

Twenty - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13th October 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 (13th October) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St.Joseph’s) Marion O’Grady (RIP) (Brendan); 10-30 a.m. Stuart Michael (RIP) (The family).

Weekday Mass Times Wednesday (16th October) 9-30 a.m. (St. Joseph’s) Anthony Stephens (RIP) (The family) 11-00 a.m. (St. John Kemble) Avril Rundle (RIP) (Grant); Thursday (17th) – 9-30 a.m. Karin Edwards (RIP); Friday (18th) 9-30 a.m. Eileen Cahill (RIP) (James & Glenda Cahill).

Mass Intentions next Sunday (20th October) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph’s) George Johnson (RIP) (Donie, Pat & family); **Sunday** 10-30 a.m. Pamela Cundall (RIP) (Anne Guest & family)

Readers: This Sunday (13th) 6-00 p.m. Patrick McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Mary Walker. **Next Sunday** (20th) 6-00 p.m. Sian Loynes; 10-30 a.m. Bethan Lee.

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 (!!).

Candles: Sacred Heart – Keith Evans (RIP); Our Lady – Norman Evans (RIP); St. Joseph – David Jones & Family

Anniversaries Valerie Gall (2008); Patrick Lyons (2011); Helen Culpan (2011); Stuart Michael (2022); Anthony Stephens (2014); Thomas Hansen (2019); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Security Cameras are now in place around the church, house and hall. Please be aware (!) that you are on camera when approaching the presbytery and entering and leaving the church and parish hall (!).

S.V.P. Christmas Appeal Once again the conference will be supporting the shoe box appeal for Romania, Serbia and Ukraine. There are leaflets at the back of the church, please read them carefully and only include the items specified. If you would like a pre-decorated shoe box please see Angela. Closing date for shoeboxes is no later than the 26/27 October. Glenys Jones coordinator of the appeal will once again collect all shoebox donations on Sunday 27th October after the 10-30 a.m. Mass. We thank you for all your support in making this appeal a huge success. To date we have received around 60 boxes and expect more from the schools. Our appreciation to all.

Entertainment Concert Evening Monday 21st October 6-30 for 7-00 p.m. An evening of entertainment with popular singer Christine Lee Jones. Tickets £8 includes light refreshments with tea & coffee. In addition bingo and a raffle will be organised. Proceeds toward the Hall repairs. Tickets available from Angela, Sheila & Peter.

Legion of Mary Retreat Saturday 26th October at St. David’s Priory, Swansea, starting at 10-30 a.m. Talk by Fr Jude followed by Exposition/Confession, Mass, Lunch (please bring a packed lunch), Rosary, closing Talk by Fr. Jude. Finish at 3-00 p.m. See poster for further details. All are welcome.

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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Catholic Mothers South Wales An initiative from Fr. Andrzej (Margam). Are you a Catholic mother interested in learning about and deepening your faith whilst creating a fellowship of like-minded mothers in a relaxed and child-friendly environment? Monthly meetings on the first Monday of each month at Our Lady of Margam from 12 midday to 1-00 p.m. (see www.margamcatholic.com and the poster) – followed by the first Monday of each month. All welcome. Refreshments will be provided. Spacious free car park. **Play and Pray Group:** A free group runs in the Community Hall before the meeting from 9-30 a.m. to 11-00 a.m. for all children and parents. All are welcome!

Wedding Bells Congratulations and all good wishes to Victoria Grant and Christopher Jeffers who will be married here in St. Joseph's on Saturday 2nd November. Please remember Victoria and Chris in your prayers.

FOOD BANK - PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING 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!**

Training Days (i) **For Ministers of Holy Communion** – at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Mumbles, Saturday 12 October and 19 October 11-00 a.m. to 1-00 p.m. Please bring a packed lunch. (ii) **For Readers** – at Sacred Heart, Morrision Saturday 25 October 11-00 a.m. to 1-00 p.m. (Rosary 10-15 a.m. and Mass 10-30 a.m.

The Church Hall is available for private heir. If anyone is interested in booking the venue please contct Angela Healey on 01792 424168 or 07708105147

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

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

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, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna and Joe O'Brien, Margaret Jeffrey, Marion Brocksopp., Marlene John, Pat Day, Daniel John, David and Nora Reynolds, Adrian Macpherson-Jones, Roger Horton, Kath Davies, Susan Evans, Paul Leaker, Sid Leaker. 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 07741283098 or Pat O'Connell for a visit from the Legion of Mary.

Programme of Works Work has now been completed on repairing the church roof, repairing two church radiators and installing a new gas boiler in the presbytery. Security cameras have now been installed. Further works include repairing the fascia boards and guttering/roof and installing a new gas boiler at the hall and resurfacing the driveway. All donations very gratefully received.

Last Sunday's Collection: £376-80 (plus Direct Debits) CAFOD £228-42. St.John Kemble £32-00 and CAFOD £22. Many thanks.

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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