

The Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5th November 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”*

November - Month of Holy Souls. Mass intentions (and stipends) will continue as usual throughout November therefore **no stipend (money) is required** in the Holy Souls' Envelopes if you would like loved ones to be remembered at each Mass in our Book of Remembrance on the Altar. Please place names in the envelopes provided.

Mass Intentions this Sunday (5th November) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's) Peter Healey (RIP) (Angela Healey). **Sunday** 10-30 a.m. Thomas O'Leary (RIP) (Sheila and David).

Weekday Mass Intentions Tuesday (7th) 6-00 p.m. Helen Gethin & Irene Jenkins (RIP) (Sheila Morgan); Wednesday (8th – Saints of Wales) 9-30 a.m. Thanksgiving (Gaynor & David); 11-00 a.m. (St. John Kemble) Fr. Russell Cooke (RIP) (SPCD); Thursday (9th) 9-30 a.m. Katherine Sheehan (RIP) (Martin & Nuala); Friday (10th) 9-30 a.m. Peter & Hazel Huxtable (RIP) (Dennis).

Mass Intentions Sunday (12th November – Remembrance Sunday) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. (St.John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00p.m. Katherine Sheehan (RIP) (SVP); **Sunday** 10-30 a.m. Margaret Allen (RIP) (Elias Family).

Remembrance Sunday. Please arrive in time for a short **Act of Remembrance** with which we will begin each Mass next weekend.

Blessing of Graves At Llantwit Cemetery at 2-00 p.m. next Sunday 12th November

Readers: This Sunday (5th) 6-00 p.m. Patrick McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Des Nicholas. **Next Sunday** (12th) 6-00 p.m. Mandy Smith; 10-30 a.m. Bernadette Payne. **Please take the opportunity to arrive early and look at (and prepare) the readings beforehand. Thank you.**

Candles: Sacred Heart – Alan Cameron (Sp. Int.); Our Lady – Alma Elias (RIP); St. Joseph – Ian Thompson (RIP).

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Felix Wluka (2003); Leslie Collins (2007); Brendan McPeake (2020); Aldo Vaccari (2020); Katherine Sheehan (2018); Myrna Francis (2018). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Mass Intentions Please note that weekend and weekday Mass intentions are now reserved into **January 2024**. Please be thinking ahead by several months if you would like a Mass intention for a loved one on a particular day/date – even so, some dates are reserved a year ahead and if so Mass will be said on the nearest date available to the request. Thank you.

Volunteers please Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with the cleaning of the church on a four week rota. Please see the rota at the back of the church. Please add your name at the bottom of the page if you also are able to help. Many thanks.

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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

Defibrillator Many thanks to all those who attended the three training sessions. Hopefully we will never have to use the defibrillator but hopefully, also, if the need arises there will be several in the congregation able to team up to help. Thank you also to Angela for arranging the purchase of the defibrillator and organising the training.

Parish Guild Meeting this Monday at 2-00 p.m. in the Parish Hall and in the evening (see below)

Evening of Song and Entertainment The Parish Hall Committee are holding an evening of Song & Entertainment on **Monday 6th November** in the Parish Hall 6-30 p.m. for 7-00 p.m. With Christine Lee Jones (Stars in their Eyes, T.V & Radio personality) Buffet included. Cost £7-50. Also, Bingo & Raffle (not included!!) See Angela Healey or Peter Buckingham for tickets. Book now!

Christmas Flowers Donations toward the cost of the Christmas flowers would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Red Wednesday – 22nd November. Say the Rosary on Red Wednesday for the work of ACN supporting the Church in nine countries now experiencing persecution in Africa.

Last Sunday's Collection: St. Joseph's £342-20 (plus Direct Debits). World Mission £138-32; St John Kemble – £37-00. World Mission £7-00.

Second Collection This Sunday (5th November) Sick & Retired Clergy – please give generously in support of our retired clergy in the Diocese and **please take a leaflet** from the back of the church.

Cancer Challenge Singers On Sunday 17th December to begin our celebration of Christmas, a Service of Christmas Carols & Readings at 5-00 p.m. here in St. Joseph's followed by refreshments in the Hall. Tickets £5 – (available later on) to support Cancer Challenge. Make a note in your diary!

Childrens' Christmas Party in the Hall after the 10-30 a.m. Mass on Sunday 10th December. Details to follow. Please make another note in your diary!

Christmas Raffle. Donations of raffle prizes gratefully received. Please see Peter Buckingham.

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.

First Holy Communion Classes this Sunday at 9-30 a.m. in the **CHURCH** before the 10-30 a.m. Mass. Please keep in your prayers – Ieuan Rees, Noah Wheatley, George Challenger, Henri Afolabi, Kaitlin Edwards, Keris Edwards, Bella Tariq, Luke Tariq. The First Holy Communion Mass will take place at the 10-30 a.m. Mass on **Sunday 19th November**. Many thanks to Carolynn, Elaine and Mary for their hard work and commitment to the children.

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, Pat Day, Daniel John, George McIntyre, David Reynolds, Adrian Macpherson-Jones. Roger Horton. Kath Davies. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

FOOD BANK Please leave donations to the Neath Food Bank at the back of the church - the products Food Banks need most: Tinned veg (peas and sweetcorn); tinned tuna and mackerel; brown, basmati and long grain rice; pulses (eg: kidney beans and chickpeas); grains (eg: couscous); easy cook noodles; tinned fruit (eg: pineapple slices); wholegrain cereals (eg: wheat biscuits); oat drinks and UHT milk. THANK YOU!

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