

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 22nd October 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 (22nd October) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's) Stephen Hopkins (RIP) (Lorna & Joe O'Brien). **Sunday** 10-30 a.m. Pamela Cundall (RIP) (Anne & family).

Weekday Mass Intentions Wednesday (25th) (No 9-30 or 11-00 a.m. Mass) 12-30 p.m. **Funeral Mass:** Ian Thompson (RIP); Thursday (26th) 9-30 a.m. Janet Jones (RIP) (Geraint Jones); Friday (27th) 9-30 a.m. Stephen Hopkins (RIP) (Lorna & Joe O'Brien) followed by “**Holy Hour for Peace**” (from 10-00 to 11-00 a.m.) in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Pope Francis has asked for all churches (and people of good will) to set aside one hour on 27th to pray for peace in the Middle East, Ukraine and throughout the world.

Mass Intentions next Sunday (29th October) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. (St.John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00p.m. Brenise Derrick (RIP) (Mary Bowen) – **CLOCKS CHANGE** (fall back one hour) - **Sunday** 10-30 a.m. Shaun Elias (RIP) (The Family).

Ian Thompson (RIP) Ian's Funeral Mass will take place here in St. Joseph's this Wednesday 25th October at 12-30 p.m. followed by interment at Oystermouth Cemetery at 2-15 p.m. The Coffin will be received into the church at 5-00 p.m. on Tuesday evening. Please remember Ian in your prayers and the family at this time. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

Fr. Tony Cullen (RIP) Fr. Tony died on Sunday 1st October. Fr. Tony was for a short time Assistant-Priest here at St.Joseph's in the 1980s. His Funeral Mass will be on Friday 3rd November at 10-00 a.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes in Swansea followed by interment at 12-15 p.m. at Morrision Cemetery. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

Readers: This Sunday (22nd) 6-00 p.m. Gerald Smith; 10-30 a.m. Peter Buckingham. Next Sunday (29th) 6-00p.m.Ceri McAteer; 10-30a.m. Stephen Evans. **Please take the opportunity to arrive early and look at (and prepare) the readings beforehand. Thank you.**

Candles: Sacred Heart – Ian Thompson (RIP.); Our Lady – Anne Williams (RIP); St. Joseph – Maureen Kirby.

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Dina Davies (2013); Therese Hughes (2000); Janet Jones (2017); Max Russel (2005); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

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.

Volunteers please Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with the cleaning of the church on a four week rota. Please see the rota at the back of the church. Please add your name at the bottom of the page if you also are able to help. Many thanks.

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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

Defibrillator The Defibrillator has now been installed. Thank you to all those who have signed up for one of the training sessions. **PLEASE SIGN UP FOR TRAINING** on the forms at the back of the church. There are two further training sessions available. **THIS THURSDAY 26th October** 2-00 p.m. and at **6-30 p.m** (please note this change to a later time for those unable to attend a training session earlier in the day).

Last Sunday's Collection: St. Joseph's £346-90 (plus Direct Debits). Many thanks for the further donation of £1,000 toward the cost of the new carpet. All donations very gratefully received. **St John Kemble – £48-00** (On average, our collections have dropped quite considerably at St. John Kemble in recent months).

Second Collection Next Sunday (29th October) World Mission Sunday – to collect funds to support Catholic communities across the world experiencing poverty and turmoil. **Sunday (5th November)** Sick& Retired Clergy.

Evening of Song and Entertainment The Parish Hall Committee are holding an evening of Song & Entertainment on **Monday 6th November** in the Parish Hall 6-30 p.m. for 7-00 p.m. With Christine Lee Jones (Stars in their Eyes, T.V & Radio personality) Buffet included. Cost £7-50. Also, Bingo & Raffle (not included!!) See Angela Healey or Peter Buckingham for tickets. Book now!

Cancer Care Charity Singers On **Sunday 17th December** to begin our celebration of Christmas, a Service of Christmas Carols & Readings at 5-00 p.m. here in St. Joseph's. Make a note in your diary!

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.

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 First Holy Communion Mass will take place at the 10-30 a.m. Mass on **Sunday 19th November.** (No class next Sunday – 29th). Many thanks to Carolyn, Elaine and Mary for their hard work and commitment to the children.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal This Sunday Mrs Glenys Jones from the Organisation will collect the boxes from the Parish Hall after the 10-30a.m. Mass and give a brief talk on how and why and to whom your gifts are distributed. Thank you for all your support in this Christmas Appeal. So far about **150** (!) boxes of Christmas gifts have been donated (including about 40 boxes from St. Joseph's Secondary School) Many thanks for such generosity and thoughtfulness and thanks also to Angela for all the hard work organising the collection and distribution of the gifts.

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, Adrian Macpherson-Jones. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

FOOD BANK Please leave donations to the Neath Food Bank at the back of the church - the products Food Banks need most: Tinned veg (peas and sweetcorn); tinned tuna and mackerel; brown, basmati and long grain rice; pulses (eg: kidney beans and chickpeas); grains (eg: couscous); easy cook noodles; tinned fruit (eg: pineapple slices); wholegrain cereals (eg: wheat biscuits); oat drinks and UHT milk. THANK YOU!

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2023 Christmas Shoe Box Appeal



186 Boxes