

## Twenty - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 22nd September 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** ( 22nd September ) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. ( St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph’s ) Eileen & Bill Whiting (RIP) ( Sheila & David ); **Sunday** 10-30 a.m. “an end to the killing of the unborn” ( Isabel ).

**Weekday Mass Times** Wednesday ( 25<sup>th</sup> September ) 9-30 a.m. [ St. Joseph’s ) Deborah Messer (RIP) ( Peter & Isabel ); 11-00 a.m. ( St. John Kemble) **No Mass.** Thursday (26<sup>th</sup>) 9-30 a.m. Hilary Russell (RIP) ( Donie, Pat & family ); Friday ( 27<sup>th</sup> St. Vincent de Paul ) 9-30 a.m. Parish S.V.P. Group.

**Mass Intentions next Sunday** ( 29th September ) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. ( St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. ( St.Joseph’s ) Gaynor Pickrell (RIP) ( Elias family ); 10-30 a.m. Parish S.V.P. Group.

**Readers: This Sunday** ( 22<sup>nd</sup> ) 6-00 p.m. Ceri McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Stephen Evans. **Next Sunday** (29<sup>th</sup>) 6-00 p.m. Gerald Smith; 10-30 a.m. Des Nicholas.

**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 – Michael McAteer (RIP); Our Lady – Margaret and Gaynor Pickrell (RIP); St. Joseph – The Middle East ( Peace ).

**Anniversaries** Michael Walsh ( 2009); Alfred Stanley (2006); Claire Rudden (2014);. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**Parish S.V.P. Retreat** Next Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September at St. John Kemble 2-00 p.m. for refreshments; 2-30 to 3-30 p.m. Retreat followed by Mass at 4-00 p.m. All welcome.

**McMillan Coffee Morning** will be held in the parish hall this Thursday 26 September from 10-00 a.m. to Midday. Donations of cakes would be appreciated. Please see Sheila or Marie. Thankyou.

**The Annual SVP Matthew Mulcahy Sponsored Walk** is taking place next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September. SVP members are walking from Brangwyn Hall at 2-00 p.m. to Our Lady Star of the Sea where we will have refreshments before the return walk. Sponsor forms are at the back of the church and any parishioners who would like to join us are more than welcome. All funds raised will go to the South Sudan baby feeding project. Many thanks in advance for your support. ( Parish SVP Group )

**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.

**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? **First Monthly Meeting** – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October at Our Lady of Margam from 12 midday to 1-00 p.m. ( see [www.margamcatholic.com](http://www.margamcatholic.com) and the poster) – followed by the first Monday of each month. **Study:** “ Divine Mercy for Moms. Sharing the Lessons of St.Faustina” led by Michele Faehnie and Emily Jaminet. **Children:** All welcome. Refreshments will be provided. **Parking:** 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!

**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.

**Fr. Neil** will be continuing his treatment this week. Thank you for your prayers. Please remember all those undergoing treatment and in hospital at this time ( see list of the Sick & Housebound above ).

**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.

**Neath Abbey Tours** by Bill Zajac This weekend Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> & Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10-00 a.m. to 11-30 a.m. and from 2-00 p.m. to 3-30 p.m. Take the opportunity to explore the Catholic history of Neath!

**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.

**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!**

**Harvest Sunday** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Offertory gifts of tinned food and dry-foods ( see list above ) gratefully received for Neath Food Bank and the homeless. Second Collection CAFOD Harvest Collection.

**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, Morriston Saturday 25 October 11-00 a.m. to 1-00 p.m. ( Rosary 10-15 a.m. and Mass 10-30 a.m.

**Second Collection. Next Sunday** ( 29<sup>th</sup> September ) for our own **S.V.P. Group**. CAFOD Harvest Collection Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

**Last Sunday’s Collection:** £572 -12 ( plus Direct Debits ) and further generous donations of £1,000 (anon) to church funds, and £300 and £1,000 and £1,000 (anon) to the Hall roof fund. All donations gratefully received. Many thanks. Home Missions t.b.a. St.John Kemble £40-00 and £12 for Home Missions.

**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 will be installed around the church, presbytery and hall from 8<sup>th</sup> October 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.

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