

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2nd July 2023

“ 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)

Prayer for Ukraine (from the Bishops 'Conference) “*Mary, Our Lady of Kiev, Mother of God, We ask you to intercede for the people of Ukraine, For their government and all who suffer as a result of war. Be with them as you stood beside your Son, Suffering on the Cross at Calvary. Give them strength and courage, Through faith, hope and justice. May we, in our turn, Support them through prayer and generosity, That lives may be saved, the injured healed, that the dead may rest in peace, And that war will end in peace*”

Mass Intentions this Sunday (2nd July) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m.(St. Joseph's) Muriel & Gerald Richards, Yvonne & infant (RIP) (Annette, Philip & Paul); **Sunday** 10-30 a.m. Teresa Diez Fernandez (RIP) (Isabel & Peter).

Weekday Mass Intentions Wednesday (5th July) 9-30a.m. (St. Joseph's) Joan Hardie (RIP) (Doug & Karen); 11-00 a.m. (St. John Kemble) Bernard Newcombe (RIP) (June, John & family); Thursday (6th) 9-30 a.m. Terry Woolcock (RIP) (Pat, Donie & family); Friday 9-30 a.m. Roger Fluck (RIP) Isabel & Peter Buckingham.

Mass Intentions next Sunday (9th July) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. (St.John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00p.m. (St. Joseph's) Muriel & Gerald Richards, Yvonne & infant (RIP) (Annette, Philip & Paul); **Sunday** 10-30 a.m. Abraham M.T. (RIP)(Peter & Isabel).

Readers: This Sunday (2nd July) 6-00 p.m. Ceri McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Bridget Zambrano. **Next Sunday** (9th July) 6-00 p.m. Gerald Smith; 10-30 a.m. Mary Walker. **Please take the opportunity to arrive early and look at (and prepare) the readings beforehand. Thank you.**

Candles: Sacred Heart – Lydia Crocker (RIP); Our Lady – Cheryl Hughes (RIP); St. Joseph – David Ejimofor (RIP).

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Jeanette Griffiths (2018); Margaret Tucker (2012); Catherine Kelly (2000); Frank Nedza (2008); Maria Britton (2009). Edith Higgins (2008); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

David Ejimofor (RIP) Our deepest sympathies to the family and to pupils and staff at St. Joseph's School and Church, Port Talbot, on the tragic death of David whose family regularly attend Mass. Please also keep in your prayers friends of David attending with us here in St. Joseph's.

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.

Parish Safe-Guarding. Safe guarding of children and vulnerable adults is of the highest priority. We are very grateful to Mrs Anne Guest who has taken on the role of Parish Safe-Guarding Officer. Anne will be reviewing and up-dating the paperwork of all those who work with (or visit) children and vulnerable adults on behalf of the parish. If you have any concerns about safe-guarding issues, Anne can be contacted on 07741283098.

Legion of Mary Every Tuesday evening at 6-00 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

Reception in to the Catholic Church A few people have expressed an interest in being received in to the Catholic Church. If you are thinking about this please have a word with Fr. Neil.

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First Holy Communion Classes Please keep in your prayers – Ieuan Rees, Noah Wheatley, George Challenger, Henri Afolabi, Kaitlin Edwards, Keris Edwards, Bella Tariq, Luke Tariq. The date of the First Holy Communion Mass will be dependent on progress (and attendance) at the classes. We take a break for the summer after this Sunday (2nd July). Many thanks to Carolyn, Elaine and Mary for their hardwork and commitment to the children.

Last Sunday's Collection: St. Joseph's £429-35 (plus Direct Debits) Day for Life £92-25 – and further donations of £300 toward the purchase of a defibrillator (see below); St John Kemble – £117. Day for Life £15. Many thanks.

Second Collection this weekend is the annual Peter's Pence collection in support of the Holy See, and next Sunday (Sea Sunday) the annual collection in support of the Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris).

Defibrillator We are planning to purchase a Defibrillator to be situated on the presbytery wall halfway between the church and the hall. The purchase, installation, maintenance and training for use will come to approx. £1,700. We hope to obtain a grant of £200 and are also very grateful for further donations of £300 making a total, thus far, of £1,467-56. Many thanks. Further donations gratefully received. We are looking for as many volunteers as possible (up to a maximum of 45) to receive brief training on the emergency use of the defibrillator. Please sign up on the list at the back of the church. Many thanks.

Church Floor We hope to arrange for the sanding and polishing of the wooden floor of the church and the installation of new carpets. We are very grateful for the donation of £1,000 toward the cost of the carpet and the three quotations we have received for the sanding & polishing of the floor are all in the region of £7,000. We hope the work can be carried out the week beginning the 21st August and we are very grateful for the donation of £1,000 towards the cost of this project. Further donations gratefully received.

The Reverend Gregory Beckett Please remember Gregory in your prayers who will be ordained to the Priesthood at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Saturday 15th July at 12 noon.

Holy Mass at Capel Mair The annual Mass at Capel Mair (Margam Park) takes place on Saturday 15th July at 5-30 p.m. – **weather permitting** . and a short walk up the hillside, commemorating the martyrdoms of St. John Lloyd and St. Philip Evans (23rd). All are welcome.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal It is hoped that this year these boxes can be forwarded by October so please start gathering (new) items together in plenty of time. Further details from the S.V.P. to follow.

Bingo & Batter Evening A big thank you to all who supported this evening. A fantastic total of £570 was raised and paid for an additional young helper. A huge thank you to Ouday (Hickary's Fish & Chip Shop) for such generous support of the evening. A great time was had by all. **Please keep our pilgrims in Lourdes this week in your prayers.**

Whispering in Mass (!) After receiving Holy Communion, whilst the priest is clearing the Altar, there is the opportunity to reflect in quiet prayer on the Person whose Holy Communion we have received. Recently (especially in the Vigil Mass) some have taken this time to have whispered conversations – which is extremely disturbing to the devotions of others (and to the priest). Prayerful participation and devotion is to be offered by all those present through the whole celebration of the Mass without breaking away from the Mass for whispered conversations!

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, Kathryn Woolley (Glynneath), George Johnson, Cheryl Ford, Julie, Stephen & Jason Saunders, Yolanda Jones, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna and Joe O'Brien, Betty Hopkins, Rose Williams, Margaret Jeffrey, Marion Brocksopp., Marlene John, Geraint Jones, Fr. Neil, Pat Day, Daniel John. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

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