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The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 24th October 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”*

Towards a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission

Pope Francis has invited the whole church to participate in a world-wide preparation for the Synod of Bishops meeting in Rome in 2023. The theme of the Synod is “Towards a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission”. Over the next six months, parishes, Deaneries and Dioceses will have the opportunity to offer reflections and comments on the contemporary life of the Church and on the way forward.

If anyone would like to respond to such questions as (i) When I pray for the Church – what am I praying to happen in the life of the Church? (ii) Why has there been such a drastic decline in church attendance over the last 50 years? What is the cause? What is the remedy? (iii) What is/ought to be, the role of Catholic schools in the life of the Church, the life of the parish, the life of society? (iv) Do I want to be more involved in the life of the parish/and the church? If not, why not? How (in what ways) would I like to contribute more to the parish/to the Church? or if you have responses to other concerns/questions (which do not question the teaching of the Church!) – I will ensure that those views are made known at a Deanery level which will then be passed on to the Archbishop. A Diocesan Report will then be forwarded to the Bishops’ Conference of England & Wales.

(Please see extra sheet attached)

Mass Intentions this Sunday (24th October) Saturday (St. John Kemble) 4-00p.m. Parish & People (St. Joseph’s) 6-00p.m. Janet Jones (RIP) (Geraint); Sunday 8-00a.m. Pamela Cundle (Sp.Int.) (Anne Guest); 10-30a.m. William Hardie (RIP) (Karen & Douglas).

Weekday Mass Intentions No Mass this Tuesday. Wednesday (27th) **St. Joseph’s** 9-30a.m. Dan Davies (John & Jane Smith); **St. John Kemble** 11-00a.m. Anita O’Donnell (RIP.) (Elizabeth, Keiron & family); Thursday (28th) 9-30a.m. Clare Mc Neil (RIP) (Dave & Gaynor).

Mass Intentions next Sunday (31st October – ALL SAINTS – Day of Prayer for COP26) Saturday (St John Kemble) 4-00 p.m. Parish & People;. (St. Joseph’s) 6-00p.m. Shaun Elias (RIP) (The Mills Family); **CLOCKS CHANGE! Sunday 8-00 a.m. Edna McAteer (RIP) (The Family); 10-30a.m. May Gregory (Sp.Int) (Lorna & Joe).**

November – Month of Holy Souls. All Saints has been transferred to the Sunday (next Sunday -31st) but All Souls will be on Tuesday 2nd November with Mass at 9-30 a.m. and 6-30p.m. (St. Joseph,s) and 11-00a.m. (St. John Kemble). Mass intentions (and stipends) will continue, as usual, throughout November. If you would like loved ones remembered throughout the Month of Holy Souls please place names in the envelopes provided – no stipend is required. All names will be remembered at every Mass.

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Therese Hughes (2000); Janet Jones (2017); Teresa Watkins (2004); Laurence “ Paddy” McGinty (2017); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Readers: This Sunday (24th October) 6-00p.m. Maureen McAteer; 8-00a.m. Adrian & Paula Macpherson-Jones; 10-30a.m. Berni Payne. Next Sunday (31st October) 6-00p.m. Patrick McAteer; 8-00a.m. Adrian & Paula Macpherson-Jones; 10-30a.m. Bethan Lee.

Cleaning Teams. This Sunday (24th October) 6-00p.m. Sian & Mary; 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala; Volunteers please.
Next Sunday (31st October) 6-00p.m. Marlyn & Nora; 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30a.m. Joan & Anne.

Candles: Our Lady – Christopher Abell (RIP); The Sacred Heart – Mandy Fowler (RIP) ; St.Joseph – Marshall Abell (RIP).

Parish History Booklet The History was very successfully launched last weekend (sold out!) and a reprint is to follow with amendments and improved photography. If you would like to reserve a copy/copies please have a word with Sandra or Father Neil.

COP26 (the 26th meeting of the Conference Of Parties (COP) – governments, NGOs, trade unions, businesses and everyone else with any interest in climate change (!) to review and negotiate global action, takes place the week after next in Glasgow. Look out next week for news of an outdoor event in Cardiff on Saturday 6th November to which all are invited marking a global day of action. (Sandra)

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, Drake and Juris Pascual, 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 will take place at 9-30 a.m. in the Parish Hall before the Sunday 10-30 a.m. Mass. **PLEASE NOTE** There will be **no class** over the half-term holiday (24th and 31st October) – the next two Sundays.

The Sacrament of Confirmation Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, the original date for the Archbishop's visit to us in July of last year had to be postponed. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation please have a word with Fr.Neil so that we make arrangements for the Archbishop (or new Bishop) to re-arrange his visit to us.

Tea & Biscuits in the Hall after the 10-30am. Mass. Please see Sheila if you are able to help. Thank you.

DOMSEC Livestreamed Events in 2021 A full programme of (over 25) events! See www.domsec.org.uk or www.ourladystaroftheseamumbles.org.uk to access the livestreams and click "Livestream" on the menu bar. **Saturday** – (6th November) from 11-00a.m. to 1-00p.m. **Faith in Bereavement** (Talk on Christian Bereavement Support) by Donna Hurley

Second Collections This Sunday – **World Mission Sunday**. Thank you for the CAFOD second collection of £213-30; and also for the generous gift of £1,000 from an individual parishioner. CAFOD accepts gifts at any time (please see the website).

Parish Collection Last weekend **St.Joseph's** £363-41 (plus Direct Debits) **St.John Kemble** £35-00 Many thanks.

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 until the **middle of JANUARY** Please think several months ahead if you would like to reserve a particular date (or nearest date). 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, Yolanda Jones, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna O'Brien, Betty Hopkins, Kevin Halloran, Rose Williams, Donie O'Connell. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

Prayer for COP26 " Loving God, we praise Your Name with all You have created. You are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of creatures. We acknowledge the responsibilities You have placed upon us as stewards of Your creation. May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society. Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the poorest and most vulnerable, and commit their nations to the care of our Common Home. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen".

Towards a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission

The Synod of Bishops meeting in Rome, October 2023

As mentioned in the homily last weekend and in the newsletter, a world-wide consultation of the Church is taking place so that the faithful in every parish will have the opportunity to offer reflections and comments on how the Church can better express and manifest the teachings of the Church in contemporary society. Deaneries in England & Wales are asked to submit responses to the Bishops in the early part of next year and, in our own deanery we hope to collate responses at our deanery meeting in November. **PLEASE THEREFORE LET ME HAVE ANY THOUGHTS/RESPONSES BY SUNDAY 7TH NOVEMBER** so that I can present them at our deanery meeting to be forwarded to Archbishop George. These responses can be anonymous. In addition to the questions on the newsletter, the following ten areas of discussion/reflection are also suggested by the Conference of Bishops.

- (i) **The Journeying Companions** Look at who forms the community which is travelling together. Who are on the peripheries who we need to reach out to? What is our welcome like?
- (ii) **Listening** Do we listen to each other? How best to do this? How do we respond to the signs of the times outside of the Church?
- (iii) **Speaking out** What is communication like in our group/parish/Diocese? What defines our speaking – when to speak, what to say and how to say it?
- (iv) **Celebrating** Does the liturgy of the Church inspire a deeper encounter with the risen Lord? How does my prayer – both individually and in community – affect my discernment of my participation in the life of the Church? Is the Mass the centre of my life? What flows out from Sunday worship?
- (v) **Co-responsibility in the Mission** How do I understand the mission of the Church both in my own life and participation, and in the local and universal church? What formation do I need to be more committed to the mission of the Church? What impact is our local church making in the area?
- (vi) **Dialogue in Church and Society** How do we understand dialogue in and outside of the Church? How do we address the challenges that dialogue brings about? How do we begin dialogue?
- (vii) **With the other Christian denominations** What is our relationship with the other denominations? What enriches us from the other traditions? What do we offer them from ours?
- (viii) **Authority and Participation** How is authority exercised in our communities? What are the organs of co-responsibility that allows for the expression of our baptismal consecration as priest, prophet and king? How do the lay faithful collaborate effectively in the life of the local church?
- (ix) **Discerning and deciding** How do we discern together the way the Holy Spirit is leading us. Is the Church – the local church/the diocese/the universal church - accountable and transparent in decision making? What can help improve this?
- (x) **Forming ourselves in Synodality** What additional formation do I need to be a missionary disciple? What tools are necessary for the church to “journey together”? How do we continue the listening and dialogue beyond this process so that the Church has a “lived synodality” as the Holy Father asks?

It has been suggested that your response may be in the form of a poem (put to music in a song?), or a drawing or work of art, or a play.

- (xi) What is your response to the fact of being consulted, and to the questions (and ideas) that have been proposed? Are you encouraged? Optimistic?