

Twenty- Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8th 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 (8th September) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph’s) Mary Meaney (RIP) (Brendan O’Grady); **Sunday** 10-30 a.m. Ann Moruzzi (RIP.) (Remo).

Weekday Mass Times Wednesday (11th September) 9-30 a.m.(St. Joseph’s) **Beginning of Term School Mass** Raymond Cronin (RIP) (C.M.Cronin); 11-00 a.m. (St. John Kemble) Queen Elizabeth II (RIP); Thursday (12th) 9-30 a.m. Ann Moruzzi (RIP) (Remo); Friday (13th) **11-15 a.m. Funeral Mass** – George Johnson (RIP)

Mass Intentions next Sunday (15th September) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St.Joseph’s) Ann Williams (RIP) (The Family); 10-30 a.m. Patricia Phillips (RIP) (Anne Guest and family).

Readers: This Sunday (8th) 6-00 p.m. Nora Reynolds; 10-30 a.m. Sheila Williams **Next Sunday** (15th) 6-00 p.m. Maureen McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Peter Buckingham

Candles: Sacred Heart – Bridie & family (Sp.Int.); Our Lady – Mary Eleanor Carter (RIP); St. Joseph – Ric Groff (RIP)..

George Johnson (RIP) Please remember George in your prayers and also the family at this time. George’s Funeral Mass will be here in St. Joseph’s on Friday 13th September at 11-15 a.m. followed by burial at Margam Crematorium at 1-00 p.m. The coffin will be received into the church at 5-00 p.m. on Thursday.

leuan Evans (RIP) Please remember leuan in your prayers and also the family at this time. leuan’s Funeral Mass will be here on Friday 20th September at 11-30 a.m. followed by burial at Llantwit.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Anniversaries Ann Moruzzi (2020); David Barry (2013); Clementina Underwood (2006); Bernard Madden (2016); Elizabeth Wilson (2007); Beryl Crago (2019); Kevin Widlake (2021); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Tintern Sung Vespers An ecumenical Service of Prayers for Peace. Speaker: Archbishop Mark O’Toole with the monks of Belmont Abbey. Sunday 8th September at 3-00 p.m. (Please bring a folding chair. Food available in the village).

Parish S.V.P. Retreat Saturday 28th 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.

Pilgrims of Hope. To celebrate the Holy Year, Archbishop Mark will lead a pilgrimage to Rome 16th – 20th July 2025. The price - £1,030. For full details email office@pilgrimagepeople.org

St. Joseph’s Parish Guild Cheese & Wine (Coffee & Tea) Evening in the Parish Hall on Monday 16th September at 7-00 p.m. (Proceeds to St. Joseph’s Junior School) Tickets £7-50 from Nora or Sheila.

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

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The Annual SVP Matthew Mulcahy Sponsored Walk is taking place on Sunday 29th 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)

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.

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.

NHS Home Eye Tests. To book your home visit call 0800 915 6280 (free call). QUOTE JWP or go on line to outsideclinic.co.uk/JWP. These are the same contact details to arrange a home hearing test.

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!**

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.

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.

Repair Works Church repairs continue this week.

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

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

Second Collection Next Sunday 15th September – Home Missions. Sunday 29th for our own S.V.P. Group.

Last Sunday's Collection: £323-54-00 (plus Direct Debits) and a generous donation of a further £1,000 to parish funds and a further donation from the estate of Betty Hopkins (RIP) of £400. All donations gratefully received. Many thanks. St.John Kemble £7-00.

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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