

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 25th June 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”*

Mass Intentions this Sunday (25th June) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St.John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00p.m. (St. Joseph's) Hilary Hipkin (RIP) (Charles Hipkin); 10-30 a.m. Deceased members of May Family (RIP)(The Family).

Weekday Mass Intentions Wednesday (28th June) No 9-30 a.m. MASS – see 6-00 p.m. 11-00 a.m. (St. John Kemble) Rose Castaldi (RIP); (St. Joseph's) 6-00 p.m. VIGIL MASS John Mahoney (RIP) (Governors); Thursday (29th June - St.Peter & St.Paul) 9-30 a.m (St. Joseph's) **SCHOOL MASS** Mgr. Joe Cefai (Sp. Int).

Mass Intentions next Sunday (2nd July) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m.(St. Joseph's) Muriel & Gerald Richards, Yvonne & infant (RIP) (Annette, Philip & Paul); Sunday 10-30 a.m. Teresa Diez Fernandez (RIP) (Isabel & Peter).

Readers: This Sunday (25th June) 6-00 p.m. Maureen McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Bernadette Payne. Next Sunday (2nd July) 6-00 p.m. Ceri McAteer; 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 – Ben (Sp.Int); Our Lady – Maureen Lewis; St. Joseph – David Ejimofor (RIP).

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Cyril Jones (2005); 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); Delia Lewis (2008); Ann Leavy (2013); Tess Court (2021). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

David Ejimofor (RIP) Our deepest sympathies to the family and to pupils and staff at St. Joseph's School and Church, Port Talbot, on the tragic death of David whose family regularly attend Mass. Please also keep in your prayers friends of David attending with us here in St. Joseph's.

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.

Parish Safe-Guarding. Safe guarding of children and vulnerable adults is of the highest priority. We are very grateful to Mrs Anne Guest who has taken on the role of Parish Safe-Guarding Officer. Anne will be reviewing and up-dating the paperwork of all those who work with (or visit) children and vulnerable adults on behalf of the parish. If you have any concerns about safe-guarding issues, Anne can be contacted on 07741283098.

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

Reception in to the Catholic Church A few people have expressed an interest in being received in to the Catholic Church. If you are thinking about this please have a word with Fr. Neil.

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First Holy Communion Classes Please keep in your prayers – Ieuan Rees, Noah Wheatley, George Challenger, Henri Afolabi, Kaitlin Edwards, Keris Edwards, Bella Tariq, Luke Tariq The date of the First Holy Communion Mass will be dependent on progress (and attendance) at the classes. We take a break for the summer after next Sunday (2nd July). Many thanks to Carolyn, Elaine and Mary for their hardwork and commitment to the children.

Holy Baptism Please remember in your prayers Millie Weaver who will be baptised into the Church next Saturday afternoon..

Last Sunday's Collection: St. Joseph's £314-80 (plus Direct Debits) – a further donation of £100 toward the purchase of a defibulator (see below); St John Kemble – £26-00. Many thanks.

Second Collection this weekend is the annual Day for Life collection in support of the pro-life ministry of the Church. Next weekend the Peter's Pence collection in support of the Holy See.

Defibulator We are planning to purchase a Defibulator to be situated on the presbytery wall halfway between the church and the hall. The purchase, installation, maintenance and training for use will come to approx. £1,700. We hope to obtain a grant of £200 are also very grateful for a further donation of £100 making a total, thus far, of £1,167-56. Many thanks. Further donations gratefully received. We are looking for as many volunteers as possible (up to a maximum of 45) to receive brief training on the emergency use of the defibulator. Please sign up on the list at the back of the church. Many thanks.

Church Floor We hope to arrange for the sanding and polishing of the wooden floor of the church and the installation of new carpets. We are very grateful for the donation of £1,000 toward the cost of the carpet and the three quotations we have received for the sanding & polishing of the floor are all in the region of £7,000. We hope the work can be carried out the week beginning the 21st August and we are very grateful for the donation of £1,000 towards the cost of this project. Further donations gratefully received.

Garden Stations of the Cross We are grateful to four families who have expressed the wish to donate a Station of the Cross in memory of loved ones. These will be erected after the playground border has been properly prepared with flowers and shrubs – possibly by the summer of 2024. The cost, as yet, is uncertain depending on the size and design but if you would like to donate a Station (or garden bench) please have a word with Fr. Neil.

Catholic Universe Newspaper. Having gone on-line for a while, the Universe is now once again available as a "hard-copy" newspaper. If you would like to take out a regular subscription (£3-50 per week) please give your name to Sheila. A minimum order of five copies is required. Eight have so far expressed an interest. **Last opportunity this weekend.**

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, Geraint Jones, Fr. Neil, Pat Day, Daniel John. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

Whispering in Mass (!!) After receiving Holy Communion, whilst the priest is clearing the Altar, there is the opportunity to reflect in quiet prayer on the Person whose Holy Communion we have received. Recently (especially in the Vigil Mass) some have taken this time to have whispered conversations – which is extremely disturbing to the devotions of others (and to the priest). Prayerful participation and devotion is to be offered by all those present through the whole celebration of the Mass without breaking away from the Mass for whispered conversations!

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