

29th Sunday in Ordinary time – 16th October 202

“ 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 (16th October) – **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. (St.John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00p.m. (St. Joseph's) Tony Stephens (RIP) (Anna & family); **Sunday** 10-30 a.m. (St. Joseph's) Marjorie Grant (RIP) (Grant family).

Weekday Mass Intentions: **Wednesday** (19th) 9-30 a.m. (St. Joseph's) Barry Sidley (RIP) (Donie,Pat & family); 11-00 a.m. (St. John Kemble) Felix Oloruntoba. (RIP).

Mass Intentions next Sunday: (23rd October) **Saturday** (St.John Kemble) 4-00 p.m. Parish & People. (St. Joseph's) 6-00p.m. Pamela Cundall (RIP) (Ann Guest & family). **Sunday** 10-30a.m. Teleri Mia Rees (RIP) (Aimee & Sam Owen).

FOOD BANK Please leave donations 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!

Readers: **This Sunday** (16th October) 6-00 p.m. Gerald Smith; 10-30 a.m. Des Nicholas. **Next Sunday** (23rd October) 6-00 p.m. Mandy Smith; 10-30 a.m. Bernie Payne.

Candles: Sacred Heart – Terry (Well being); Our Lady – Special Intention (Annette); St. Joseph – Lyne Ayres (RIP).

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Ron Jones (2000); Margaret Morris (2004); Thomas Hansen (2019); Pam Sweeney (2000); Teresa Jenkins (2003); Patricia Thomas (2004); Teresa Pokoyski (2012); Patrick Gray (2014); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

S.V.P. Appeal If you have any pre-loved trainers in good condition for men and ladies they will find a good home at Mission 25-35 who hold a breakfast club for the homeless every Saturday morning. Please bring them along or contact Angela on 01792 424168. Thank you.

S.V.P Grateful thanks for your generous donation during our SVP Appeal. It is most appreciated. If you or someone you know are in any kind of need, please contact a member of the SVP which will be in the strictest confidence. A list of members can be found at the back of the church on the SVP information board.

Parish Coffee Morning – Every Thursday from 10-00 – 11-00 a.m. All welcome!

Last Sunday's Collection: St.Joseph's – £385-59 (plus Direct Debits) CAFOD - £367-22; MacMillan Coffee Morning - £212-00; Many thanks for the anonymous donation of £1,000 to the Garden Fund. St.John Kemble - £53-00. CAFOD - £20-00. Many thanks.

Church Garden (i) toward the Grotto the Crab Apple Tree this year is full of apples (for making jam?). Please help yourself – take as many as you can. Still plenty left on the tree! First come first served! (ii) **Donations toward the cost of the miniature rose bushes in the “chalice” garden gratefully received.** Many thanks for the donation of £1,000 to the Garden Fund.

S.P.U.C. National Prayer Campaign. 27th October to 27th April. “ 10 Million prayers “ to mark the 55th Anniversary of the Abortion Act, remember the 10 million lives lost in Britain since 1967 and to unite in prayer and build together a Culture of Life.

Month of Holy Souls If you would like your loved ones to be remembered in our Book of Remembrance on the Altar at each Mass through November, Holy Soul envelopes will be available from next Sunday. Please place the names of loved ones in an envelope – there is no requirement to enclose a stipend/donation in the envelope. As in previous years, Mass Intentions (with stipends) will continue as usual through the month of November.

Parish Hall Committee We hope to re-establish the Parish Hall Committee with a committed (hard-working!) team of volunteers. If you would like to nominate someone for the committee (with their permission) please hand in names – one name for each nomination (and your own name) to Fr. Neil. There are a number of issues to be addressed – replacing fascia boards around the hall, new kitchen door, new boiler, the sound system, the wording of contracts for those hiring the hall, general upkeep, etc. The Chair will be elected at the first meeting. **Nominations close this week.** Thank you.

New Boiler for Parish Hall. Unfortunately the hall boiler needs to be replaced. It is proposed that the new boiler should be brought indoors – from the boiler room (into the kitchen utility room/cupboard) – to enable better access and protect from outside damp. We have received two estimates and accepted the cheaper estimate, which (nevertheless!) comes to £11,987 plus VAT. Donations toward the cost of the new boiler gratefully received.

International Food Festival! The St. Joseph’s Parish Guild invite you to an International Food Festival in the Parish Hall on Sunday 23rd October from 2pm to 5pm. Come and explore multi-national cuisine for only £5-00. **Entrance by ticket only** (for catering purposes) and **limited to 50 tickets.** Please contact Nora 01639 639511 or Mary 01639 769265. Raffle. Something for everyone! Join us for friendship and food.

Craft & Knitting Group Every Tuesday from 11-30 a.m. to 1-30p.m. All welcome.

Headteacher Post St. Teilo’s Catholic Primary School, Tenby, are looking to appoint a full-time Headteacher starting 2nd January 2023. Salary: ISR L7 – L13. Full job description and person specification available through St. Teilo’s School Website <https://stteilos.wales/head-teacher-position> plus a video of the school etc on You Tube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJOHvZjvOso>

Headteacher Post St. Joseph’s Catholic Primary School, Neath. **CLOSING DATE – MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER (!)** We received details of this advert only last week. Please see details on the notice board or contact the school – on Monday!!

Headteacher Post St. Francis Catholic Primary School, Milford Haven. Closing date was 8th October!! See poster for further details or contact Damon McGarvie (Improvement Advisor) on 07919894433 or mogarvied@hwbcymru.net

N.B With the above three Headteacher posts and the apparent difficulty in filling these posts it may be worth expressing an interest even if the closing date has passed to check that the deadline has not been extended or the post re-advertised.

Teaching Post St. Joseph’s Catholic Infant School, Port Talbot. Temporary teaching assistant Level 2, 15 hours a week. For further details www.npt.gov.uk or www.e-teach or contact the Headteacher, Mrs Julie Beaumont-Rees on 01639 882579. Closing date noon 5th October.

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, Peggy Swan and Katherine Wooley (Glynneath), Jane Boland, George Johnson, Nancy Morris, Cheryl Ford, Jason Saunders, Stephen Saunders, Yolanda Jones, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna and Joe O’Brien, Betty Hopkins, Rose Williams, Margaret Jeffrey, Dennis Taylor, Marion Brocksopp., Marlene John, Fr. Neil. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

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