

NINETEENTH SUNDAY – 9th AUGUST 2026

“ 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). Come, Holy Spirit!

Mass this Sunday (Sunday 9th August) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's) Alan Boland (RIP) (Marion & Jane); Sunday 10-30 a.m. Noah Hikary (Sp. Int.) (The Family).

Weekday Mass Times (Wednesday 12th August) (St. Joseph's) 9-30 a.m. Helen Merchant (RIP) (Mike & Viv); 11-00 a.m. (St. John Kemble) Joseph Family (RIP) & All Souls; Thursday (13th) (St. Joseph's) 9-30 a.m. Nash Family (RIP) (Martin & Nuala);

Mass next Sunday (16nd August- Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's) Janet Jones (RIP) (Geraint); 10-30 a.m. Janet Jones (RIP) (Geraint)

Nineteenth Sunday - Psalm Response “ Show us, O Lord, Your mercy; and grant us Your salvation ” (Sunday - Year A; Daily Mass Readings – Year II; Daily Office - Week 3)

Readers: This Sunday (9th) 6-00 p.m. Maureen McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Bernadette Payne. **Next Sunday** (16th) 6-00 p.m. Ceri McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Mary Walker.

Candles: Sacred Heart – Colin Mulligan (Sp.Int.); Our Lady – Private Intention; St. Joseph – Ioan Perkins (RIP).

Richard Jackson (RIP) Please remember Richard in your prayers and Mary and the family at this time. Richard's Funeral Service takes place at Margam Crematorium tomorrow, Monday 10th August. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

Ioan Perkins (RIP) Please remember Ioan in your prayers and Joan at this time. Funeral arrangements to be announced. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

Anniversaries Peter Burgess (2012); Rohan Bray (2008); Moses Nolan (2008); Mary Harries (2009()); Rita Thomas (2019). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Month of August Except for weekend and weekday Masses Fr. Neil will be taking days off in August.

Last Sunday's Collection: St. Joseph's £302-38 (plus Direct Debits). St. John Kemble £77-00. Many thanks.

Berries & Brass this Thursday (13th) at St. Illtyd's Church Strawberries & Cream & Brass Quintet from 2-00 p.m. to 4-00 p.m. Tickets £5 at the door. See poster for further details.

The Guild of St. Stephen for Altar Servers and the Maryvale Institute run an annual 6-month course for adult Altar Servers exploring the history of the Liturgy, the Sacraments, skills and theology of service etc, delivered online in one hour monthly evening sessions. There are no pre-requisite education requirements. Deadline for registration is 15th September. Visit guildofststephen.org/certificate or contact Deacon Phil Briers at certificate@guildofststephen.org

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, Bridie Johnson, Julie, Stephen & Jason Saunders and Luke, Lorna and Joe O'Brien, Margaret Jeffrey, Marlene John, Pat Day, Daniel John, Adrian Macpherson-Jones, Roger Horton, Kath Davies, David Vaudin, Agnes Collins, Angela Healey., Mark Thomas, Siobhan Fitchett, Jane Smith, Donie O'Connell, Dennis Huxtable, Colin Mulligan, Sheila Morgan, Mary Bowen, Kay Mead, Deacon Jim, Dennis Gorman. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

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