

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1st 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 (1st 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).

Weekday Mass Intentions Wednesday (4th October St. Francis) 9-30 a.m. Martin Griffiths (RIP) 11-00 a.m. (St. John Kemble) “Special Intention” (followed by cleaning of church and fish 'n chips!).

Thursday/ Friday Fitting of the new carpet.

Saturday (7th) 11-30 am. Wedding Bells! Please remember Danielle McAteer and Clifford Williams in your prayers on their Wedding Day.

Mass Intentions next Sunday (8th October) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's) Marion O'Grady (RIP) (Brendan).. Sunday 10-30 a.m. Marjorie Grant (RIP) (the family).

Harvest Sunday **This weekend** Gifts of non-perishable food items gratefully received to be placed around the Altar for distribution to those in need. Many thanks for the many gifts of food donated by the children at our School Harvest Mass on Friday. **Also this weekend 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** (1st) 6-00 p.m. Sian Loynes. 10-30 a.m. Tommy Parel. **Next Sunday** (8th) 6-00 p.m. Nora Reynolds. 10-30 a.m. Barbara Hunt. **Please take the opportunity to arrive early and look at (and prepare) the readings beforehand. Thank you.**

Candles: Sacred Heart – Mary Didio (Sp.Int.); Our Lady – Maureen Mabbott (RIP); St. Joseph – “ Private Special Intention”.

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Laurence O'Neill (2008); Carole Callaghan (2003); Bernard McCormack (2010); Mary Heffernan (2015); Andrew Vicari (2016); Peter Copping (2015); Joseph O'Conner (2006); Michael Molloy (2008); Stella Edgell (2014); Angela Dimaio (2020). *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 this Wednesday 4th 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. **PLEASE SIGN UP FOR TRAINING** on the forms at the back of the church. There are three training sessions available. **Friday 20th October** at 4-00 p.m. **Thursday 27th October** 2-00 p.m. and at 3-00 p.m.

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 14th 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.

MacMillan Coffee Morning Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the MacMillan Coffee morning. The total of £170 was raised. 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 Carolyn, 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 7th 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 £302-71 (plus Direct Debits) – Parish S.V.P. (£212-04). St John Kemble – £32-00 – Parish S.V.P. (£5). **Second Collection** This Sunday 1st October – CAFOD Harvest Collection.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal The Appeal closes on the 22nd October. All boxes will be taken to the church hall where Mrs Glenys Jones from the Organisation will collect them 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 40 boxes of Christmas gifts have been donated. Many thanks.

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.

Parish History Booklet Copies of the reprint of the History of the Parish are still available if you would like to pick up a copy from the back of the church - £5-00

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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