please report any further problems.

FLAME 2023 The Archdiocese of Cardiff and Diocese of Menevia announce that the biggest Catholic youth event in the U.K. is returning to London on Saturday 4th March. The theme of Flame 2023 – which is exactly 150 days before World Youth Day in Lisbon – takes the WYD Scripture verse “ Mary arose and went in haste “ and crystallises into the theme, “Rise Up”. Details of the event can be found at <https://cymfed.org.uk/flame> The cost to participate will be £50 and will include the ticket and transport to and from London with pick up points planned at Swansea, Bridgend, Cardiff and Newport. If you would like to participate or to receive further information please contact Rev. Christian Mahoney on 07764515864 or email Christian.mahoney@rcadc.org **If you are interested in attending this Youth Event please make the arrangements and the parish will cover the £50 cost of attending.**

Parish History Booklet Copies of the reprint of the History of the Parish are still available if you would like to pick up a copy from the back of the church - £5-00

Fr. Neil Treatment each Tuesday once a week for six weeks, and then every three months for the next two years .Thank you for your prayers.

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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