

## The Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - (2th 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 ( 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 this weekend.

**Blessing of Graves** At Llantwit Cemetery this ( Sunday ) afternoon at 2-00 p.m.

**Weekday Mass Intentions** Tuesday (14th) 6-00 p.m. Dennis Bernie (RIP) ( Ann & Vi ); Wednesday ( 15<sup>th</sup> ) 9-30 a.m. “ Private Special Intention”; 11-00 a.m. ( St. John Kemble ) Fr. Neil ( Sp. Int. ) ( Lorna & Joe ); Thursday ( 16<sup>th</sup> ) 9-30 a.m. Deceased members of the Legion of Mary (RIP); Friday (17th) 9-30 a.m. Coughlin Family (RIP) ( Dennis Huxtable ).

**Mass Intentions next Sunday ( 19<sup>th</sup> November )** Saturday 4-00 p.m. ( St. John Kemble ) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's ) Tom Evans (RIP); Sunday 10-30 a.m. ( **First Holy Communion Mass** ) Stuart Michael ( RIP ) ( The Family).

**First Holy Communion and Confession.** First Holy Communion Class this Sunday at 9-30 a.m. in the **CHURCH** before the 10-30 a.m. Mass. Please keep in your prayers – leuan Rees, Noah Wheatley, George Challenger, Kaitlin Edwards, Keris Edwards, Bella Tariq, Luke Tariq. The First Holy Communion Mass will take place next Sunday ( 19<sup>th</sup> ) at the 10-30 a.m. Mass. **First Confession** at 10-30 a.m. next Saturday ( 18<sup>th</sup> ) in church – followed by a rehearsal of the Mass. Many thanks to Carolyn, Elaine and Mary for their hard work and commitment to the children.

**Readers: This Sunday ( 12<sup>th</sup> )** 6-00 p.m. Mandy Smith; 10-30 a.m. Bernadette Payne. Next Sunday ( 19<sup>th</sup> ) 6-00 p.m. Paula Macpherson-Jones; 10-30 a.m. Bridget Zambrano. **Please take the opportunity to arrive early and look at (and prepare) the readings beforehand. Thank you.**

**Candles:** Sacred Heart – Anne Williams (RIP); Our Lady – Roger & Betty Horton ( Sp.Int. ); St. Joseph – Margaret & Haydn Pickering (RIP).

**Kathryn Woolley (RIP)** Please remember Kath in your prayers and the family at this time. Kathryn's Funeral Mass will be here in St. Joseph's on Thursday 23 November at 11-45 a.m. followed by interment at Llantwit Cemetery. The Coffin will be received into the church at 5-00 p.m. on Wednesday. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

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

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**Anniversaries:** Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Myrna Francis (2018); John O'Brien (2010); Gerta Jones (2012); Ursula Farrelly (2003); David Mathias (2007); Shaun Walsh (2000); Maria Koziel (2002); *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.

**World Champion!** Amazing! Congratulations to Sophie Wheatley our St. Joseph's World Champion (!) on becoming the World Number One in Kickboxing ( in the 13 to 14 age group ) after competing in the World Championships in Canada over half term. Many congratulations! - and to proud brother Noah, proud mum Julia ( and proud grandmother Anne)!

**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

**Evening of Song and Entertainment** Many thanks to all those involved in arranging a lovely evening of song and entertainment last Monday evening. The magnificent sum of £459 was raised for parish funds.

**Aid to the Church in Need** ( ACN ) Red Wednesday – 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 £547-94 { plus Direct Debits ). Sick & Retired Clergy £620 – many thanks for such a generous response; St John Kemble – £46-30. Sick & Retired £15-80. **Many thanks to the Parish Guild** for the donation of £500 toward the cost of the new carpet which is now fully paid for. Many thanks. **Second Collection next weekend** to support our own SVP Group in their Christmas outreach to those in need locally. Please give generously.

**Cancer Challenge Singers** On **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 now available £5 – ( please see Angela or Geraint ) to support Cancer Challenge. Make a note in your diary!

**Childrens' Christmas Party** in the Hall from **2-00p.m. to 5-00 p.m.** ( note change of time) on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December**. Please make another note in your diary!

**Christmas Raffle.** Books of Raffle tickets are now available from the back of the church. It would be appreciated if you could take ( and sell ) as many tickets as possible. **Great prizes!** Please return stubs & money to Peter or put in the Christmas Draw Box at the back of the church. Donations of raffle prizes gratefully received. Please see Peter.

**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.

**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, 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.

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