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## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**The Year of St. Joseph** A daily prayer to St. Joseph. *“Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became a man. Blessed St. Joseph, to us too, show yourself to be a father, and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen”*

**Mass Intentions this Sunday** ( 25<sup>th</sup> July ) ( **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** ) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. (St John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m (St. Joseph’s) Thanksgiving ( Gaynor & David Morgan ); **Sunday** 8-00 a.m. Milo Butler (RIP) ( Paula & Adrian Macpherson-Jones ); 10-30a.m. Theresa Chilton (RIP) ( Deacon Jim & Marie).

**Weekday Mass Intentions** No weekday celebrations of Mass this week – the church will be closed for the painting of the Sacristy. ( No Mass in St. John Kemble ).

**Mass Intentions next Sunday** ( 1<sup>st</sup> August ) **Saturday** ( St. John Kemble ) 4-00p.m. Parish & People; (St. Joseph’s) 6-00p.m. Ann Hanford (RIP) ( Richard Hanford ); **Sunday** 8-00a.m. Andrew Mills (RIP) ( The Family ); 10-30a.m. Michael Gregory ( Lorna & Joe ).

**Anniversaries:** Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Lorenzo Linciano (2014); Anthony Roberts (2002); Ellen Gorbally (2008); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**Marjorie Grant (RIP)** Please remember Marjorie and the family at this time, whose Funeral Mass will take place here in St. Joseph’s on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 1-00p.m. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.*

**Doris Wearing (RIP)** Please remember Doris in your prayers. Funeral arrangements to be announced. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual life shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

**Candles:** Our Lady – Terry Isaac (RIP); The Sacred Heart – Peter Healey (RIP); St. Joseph – Joe Blackburn ( Good Health ).

**Painting of the Sacristy** The Church will be closed from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July for the painting of the Sacristy. Once again, many thanks to David Jones & Son.

**Many Thanks** Aimee and Sam would like to thank everyone involved in the arrangement of their Wedding Mass and all who offered prayers and congratulations messages on their wedding day. Thank you also to members of the SVP for the beautiful card. ( Aimee & Sam ).

**The Driveway** We shall begin by tidying ( and confirming ) the boundary between the driveway and the four residential properties in front of the driveway to clarify the options available to us in draining and landscaping the driveway and carpark. We hope also to hear soon that the problem of sewage water erupting in various places along the driveway has been successfully addressed by Welsh Water.

**Church Garden Bench** Many thanks to our parish SVP for the Garden Bench donated in memory of the Deceased Members of the SVP – a welcome addition to the Church garden. Also, thank you to the SVP for the new vacuum cleaner for the church. Many thanks.

**Lourdes Mass** at Our Lady of Margam on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 6-30 p.m. All who have an interest in Lourdes are invited to attend this Mass co-ordinated with the Director of the Welsh National Pilgrimage. If you hope to attend please notify Fr. Andrzej, the parish priest, so that he can ensure all COVID safety precautions are in place.

**First Holy Communion Classes** We hope to restart the classes in September. The following children began classes before the pandemic – Ronan Abell, Lucy Owen, Jack Challenger, Ava Mallows, Julia Karczynska, John Grabczewski, Amelia Tristram, Alexa Jones, Julia Kuligowska. If there are others who would now like to be included please submit names to Fr.Neil. Attendance at Mass is an essential part of preparation for receiving Holy Communion. Classes will take place before the Sunday 10-30 a.m. Mass. In the Parish Hall.

**Many thanks** - for last Sunday's Collection ( St.Joseph's ) of £329-25 ( plus direct debits ) and £114-56 (Apostleship of the Sea/Stella Maris ); (St.John Kemble) t.b.a. Many thanks.

**PLEASE NOTE** – To all stewards, readers and cleaners. **THERE IS NO OBLIGATION TO COME TO CHURCH IF YOU DO NOT FEEL SAFE OR COMFORTABLE TO DO SO.** Please let Fr. Neil know so that he can arrange a replacement. Thank you.

**Readers: This Sunday** (25<sup>th</sup> July ) 6-00p.m. Patrick McAteer; 8-00a.m. Adrian & Paula Macpherson-Jones. 10-30a.m. Volunteer please. **Next Sunday** (1<sup>st</sup> August) 6-00 p.m. Ceri McAteer; 8-00 a.m. Gregory Page; 10-30 a.m. Peter Buckingham.

**Stewarding: This Sunday** (25<sup>th</sup> July ) 6-00p.m. Angela & Geraint; 8-00a.m. Christopher & Gregory; 10-30a.m. Luke & Lena. **Next Sunday** ( 1<sup>st</sup> August ) 6-00 p.m. Angela & Geraint; 8-00 a.m. Christopher & Gregory; 10-30 a.m. John, Aimee & Olivia.

**Cleaning Teams. This Sunday** (25<sup>th</sup> July ) 6-00 p.m. Maralyn & Nora; 8-00 a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30 a.m. Joan & Ann. **Next Sunday** ( 1<sup>st</sup> August ) 6-00 a.m. Sian & Mary; 8-00 a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30 a.m. Volunteers please.

**DOMSEC Livestreamed Events in 2021** A full programme of (over 25) events! See [www.domsec.org.uk](http://www.domsec.org.uk) or [www.ourladystaroftheseamumbles.org.uk](http://www.ourladystaroftheseamumbles.org.uk) to access the livestreams and click "Livestream" on the menu bar. The next talk will be **Elijah for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century** by Fr Jerome Ituah - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August from 11-00a.m. to 1-00p.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, Peggy Swan ( Glynneath ), Anita O'Donnell ( Glynneath ), Jane Boland, George Johnson, Nancy Morris, Cheryl Ford, Andrew Jenkins, Jason Saunders, Yolanda Jones, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna O'Brien, Betty Hopkins. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

**Please Note** If you wish to reserve a particular date or day for a Mass Intention, please note that Saturday and Sunday Masses and weekday Masses are already reserved for a particular intention for the next two months **until the middle of SEPTEMBER.** Please think several months ahead if you would like to reserve a particular date ( or nearest date ). Thank you

**A Polite Reminder (!)** – to those returning to Mass and to those who may have forgotten! Masks must be worn and hands sanitised as soon as you enter the church before going to your pew, and please continue to observe the arrow directions and not cut across the church through the pews. Thank you.

**PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.** *Holy Spirit, Lord of Light, from the clear celestial height, Thy pure beaming radiance give. Come, Thou Father of the poor, come with treasures that endure, Come Thou Light of all that live. Light Immortal, Light Divine, Visit Thou this soul of mine, Wash the stain of guilt away. Bend the stubborn heart and will, Melt the frozen, warm the chill, Guide the steps that go astray. Come, Holy Spirit!*

**ANIMA CHRISTI** *Soul of Christ, sanctify me, Body of Christ save me, Blood of Christ inebriate me, Water from the Side of Christ wash me. Passion of Christ strengthen me. O Good Jesus hear me. Within Thy wounds hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from Thee. From the malicious enemy defend me. In the hour of death call me, And bid me come to Thee, That with the Saints I may praise Thee, Now and forever. Amen.*