

## The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 24th September 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** ( 24<sup>th</sup> September ) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. ( St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's ) Laurence Macpherson- Jones (RIP) and Adrian ( 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday ). **Sunday** 10-30 a.m. S.V.P. Members ( Sp.Int.)

**Weekday Mass Intentions** Wednesday ( 27<sup>th</sup> ) 9-30 a.m. Martin Rees ( Special Intention) 11-00 a.m.( St. John Kemble ) Fr. Gregory Beckett ( Sp. Int. ); Thursday (28<sup>th</sup>) 11-30 a.m. Funeral Mass – Ann Williams (RIP); Friday (29<sup>th</sup>) 9-30 a.m. **School Harvest Mass** Norman Evans (RIP) ( J.Evans ).

**Mass Intentions next Sunday** ( 1<sup>st</sup> October ) **Saturday 4-00 p.m.** ( St.John Kemble) Parish & People; **6-00p.m.** Mary Lehane (RIP) ( Brendan ); **Sunday 10-30 a.m.** Luisa Tambini (RIP) ( Tambini family ).

**Ann Williams (RIP)** Please remember Ann in your prayers and Lesley and the family at this time. Ann's Funeral Mass will be this Thursday ( 28<sup>th</sup> ) at 11-30 a.m. here in St.Joseph's followed by interment at Llantwit Cemetery at 1-00 p.m. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

**Harvest Sunday NEXT WEEKEND** Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Gifts of non-perishable food items gratefully received to be placed around the Altar for distribution to those in need. **Also the CAFOD Harvest Collection.**

**Mass Intentions** Please note, weekend Mass intentions are already reserved into the middle of December and weekday Mass intentions into November. 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.

**Readers:** **This Sunday** (24<sup>th</sup>) 6-00p.m. Paula Macpherson-Jones. 10-30 a.m. Bethan Lee. **Next Sunday** ( 1<sup>st</sup> ) 6-00 p.m. Sian Loynes. 10-30 a.m. Tommy Parel.**Please take the opportunity to arrive early and look at (and prepare) the readings beforehand. Thank you.**

**Candles:** Sacred Heart – Norman Evans (RIP); Our Lady – Ben ( Thanksgiving. ); St. Joseph – Annie & William Cochrane (RIP).

**Anniversaries:** Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Michael Walsh (2009); Alfred Stanley (2006); Claire Rudden (2014); Patricia Evans (2007); Alice McCabe (2007). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**Cleaning Team – St. John Kemble** It is proposed that once a month - after the first Wednesday Mass each month? we group clean the church – and have fish 'n chips afterwards!! If acceptable, our first session will be after Mass on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October ( St. Francis ).

**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

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**Defibrillator** The Defibrillator has now been installed. Thank you to all those who have signed up for one of the training sessions. We hope to offer one of three possible time slots for this training session to be held in the Parish Hall – dates to be announced. Thank you to all who have generously donated to the purchase which has raised the magnificent sum of £2,037-56. Many thanks.

**Legion of Mary** Every Tuesday evening at 6-00 p.m. in the Hall. New members very welcome. Please come along.

**Legion of Mary Retreat Day** Holy Cross, Gendros, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 10-30 a.m. to 3-30 p.m. Talks by Fr. Cyril and Fr. Gregory. All welcome. Please see poster for further details

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

**Parish Charity Evening** Many thanks to the Parish Guild and to the Hall Committee for a very pleasant and successful evening last Monday evening and to the Water Wheel Singers. The magnificent sum of £528 was raised for the Hall and for the Church. Many thanks.

**First Holy Communion Classes** each Sunday in the Parish Hall 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 date of the First Holy Communion Mass will be dependent on progress (and attendance) at the classes. Many thanks to Carolynn, Elaine and Mary for their hardwork and commitment to the children.

**Wedding Bells!** Congratulations to Danielle McAteer and Clifford Williams who will be married here in St. Joseph's on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Please remember them in your prayers.

**Congratulations** to Ceri and Alwyn on the birth of Kenny brother to Lincoln. Please remember the family in your prayers.

**Last Sunday's Collection:** St. Joseph's £437-78 ( plus Direct Debits ) – Home Missions ( £90-15 ). **St John Kemble** – £47-00 – Home Missions (£15-00). Many thanks. **Second Collection** This Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> – Our Parish S.V.P. Group. **Next Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October** – CAFOD Harvest Collection ( and our Harvest Festival ).

**MacMillan Coffee Morning** ( and regular Parish Coffee morning ) This Thursday 28 September 10-00 a.m.

**Christmas Shoe Box Appeal!** For those wishing to take part in this appeal we have just a few weeks left before the shoe boxes are to be delivered to the local organisers. There are still some leaflets at the back of the church, or if you wish to donate, **a member of the S.V.P. will make up a box on your behalf.** Thank you.

**The S.V.P** The St. Joseph's SVP Conference's main work is supporting house-bound fellow parishioners. If you know of anyone who would appreciate our support or a visit – and gives their permission for us to approach them, or if you would like to join us in our work, please contact Anne Guest on 07741283098 and leave a message. Thank you.

**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, George McIntyre, David Reynolds, Ian Thompson, Adrian Macpherson-Jones. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

**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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