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## The Baptism of the Lord – 9th January 2022

**Mass Intentions this Sunday** ( 9<sup>th</sup> January – The Baptism of Jesus ) **Saturday** – 4-00 p.m. ( St.John Kemble ) Sarah May (RIP) ( Nancy ); 6-00 p.m. ( St.Joseph's ) Eileen Cavill (RIP) ( James and Glenda ); **Sunday** 8-00 a.m. Parish & People; 10-30a.m. Fr Gerard Galvin (RIP) ( Grant Family ).

**Weekday Mass Intentions:** No weekday celebration of Mass.

**Anthony Oakley (RIP)** Please remember Anthony in your prayers and the family, Anthony's Funeral Service will take place here in St.Joseph's at 11-00 a.m. on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let [perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.*

**Mass Intentions next Sunday:** ( Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ) **Saturday** ( St.John Kemble) 4-00p.m. Parish & People; (St. Joseph's) 6-00p.m. John & Mary Woolcock (RIP) (RIP) ( Pat, Donie & Family ); **Sunday** 8-00a.m. Marion Andrews (RIP) ( Pat, Donie & Family ); 10-30a.m. John (RIP) ( Glenda and James Cahill ).

**Maureen Pitt (RIP)** Please remember Maureen and the family in your prayers. Maureen's Funeral Mass will be here in St.Joseph's on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 11-00 a.m. ( Attendance at the Crematorium is strictly limited). *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

**Sr.Carmel (RIP) The Poor Clares** Please remember Sr.Carmel in your prayers and also the Poor Clare Sisters. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen*

**Anniversaries:** Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Michael O'Connor (2007); Eileen Williams (2016); Richard Watkins (2001); Walden Rees ( 2003 ); William Leo Liney (2019); Catherine Smith ( 2006); Alice Francis (2009); Betty Palfrey ( 2004); Hilary Bell (2000); Peter Flynn (2008); Robert Coffey (2016 ). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**Candles** The Sacred Heart – Walter Jones ( RIP); St.Joseph – Mike O'Hea (RIP); Our Lady – David Jones & Family ( Special Intention ).

**Readers: This Sunday** ( 9<sup>th</sup> January ) 6-00 p.m. Sian Loynes; 8-00 a.m. Gregory Page; 10-30 a.m. Bernadette Payne. **Next Sunday** ( 16<sup>th</sup> January) 6-00 p.m. Nora Reynolds; 8-00 a.m. Adrian & Paula Macpherson-Jones; 10-30 a.m. Mary Walker.

**Cleaning Teams. This Sunday** ( 9<sup>th</sup> January ) 6-00 p.m. Maralyn & Nora; 8-00 a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30 Joan & Ann. **Next Sunday** ( 16<sup>th</sup> January ) Sian & Mary; 8-00 a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30 a.m. Volunteers please.

**Christmas Collection, Gifts & Cards** Many thanks for the very generous Christmas Collection and for the very many generous gifts enclosed with Christmas Cards and greetings. Thank you for your kindnesses and generosity and especially for your prayers. All very much appreciated.

**Last Sunday's Collection:** St.Joseph's - £354-58 ( plus Direct Debits ) and CAFOD Afghanistan Appeal £720-00; St.John Kemble – £14-00 ( CAFOD – tba )

**White Flower Appeal** The second collection next Sunday ( 16<sup>th</sup> ) is the annual appeal in support of the work of the SPUC ( Society for the Protection of Unborn Children ).

**Please Note** (Mass Intentions). Saturday and Sunday Masses and weekday Masses are already reserved for a particular intention until the beginning of February. Please think several months ahead if you would like to reserve a particular date ( or nearest date ). Thank you.

**PARISH SYNOD** The next meeting of the Synod will be in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 6-30 p.m. to consider the questions (i) What enables or hinders speaking up courageously, candidly and responsibly in our local church and in society? (ii) How do prayer and liturgical celebrations actually inspire and guide our common life and mission in our community?

A suggestion box is placed at the back of the church for those who wish to contribute but are unable to attend the meetings. Those in either parish with transport difficulties or who may be housebound or reluctant ( during this pandemic) to meet socially with others but would like to contribute ideas/reflections, please ask someone to post your ideas into the box. May the Holy Spirit guide us in our understanding of what He is saying to the Church at this time.

**First Holy Communion Classes** Please keep in your prayers as they prepare for their First Holy Communion Ronan Abell, Lucy Owen, Jack Challenger, Ava Mallows, Julia Karczynska, John Grabczewski, Amelia Tristram, Julia Kuligowska, Efan and Bodi Lewis, Shuyalini Sivarupan, Joseph Owen, Brendan Fitchett, Lowrie Smitham, Ivy Walters, Dorothea Boland. **Attendance at Mass is an essential part of preparation** for receiving Holy Communion. **Classes resume this Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January.** Because of the large number making their first Holy Communion and so as to accommodate family/friends the **First Holy Communion Mass** will be on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January 10-30 a.m.** **Please note** – we only have 18 pews to accommodate 16 candidates! This means that only **one pew** will be reserved for each family so please take this into account before inviting family and friends! (**First Confession** – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 10-30 a.m. in the Church).

**The Sacrament of Confirmation** Please remember in your prayers those preparing for Confirmation – Zaira and Joshua Zambrano, Carys Smitham, Tommy Parel, Isabella and Maria Grabczewski, Oisín and Cian Fitchett, Eve Abell, Daniel Rowlands, Mia Faure, Joseph Payne, William Heslop, Callum Lavin, Martin and Marya Joseph and Bethany Clifford, Sophie Wheatley. Note for the diary! - Archbishop George Stack will visit us on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April** (7-00 p.m. ) to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Confirmation Group resumes in February during which time attendance at Mass continues to be an essential part of the preparation process.

**APF ( Red Mission Boxes )** . A volunteer is needed to empty 6 boxes in the Bryncoch and Cimla area. If you would be able to help in this parish ministry please have a word with Sian Loynes or Fr.Neil. Thank you to those who have continued to empty the boxes especially during the Covid period.

**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 sacristy - £5-00. If you have any relevant amendments, please proffer them either via the parish email address ( [parishofneath@gmail.com](mailto:parishofneath@gmail.com) ) or in an envelope marked "FAO Sandra Davies". Could this be done by the end of January please so that an Addendum sheet can be produced. ( One or two items have surfaced ). Thank you.

**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), Jane Boland, George Johnson, Nancy Morris, Cheryl Ford, Andrew Jenkins, Jason Saunders, Stephen Saunders, Yolanda Jones, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna O'Brien, Betty Hopkins, Rose Williams, Donie O'Connell.. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

**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.*

**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!*

## ENTRANCE

- 1 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!  
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!
- 2 Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,  
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,  
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,  
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.
- 3 Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness  
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:  
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,  
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.
- 4 These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,  
he will accept for the name that is dear;  
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.
- 5 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!  
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

## OFFERTORY

- 1 Come down, O love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
- 2 O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.  
Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.  
And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling,  
for none can guess its grace,  
till he become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

## HOLY COMMUNION

- 1 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.
- 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure:  
until with thee I have one will  
to do and to endure.
- 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.
- 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine Eternity.

## RECESSIONAL

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesu, Lord to you we raise,  
manifested by the star  
to the sages from afar;  
branch of royal David's stem,  
in your birth at Bethlehem;  
Anthems be to you addressed,  
God in flesh made manifest.
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
prophet, Priest and King supreme;  
and at Cana wedding-guest,  
in your Godhead manifest;  
manifest in power divine,  
changing water into wine;  
anthems be to you addressed,  
God in flesh made manifest.
- 3 Manifest in making whole  
palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
manifest in valiant fight,  
quelling all the devil's might;  
manifest in gracious will,  
ever bringing good from ill;  
anthems be to you addressed,  
God in flesh made manifest.
- 4 Sun and moon shall darkened be,  
stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee;  
Christ will then like lightning shine,  
all will see his glorious sign;  
all will then the trumpet hear,  
all will see the judge appear;  
you by all will be confessed;  
God in flesh made manifest.
- 5 Grant us grace to see you, Lord,  
mirrored in your holy word;  
may we imitate you now,  
and on us your grace endow;  
that we like to you may be  
at your great Epiphany,  
and may praise you, ever blest,  
God in flesh made manifest.

## CONSECRATION OF THE PARISH TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Prostrate before your Sacrament of love, O Jesus, we adore, praise and love your most Sacred Heart, substantially united to the Word of God. We bless and give thanks to your Heart, from whose fullness we have received all that is good.

O Heart of the Son of God, Heart worthy of adoration, Heart wounded by our sins, to you we want to consecrate ourselves and our parish community.

In particular we consecrate to you the families of our parish, so that they may become true domestic churches, of which you are the centre and the source of unity.

We consecrate our children and our youth to you, so that they may not stray away from you, but rather grow in faith and Christian virtue.

To you we consecrate the sick, so that they may neither become discouraged nor lose hope, but know how to offer their suffering as a sacrifice of expiation and salvation for themselves and for all souls.

To you we consecrate the elderly and those who are lonely, so that they may find relief and comfort in your love and open their hearts to the joyful hope which awaits them.

To you we consecrate our associations, groups

and all our activities, so that they may blossom and bear fruits of Christian witness.

For our part, we promise you to do all we can to render our heart similar to yours, in purity and in love, raising ourselves above earthly matters.

Pour out your blessing upon us, O Lord, so that we may have light in moments of doubt, perseverance in trials and comfort at the moment of our death.

Amen.

## NOVENA to the HOLY SPIRIT

Renew your wonders  
in this our day  
as by a new Pentecost.

Pope John XXIII

God the Holy Spirit  
Comforter and Sanctifier.  
Melt our hearts  
That we may accept your love.  
Renew our minds  
That we may know your truth.  
Strengthen our wills  
That we may serve you faithfully.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

## Prayer for Protection

Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray: and do thou, prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan, and all wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen