

THIRTIETH SUNDAY – 26th OCTOBER 2025

“ 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 (26th October) Saturday (St. John Kemble) 4-00 p.m. Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's) Tommy Concannon (RIP (Brendan O'Grady); **CLOCKS CHANGE!** 10-30 a.m. Shaun Tyrone Elias (RIP.) (The family).

Weekday Mass Wednesday (29th October) St. Joseph's 9-30 a.m. Sarah Simmons (RIP) (Ann Bromage); 11-00 a.m. St. John Kemble - Fr. John Mager (RIP) (Nancy); Thursday (30th October) 9-30 a.m. Gaynor Pickrell (RIP) (Maureen & Sandra).

Mass Intentions next Sunday (**FEAST OF ALL SAINTS**) Saturday (St. John Kemble) 4-00 p.m. Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St.Joseph's) Kathryn Woolley (RIP.) (John, Chris & Stewart); 10-30 a.m. Peter Healey (RIP) (Angela).

Mass Intentions Please note Mass Intentions are now reserved into **the middle of January** (weekdays and weekends) Please think several months ahead if you would like a Mass said for a loved one. At present, it takes about twelve weeks (three months) for a reserved Mass to be celebrated.

Readers: This Sunday (26th) 6-00 p.m. Gerald Smith; 10-30 a.m. Stephen Evans. Next Sunday (2nd) 6-00 p.m. Patrick McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Des Nicholas.

Readers Please come early so that you have the opportunity before Mass to look at the readings beforehand. If you are unable to keep your place on the rota please arrange for someone to take your place (!!).

Anniversaries Max Russel (2005); Laurence McGinty (2017); Peggy Evans (2017); Bernard Newcombe (2019); James Lay (2024) ; Edwina Peoples (2010). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Candles: Sacred Heart - Fitchett Family (Sp. Int.); Our Lady – Angela Healey (Sp.Int.); St. Joseph – Johanna O'Connell (RIP).

Month of Holy Souls If you would like loved ones remembered at each Mass during November in the Book of Remembrance on the Altar please place your list of names in the envelope provided. Please note that there is no need to include a stipend (money) in the envelope. Mass stipends will proceed in the usual way through November.

Christmas Raffle Draw Donation of gifts for the Christmas Raffle gratefully received. Please have a word with Peter if you are able to contribute. Many thanks.

Parish Hall Caretaker An opportunity has arisen for someone to take on the role of Parish Hall Caretaker. The hours are very flexible. You will be required to carry out general cleaning duties and opening and locking up the premises. The role is ideal for someone who lives close to the Hall. If you are interested please contact Brenda Grant Tel: 07817656157 to discuss details along with remuneration.

Angela Healey expresses her heartfelt gratitude to all for their prayers, cards and messages of support which has aided her recovery while hospitalised and is continuing to improve at home.

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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.

Parish S.V.P. Over the last 12 months our SVP group made 942 home visits and provided lifts and assistance on 143 occasions. We help at Bridge Street breakfast club for the homeless and the Salvation Army food bank. We are always humbled and grateful for your generosity in supporting our appeals but we are a small group and our membership needs to increase. Please consider joining the SVP to help us continue to support others. If interested please approach a member of the SVP.

Church Cleaning Due to illness and other difficulties we need help maintaining the cleanliness of the church and any help to fill the short fall would be greatly appreciated. Any volunteers please contact Nora on 07816 315 897 Please tidy the pew (tissues etc) around you when leaving the church. There is a bin at the entrance to the church. We are very grateful to those who keep the church so clean & tidy. Please volunteer!

The Parish Hall Committee thank everyone for the success of last Thursday's Entertainment Evening which raised £400 for the Parish Hall. Many thanks to all involved.

The Choir We are looking for further members to join the choir. Please have a word with a present member for further information. Many thanks to the choir for the music at our Confirmation Mass. With a larger choir our options are also enlarged. Don't be shy!

Neurodiversity Birmingham University are conducting research into Neurodiversity and our Faith. If you are an adult neurodivergent Catholic or a Caregiver of a neurodivergent Catholic your experiences will help us to become more inclusive and responsive. To find out more and to fill in a short survey please go to www.godwhospeaks.uk/neurodivergent-catholic-surveys/

On-Line Archdiocesan Newsletter Read/Sign up today <https://bit.ly/ACMSeptNewsletter>

Marriage Support Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel:+44 7887 296 983

Marriage Retreat How to Survive and Thrive in a Catholic Marriage. Saturday 15 November 10a.m. to 4 p.m. at All Hallows Church, Miskin, CF72 8PG Tickets £20 (including, practical talks from experienced Catholic marriage catechists, honest conversations, spiritual encouragement – and free “romantic dinner”!). Sign up at <https://forms.office.com/e/VTTO.f7b1VH>

Vocation to the Priesthood? Fr. Matt Roche-Saunders, Director of Priestly Vocations and Youth Mission always available for information and conversation at vocations@rcadc.org or vocations@menevia.org

Last Sunday's Collection: St. Joseph's £261-50 (plus Direct Debits) – World Missions £108-53; St John Kemble £52-00 – World Missions £22-00.

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, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna and Joe O'Brien, Margaret Jeffrey, Marion Brocksopp., Marlene John, Pat Day, Daniel John, Adrian Macpherson-Jones, Roger Horton, Kath Davies, David Vaudin, Agnes Collins, Cynthia Cronin, Angela Healey., Mark Thomas, Siobhan Fitchett. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

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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