

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 23rd June 2024

“ 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 (23rd June – 11th Sunday) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St.Joseph’s) Paul & Alan Cameron (RIP) (Betty & Roger Horton); 10-30 a.m. Clement & Milly Earle (RIP) (Des).

Ava Harris We look forward to receiving Ava into the full communion of the Catholic Church at our 10-30 a.m. Mass this Sunday morning. Ava has been a regular member attending Mass with her grandmother, Gizella. Please keep Ava in your prayers.

Weekday Mass Times Wednesday (26th June) (St. Joseph’s) 9-30 a.m. Maureen & Jack Lewis (RIP) (Mary Addis) (St. John Kemble) 11-00 a.m. Ukraine & Israel/Gaza (Peace); Thursday (20th) 9-30 a.m. Raymond Clancy (RIP) (Paula & Adrian); Friday (28th) 9-30 a.m. Sheila Penry (RIP.) (S.J.P.G.).

Mass Intentions next Sunday (30th June) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph’s) Paul & Alan Cameron (RIP) (Betty & Roger Horton); Sunday 10-30 a.m. Teresa Diez Fernandez (RIP) (Isabel & Peter).

Readers: This Sunday (23rd) 6-00p.m. Patrick McAteer; 10-30a.m. Tommy Parel. **Next Sunday** (30th) 6-00 p.m. Mandy Smith; 10-30 a.m. Sheila Williams.

Candles: Sacred Heart – Sick & Housebound (Sp. Int.); Our Lady – Ukraine & Israel/Gaza (Peace); St. Joseph – General Election

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Raymond Clifford (2000); Cyril Jones (2006); Neil Davies (2006); Bronislaw Koziel (2003); Marcus Flynn (2006); Maureen Gough (2012); David Moran (2000); William Worth (2003); Patrick Russell (2005); Annie Tyrell (2007); Don Thomas (2009). *.Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Wedding Bells! Congratulations and all good wishes to Laura Mayers and Christopher Michael to be married here in St. Joseph’s on Saturday 20th July. Please keep Laura & Chris in your prayers.

Forth Coming Event! St. Joseph’s Parish Guild and parishioners **International Food Extravaganza** – next Sunday (30th June) following the 10-30 a.m. Mass. All tickets now sold! (**Please note** - In order to set up the tables and facilitate use of the kitchen there will not be the usual tea/coffee after Mass next Sunday).

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 & Bridie Johnson, Julie, Stephen & Jason Saunders, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna and Joe O’Brien, Margaret Jeffrey, Marion Brocksopp., Marlene John, Pat Day, Daniel John, David Reynolds, Adrian Macpherson-Jones, Roger Horton, Kath Davies, Robert Minty, David Hoy, leuan & Susan Evans, Gaynor Pickrell, Michael Mead, Paul Leaker, Sid Leaker, Karen Hardie. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

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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.

Holy Hour Sunday 7th July (3-00 to 4-00 p.m.) An opportunity to pray for the country following the General Election result and to continue to pray for God's blessing on us as a parish and a deepening of our own prayer lives as we seek " a closer walk with God ".

General Election Please pick up a leaflet from SPUC from the back of the church – you can email candidates standing for election by visiting righttolife.org.uk/bothlives (see poster). See also the Bishops' Conference website at www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. David & St. Non's Saturday 7th September led by Archbishop Mark. Visit St David's at 12-00 p.m. followed by short walk to St. Non's. See poster or contact Dominic 07564214217 for more information.

Church Roof Repairs & Security Cameras We have had the go-ahead to proceed with repairs & enhanced security. The lead roofing will be completely removed and replaced with terne-coated steel (plus additional repairs) at a cost of £11,520, of which we hope our insurers will cover the cost of repairing the initial damage of £ 4, 920 (further reduced by the onward sale of the lead). A high quality security system covering the three buildings and the road outside will cost £5,495 + VAT. All donations gratefully received.

Social Media Training for Parishes A series of workshops for anyone who may be interested live through zoom to help understand the fundamentals of social media from 6 to 8 p.m. on Mondays 24th June, 8th July & 31st July. Please contact Alun John (Archdiocese of Cardiff) on 029 2037 9487 or alunjohn@rcadc.org for further information and how to register.

Catholic/Menevia Youth Are you 14 – 18 years old (School Years 9 to 13)? Do you want to spend some time getting to know other young catholics? The Cardiff and Menevia Youth Council is offering you the opportunity for a few days away in beautiful St. David's, Pembrokeshire, to relax, pray, talk, walk, eat and have fun together from Wednesday 24th – Sunday 28th July joined by Archbishop Mark for a few nights. The cost £250 for four nights at St. David's Bunkhouses including coach travel and all meals. More information from youth@rcadc.org If you are interested please contact the Youth Council to make the arrangements. The parish will contribute £200 to your costs. Please have a word with Fr.Neil if interested

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.

NHS Home Eye Tests. To book your home visit call 0800 915 6280 (free call). QUOTE JWP or go on line to outsideclinic.co.uk/JWP. These are the same contact details to arrange a home hearing test.

Legion of Mary Every Tuesday evening at 4-45 p.m. in the Hall. New members very welcome. Please come along.

Parish Coffee Morning Every Thursday from 10-00 a.m. to 11-00 a.m.

Last Sunday's Collection: £438-04 (plus Direct Debits)- Day for Life £131-96. St.John Kemble £37-38 – Day for Life £11-00. Many thanks.

Second Collection Next Sunday (30th June) **Peter's Pence** in support of the Holy See.

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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