

Fifth Sunday of Easter – 28th April 2024

“ 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).

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 Intentions this Sunday (28th April) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's) Mervyn Blackmore (RIP) (Lorna & Joe); **Sunday** 10-30 a.m. Dorothy Evans (RIP).

Weekday Mass Times Wednesday (1st May – St.Joseph the Worker **SCHOOL MASS**) (St. Joseph's) 9-30 a.m. Russel Palfrey (RIP) (Linda & family); 11-00 a.m. (St. John Kemble) Kaylan Hipsley (RIP) (Elizabeth, Kieron & family); Thursday (2nd) 9-30 a.m. Betty Hopkins (RIP) (Babs); Friday (3rd) 9-30 a.m. Sheila Penry (RIP) (SVP).

Mass Intentions next Sunday (5th May) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's) Mary Pauline Sullivan (RIP) (Pauline, Margaret & families); 10-30 a.m. Betty Hopkins (RIP) (Lorna & Joe).

Holy Baptism Please remember in your prayers Kenny Rhys Williams (son of Ceri & Alwyn) who will be baptised into the Church this Sunday afternoon.

Mass Intentions & Candles Please note that Mass intentions for weekday Masses are now reserved into July and for Saturday/Sunday Masses beyond July. Also the seven day votive candles are reserved several weeks ahead.

Readers: **This Sunday** (28th) 6-00 p.m. Patrick McAteer. 10-30 a.m. Bridget Zambrano. **Next Sunday** (5th) 6-00 p.m. Mandy Smith; 10-30 a.m. Sheila Williams.

Candles: Sacred Heart – Theo (Sp.Int.); Our Lady – Cheryl Ford (RIP); St. Joseph – Terry Woolcock (RIP)

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Annette Powell (2005); Owen O'Donnell (2022); Russell Palfrey (2015); Violet Francis (2000); Edna Bartlett (2001); Francis Thomas (2011); Sidney Darnell (2004); Mary Sullivan (2008); Pamela Hughes (2001); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

First Holy Communion Mass will take place at the 10-30 a.m. Mass on **Sunday 2nd June (Corpus Christi)**. Classes every Sunday in the Parish Hall before the 10-30 a.m. Mass. Please keep those preparing for their first Holy Communion in your prayers.

Parish Hall Committee – have organised an evening of entertainment with the **Waterwheel Singers** to take place in the Parish Hall on Monday 13th May. Tickets £7-50 which includes light refreshments with tea & coffee. In addition bingo and a raffle will be organised. Proceeds toward the cost of repairs to the hall roof, fascia boards/guttering. Tickets available from Sheila, Peter & Angela.

Welsh National Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Taper. Sunday 12 May led by Bishop Peter Brignall, Bishop of Wrexham. 1-30 p.m. Confessions. 2-30 p.m. Rosary Procession. 3-00 p.m. Holy Mass 5-15 p.m. Benediction & Blessing of the Sick. (please see poster).

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Annual Torchlight Procession of Our Lady Belmont Abbey Wednesday 15th May at 9-00 p.m. Light refreshments available to purchase from 6-00 p.m. in Hedley Lodge. All welcome.

Catholic/Menevia Youth Are you 14 – 18 years old (School Years 9 to 13)? Do you want to spend some time getting to know other young catholics? The Cardiff and Menevia Youth Council is offering you the opportunity for a few days away in beautiful St. David's, Pembrokeshire, to relax, pray, talk, walk, eat and have fun together from Wednesday 24th – Sunday 28th July joined by Archbishop Mark for a few nights. The cost £250 for four nights at St. David's Bunkhouses including coach travel and all meals. More information from youth@rcadc.org If you are interested please contact the Youth Council to make the arrangements. The parish will contribute £200 to your costs. Please have a word with Fr. Neil if interested

Holy Cross Abbey, Whitland. "Come & See" weekends The Cistercian Nuns are inviting single Catholic women ages 27 to 45 who are discerning a vocation to the religious life, to experience their monastic life either from Friday 24 May to Monday 27 May or Friday 16 August to Monday 19 August. Any enquiries and registration, please email comeandseehca@gmail.com (www.hcawhitland.co.uk).

Pentecost Sunday (19th May) On the first Day of Pentecost the disciples were gathered together in the Upper Room for prayer and filled with the Holy Spirit. This Pentecost Sunday (19th May) the church will be open from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. for private prayer – to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit into our lives and a deeper experience of the life of grace (see the two prayers at the top of this newsletter).

Last Sunday's Collection: £450-64 (plus Direct Debits) Priests' Training Fund £598-70; St. John Kemble £32; Priests' Training Fund £60-00. Many thanks for generously supporting the Priests' Training Fund as well as the weekly collection.

NHS Home Eye Tests. To book your home visit call 0800 915 6280 (free call). QUOTE **JWP** or go on line to outsidedclinic.co.uk/JWP. These are the same contact details to arrange a home hearing test.

Legion of Mary Every Tuesday evening at 4-45 p.m. in the Hall. New members very welcome. Please come along.

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

St. Joseph's Catholic Junior School Port Talbot To appoint an Administration Officer & Clerk to the Governors, 30 hours per week, term time (39 weeks). Contact Mrs Caroline May, Headteacher for further details on 01639 769743. £16,996 - £18,167 to commence 2nd September, Closing date: 12 noon on Friday 3rd May.

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, George Johnson, Julie, Stephen & Jason Saunders, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna and Joe O'Brien, Margaret Jeffrey, Marion Brocksopp., Marlene John, Pat Day, Daniel John, David Reynolds, Adrian Macpherson-Jones, Roger Horton, Kath Davies, Robert Minty, David Hoy, Ieuan Evans, Gaynor Pickrell. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

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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