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The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 3rd October 2021

The Year of St. Joseph A daily prayer to St. Joseph. *“Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became a man. Blessed St. Joseph, to us too, show yourself to be a father, and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen”*

Mass Intentions this Sunday (3rd October) HARVEST WEEKEND **Saturday** (St John Kemble) 4-00 p.m. Parish & People; (St. Joseph's) 6-00p.m. Edna McAteer (RIP) (Kathleen & family); **Sunday** 8-00 a.m. Tess Court (RIP) (John & Fiona Ludlow & family); 10-30a.m. Mary Burke (RIP) (Robert & Brenda).

Weekday Mass Intentions Tuesday (5th October) 6-30p.m. Annie & William Cochrane (RIP) (Jean Evans); Wednesday (6th) **St. Joseph's** 9-30a.m. Alan and Gill Boland (RIP) (Pat, Donie & family); **St. John Kemble** 11-00a.m. Anita O'Donnell (RIP.) (Bella & Reg); Thursday (7th October) 9-30a.m. Clare & Johnny Rudden (RIP) (John & Fiona Ludlow and family). Friday (8th) 9-30a.m. Memorial Requiem Mass – Sheila Manning (RIP).

Mass Intentions next Sunday (10th October) **Saturday** (St. John Kemble) 4-00p.m. Anita O'Donnell (RIP) (June, John & family); (St. Joseph's) 6-00p.m. Anthony Stevens (RIP) (Anna); **Sunday** 8-00a.m. Parish & People; 10-30a.m. Norman Evans (RIP) (Jean Evans).

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Carol Callaghan (2003); Bernard McCormack (2010); Mary Heffernan (2015); Andrew Vicari (2016); Peter Copping (2015); Joseph O'Connell (2006); Michael Malloy (2008); Stella Edgell (2014); Angela Dimaio (2020); Kenneth Whittington (2003); Tony Pickrell (2015). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Kevin Widlake (RIP) Please remember Kevin in your prayers and the family at this time. Kevin's Funeral Mass will take place here in St. Joseph's on Monday 4th October at 9-45a.m. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen*

Candles: Our Lady – Tony Melding (Good Health); The Sacred Heart – Kevin Halloran (Good Health); St. Joseph – COP26

Readers: **This Sunday** (3rd October) 6-00p.m. Sian Loynes; 8-00a.m. Gregory Page; 10-30a.m. Tommy Parel. **Next Sunday** (10th October) 6-00p.m. Nora Reynolds; 8-00a.m. Adrian & Paula Macpherson-Jones; 10-30a.m. Mary Walker.

Cleaning Teams. **This Sunday** (3rd October) 6-00p.m. Maralyn & Nora; 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30a.m. Joan & Anne. **Next Sunday** (10th October) 6-00p.m. Sian & Mary; 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30a.m. Volunteers please.

First Holy Communion Classes Please keep in your prayers as they prepare for their First Holy Communion Ronan Abell, Lucy Owen, Jack Challenger, Ava Mallows, Julia Karczynska, John Grabczewski, Amelia Tristram, Julia Kuligowska, Efan and Bodi Lewis, Drake and Juris Pascual, Shuyalini Sivarupan, Joseph Owen, Brendan Fitchett, Lowrie Smitham, Ivy Walters. **Attendance at Mass is an essential part of preparation** for receiving Holy Communion. Classes will take place at 9-30 a.m. in the Parish Hall before the Sunday 10-30 a.m. Mass.

This Sunday -Harvest Sunday – 3rd October (CAFOD Harvest Collection) **Donations to the Food Bank gratefully received.** Please look out for ways to pray, act and give to our brothers and sisters most in need. Please also take the small gift on offer from the basket! If you cannot plant a tree – plant a bulb! Please also take a copy of the **Novena of Prayer to St. Francis** (whose Feast Day is tomorrow – 4th October) as we continue to pray that we become better stewards of the earth's resources.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Climate Crisis Appeal Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. This Family Fast Day you can donate in the parish using a CAFOD envelope or online through the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis) and help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. You can also add your voice to our online petition calling for the Prime Minister to take the lead in tackling the climate crisis, cafod.org.uk/climate And thank you for your generosity for our emergency appeals to support our sisters and brothers in crisis in Afghanistan and Haiti. You can read more about CAFOD's response at cafod.org.uk/emergencies.

COP26 1ST- 12TH November This year the U.K will host the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil - the COP26 climate talks in Glasgow. Please keep this Summit in your prayers, that world leaders will decisively address the very urgent concerns that threaten to destabilise and undermine all our futures to the detriment of the whole planet. CAFOD offers this prayer which can be prayed daily in preparation for the success of the Summit,

" Loving God, we praise Your Name with all You have created. You are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of creatures. We acknowledge the responsibilities You have placed upon us as stewards of Your creation. May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society. Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the poorest and most vulnerable, and commit their nations to the care of our Common Home. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen".

"St Joseph's Parish, Neath: a Short History" (actually, 48 pages!) We are very excited to announce the publication of this History of St.Joseph's - the fruition of several years of research and hard work by our two archivists Alan Boland (RIP) and Sandra Davies. We hope to launch the publication at the Saturday Vigil Mass on Saturday 16th October when copies will be available for sale at the remarkable price of only £5-00 a copy (48 pages including colour photographs). If you wish to reserve a copy (an initial print run of only 100 copies) for yourself (and an excellent Christmas gift – especially for family & friends who now live away from the parish) please have a word with Sandra or Fr.Neil. We are very grateful to Alan and Sandra for indexing and securing the Parish Archives in the parish office which can be used for further reference in the future. Any further donations (of documents and photographs etc) to the Archive will be gratefully received.

Please Note If you wish to reserve a particular date or day for a Mass Intention, please note that Saturday and Sunday Masses and weekday Masses are already reserved for a particular intention **until the middle of November**. Please think several months ahead if you would like to reserve a particular date (or nearest date). Thank you.

The Sacrament of Confession Fr. Neil will be available to hear confessions from 5-30 p.m. before the Saturday Vigil Mass. Please arrive in plenty of time. Confessions can be either face-to-face or use the privacy of the cubicle. (Please sanitize the cubicle when leaving). **Confession can also take place at other Mass times** (including weekdays). During the four weeks of **Advent** (provided pandemic restrictions are not re-imposed) there will be four **Holy Hours with the Sacrament of Confession** to enable those who have felt unable to attend the Sacrament of Confession during the pandemic to return to the Sacrament.

Second Collections This weekend (3rd October) **CAFOD Harvest Collection**. Many thanks for the collections last weekend – St.Joseph's £306-78 and £447-09 (Parish SVP); St.John Kemble £83-00 and £13 (Parish SVP).

DOMSEC Livestreamed Events in 2021 A full programme of (over 25) events! See www.domsec.org.uk or www.ourladystaroftheseamumbles.org.uk to access the livestreams and click "Livestream" on the menu bar. **Tuesdays 6-30p.m. – 8-30p.m. October 5th, 12th** " The Happy Life: St.Thomas Aquinas on Happiness and Virtue".

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, Kevin Halloran, Peggy Swan (Glynneath), Jane Boland, George Johnson, Nancy Morris, Cheryl Ford, Andrew Jenkins, Jason Saunders, Yolanda Jones, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna O'Brien, Betty Hopkins. Kevin Halloran, Rose Williams. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

HARVEST SUNDAY

ENTRANCE

- 1 We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand;
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.
*All good gifts around us
are sent from heav'n above,
then thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord, for all his love.*
- 2 He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the ev'ning star.
The winds and waves obey him,
by him the birds are fed:
much more to us his children,
he gives our daily bread.
- 3 We thank thee then, O Father,
for all things bright and good:
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
for all thy love imparts,
but that which thou desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR CAFOD

CAFOD PRAYER FOR THE SUCCESS OF COP26

Loving God,
We praise your name with all you have created.
You are present in the whole universe,
and in the smallest of creatures.
We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us
As stewards of your creation.
May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they
Seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society.
Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions
for the poorest and most vulnerable,
and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son.

Amen

OFFERTORY

- 1 Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.
- 3 Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.
- 4 Take my will, and make it thine:
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart; it is thine own:
it shall be thy royal throne.
- 5 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

HOLY COMMUNION

- 1 King of glory, king of peace,
I will love thee;
and that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.
- 2 Wherefore with my utmost art,
I will sing thee.
And the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee,
though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied,
thou didst hear me.
- 3 Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol thee:
e'en eternity's too short
to extol thee.

RECESSIONAL

- 1 O Lord, my God, when I in awesome
wonder
consider all the worlds thy hand has made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe
displayed.
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art.*
- 2 When through the woods and
forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly
in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain
grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle
breeze:
- 3 And when I think that God, his Son not
sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin.
- 3 When Christ shall come with shout of
acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my
heart;
when I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim; my God, how great
thou art.

"We are stewards, not masters of our Earth. Each of us has a personal responsibility to care for the precious gift of God's creation. ... Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience."

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*