

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 7th July 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 (7th July) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St.Joseph’s) George McIntyre (RIP) (Linda & John Slattery); 10-30 a.m. Rose Williams (RIP) (Peter & Isabel Buckingham).

Weekday Mass Times Wednesday (10th July) (St. Joseph’s) 9-30 a.m. Barbara Green (RIP) (June & David Vaudin) (St. John Kemble) 11-00 a.m. Fr. John Lochran (RIP) (SPCD); Thursday (11th) 9-30 a.m. Muriel & Gerald Richard, Yvonne & infant (RIP) (Annette, Phillip & Paul); Friday (12th) 10-30 a.m. Funeral Mass – Karen Hardie (RIP)

Mass Intentions next Sunday (14th July) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph’s) George McIntyre (RIP) (Brendan O’Grady); Sunday 10-30 a.m. Peter Healey (RIP) (Angela).

Karen Hardie (RIP) Please remember Karen in your prayers and the family at this time. Karen’s Funeral Mass takes place here in St. Joseph’s this Friday (12th) at 10-30 a.m. The Coffin will be received into the church at 5-00 p.m. on Thursday evening.

Gaynor Pickrell (RIP) Please remember Gaynor in your prayers and the family at this time. Gaynor’s Funeral Service takes place at Margam Crematorium on Friday 19th July at 10-30 a.m.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

Readers: This Sunday (7th) 6-00p.m. Paula Macpherson-Jones; 10-30a.m. Bridget Zambrano. **Next Sunday** (14th) 6-00 p.m. Sian Loynes; 10-30 a.m. Peter Buckingham.

Candles: Sacred Heart – Sick & Housebound (Sp. Int.); Our Lady – A New Pentecost; St. Joseph – Ukraine & Israel/Gaza (Peace);

St. Joseph’s Scholl Fete Next Friday at 2-00 p.m. in the school grounds. If you would like to set up a stall or can help to staff a stall or can donate bottles, raffle prizes etc please contact the school on 635099.All welcome!

ST.JOSEPH’S PRIMARY SCHOOL If you have a child over 2 years of age or are new to the area and are looking for a school – look no further! St Joseph’s has a loving, caring ethos to bring out the full potential of your child. Please contact the school on 01639 635099 for further details.

Wedding Bells! Congratulations and all good wishes to Laura Mayers and Christopher Michael to be married here in St. Joseph’s on Saturday 20th July. Please keep Laura & Chris in your prayers.

Anniversaries Maria Britton (2009); Edith Higgins (2008); Aldo Rinaldi (2021); Susan James (2020). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

International Food Extravaganza Many thanks to the Parish Guild and to all those involved and who provided food in the very successful Food Extravaganza last Sunday. A good time was had by all and over £500 was raised for the Parish Hall and an additional donation of £1,000.

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Holy Hour Sunday 7th July (3-00 to 4-00 p.m.) An opportunity to pray for the country following the General Election result and to continue to pray for God's blessing on us as a parish and a deepening of our own prayer lives as we seek " a closer walk with God

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 & Bridie 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, Ieuan & Susan Evans, Paul Leaker, Sid Leaker. 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 07741283098 or Pat O'Connell for a visit from the Legion of Mary.

Last Sunday's Collection: £334-24 (plus Direct Debits) - Day for Life a further donation of £150 making a total of £281-96. Peter's Pence - £110-44. St.John Kemble £50-20 – Peter's Pence £15-00. Many thanks. Second collection next Sunday – Stella Maris/ Apostleship of the Sea.

Teaching Posts (i) St. Mary's R.C. Primary School, Carmarthen. A Class Teacher for a Key Stage 2 mixed year group class. For an informal discussion contact Mrs Hannah Corcoran (Acting Head) 01267- 234297 corcoranh1@hwbcymru.net (ii) St. John Lloyd Catholic School, Llanelli – Head teacher. CLOSING DATE – Midday 18th July. Further details – www.stjohnlloyd.co.uk or contact Clerk to Governors, Mrs. Malpas on 01554-772589 or Joanne.Malpas@stjohnlloyd.co.uk (iii) Executive Headteacher The Federation of St. Mary Immaculate (Haverfordwest) and St Teilo's (Tenby) contact Chair of Governors for further information at patrickmansfield@hotmail.co.uk

Capel Mair The annual celebration of Mass in the ruined church on the hillside in Margam Park - Tuesday 23rd July (the Feast Day of St. Philip Evans and St.John Loyd) at 6-00 p.m. (If the weather does not permit – transferred to Our Lady of Margam Church at 6-00 p.m.) All welcome.

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. David & St. Non's Saturday 7th September led by Archbishop Mark. Visit St David's at 12-00 p.m. followed by short walk to St. Non's. See poster or contact Dominic 07564214217 for more information.

Church Roof Repairs & Security Cameras We have had the go-ahead to proceed with repairs & enhanced security. The lead roofing will be completely removed and replaced with terne-coated steel (plus additional repairs) at a cost of £11,520, of which we hope our insurers will cover the cost of repairing the initial damage of £ 4, 920 (further reduced by the onward sale of the lead).A high quality security system covering the three buildings and the road outside will cost £5,495 + VAT. All donations gratefully received.

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 10-00 a.m. to 11-00 a.m.

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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