

TWELFTH SUNDAY – 21st JUNE 2026

“ 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). Come, Holy Spirit!

“ Come, Holy Spirit and renew the hearts of the faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit, O Lord, and they shall be created and You will renew the face of the earth. O God, Who hast taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit, we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Mass this Sunday (21st June) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's) Sion Parry Evans (RIP); 10-30 a.m. Kamshalini Sivarupan (RIP) (The family)

Weekday Mass Times (Wednesday 24th June – Solemnity Birth of St. John the Baptist) (St. Joseph's) 9-30 a.m. John Smith (RIP) (Kathleen & Sandra); 11-00 a.m. (St. John Kemble) Nancy Nedza (RIP) (Bella & Reg); Thursday (25th) (St. Joseph's) 9-30 a.m. Joseph family (RIP) and All Souls (Sebastian Joseph).

Mass next Sunday (Sunday 28th June) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's) Ann Orchard (RIP) (Maureen & Sandra); Sunday 10-30 a.m. Clement & Milly Earle (RIP) (Des).

Twelfth Sunday - Psalm Response “ In Your great mercy, answer me, O Lord ” (Sunday - Year A; Daily Mass Readings – Year II; Daily Office - Week 4)

Readers: This Sunday (21st June) 6-00 p.m. Sian Loynes; 10-30 a.m. Bethan Lee; **Next Sunday** (28th June) 6-00 p.m. Maureen McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Tommy Parel.

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 (!!).

Muriel Hayes (RIP) Please remember Muriel in your prayers. Muriel and Pat were regular members here in St. Joseph's before moving to Leicestershire a few years ago. Muriel's Funeral Service is at St. Mary's Church, 39 Ewenny Road, Bridgend at 11-00 a.m. this Friday 26th June followed by interment at Bridgend Cemetery at 12-30 p.m. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

Candles: Sacred Heart – Ancilla Carmel Orchard (RIP); Our Lady – Muriel Hayes (RIP); St. Joseph – Ukraine, Sudan & the Middle East.

Anniversaries Marjorie Francis (2014); Karen Hardie (2024); Neil Davies (2006); Marcus Flynn (2006); Maureen Gough (2012); Gaynor Pickrell (2024). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them May they rest in peace. Amen*

Congratulations to Lorna Halloran celebrating her 90th birthday this weekend. Prayers & best wishes.

International Food Tasting Festival! after the 10-30 a.m. Mass on **NEXT SUNDAY** 28th June – **by ticket only.** Tickets from Nora or Brenda - £10. Please sign up on the list at the back of the church – your name, if you are able to provide food, numbers of adults & children.

Catholic (Teaching) C.D. and D.V.D. Library If you would like to borrow a C.D. or D.V.D. please write your name, the name of the CD/DVD you are borrowing and the date out/returned in the book provided (in the Lady Chapel).

The School The Parish Guild have very generously donated £500 to the school for the purchase of books. Many thanks. Donations to the school for essential items gratefully received.

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You Tube "Protestants become Catholics when they hear this" & " Why Jesus said His Body is real food"(Isabel).

Catholic Catechesis If you are thinking and praying about the possibility of being received into the Catholic Church, we shall meet for teaching and instruction after the 10-30 a.m. Mass each Sunday. These will be short informal sessions before joining others in the Parish Hall for refreshments afterwards.

Parish Discussion Group The group to discuss Archbishop Mark's Mission Plan for individuals, parishes and the Diocese will start **this Monday 22nd** June at 7-00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend as many sessions as you want.

First Holy Communion We hope soon to begin classes which will take place at 9-30 a.m. in the Parish Hall before the Sunday morning Mass. Names to be submitted for consideration to Fr. Neil. Please note, regular attendance at Mass is an essential part of preparation for First Holy Communion. (Thus far, no names have been received).

St. Vincent de Paul Art Competition. Our own parish S.V.P. are inaugurating an Art Competition (for all ages) to design cards to be sent out to the housebound reflecting the theme of " God's Creation – our wonderful world". Please see notice at the back of the church for further details. Entries by **NEXT WEEKEND** (28th June).

Relaunched Instagram Page – " **Emmaus Catholic Youth**" for regular comments, content and updates.

Diocesan Youth Events (i) Pilgrimage to St.David's Pembrokeshire Saturday 19th July. (ii) Summer Camp August 5th to 9th (iii) World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea. For these and information on other Diocesan Youth events, meetings and activities contact youth@cardiffmenevia.org If you are interested in attending any of these event please contact Fr.Matt and the parish will help with costs, fares expenses etc Think about it!

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

Parish Safeguarding see SafeguardingatStJosephsNeath@proton.me to contact Mrs Anne Guest our Parish Safeguarding Representative – also the Diocesan Team safeguarding@rcadc.org

Last Sunday's Collection: St. Joseph's £410-11 (plus Direct Debits). St. John Kemble £67-00. Many thanks.

Second Collection Next Sunday (28th) DAY FOR Life under the theme, " The Wonder of Life in the Womb" see www.dayforlife.org supporting organisations that promote respect for life from conception to natural death.

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 and Luke, 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, Angela Healey., Mark Thomas, Siobhan Fitchett, Jane Smith, Donie O'Connell, Dennis Huxtable, Colin Mulligan, Sheila Morgan, Mary Bowen, Kay Mead, Deacon Jim. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

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 aguest77@yahoo.com or Pat O'Connell for a visit from the Legion of Mary.

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

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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