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## ADVENT SUNDAY – 28th November 2021

### THE PARISH SYNODS

Thank you to Gregory ( Page ) and Angela ( Healey ), for agreeing to act as our “parish facilitators” and making arrangements for **our two parishes to join together** to discuss the suggested topics/questions proposed for reflection, as a contribution to the synodal process. Please continue to pray about your concerns/suggestions regarding the life and witness of the Church. “ The purpose of this consultation is for the bishops of the Church to arrive at an understanding of what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church at this time”. The Parish Synod meetings begin this Wednesday ( 1<sup>st</sup> December ) at 7-00 p.m. in the Parish Hall, with the option of further meetings on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> ( and in January if required ), before the deadline for parish responses on 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Those in either parish with transport difficulties or who may be housebound or reluctant ( during this pandemic ) to meet socially with others but would like to contribute ideas/reflections please feel free to write a few short paragraphs as a contribution to the discussions.

**Mass Intentions this Sunday** ( 28th November – **Advent Sunday** – **Saturday** ( St John Kemble ) 4-00 p.m. Catherine Newcombe (RIP) ( June, John & family); (St.Joseph’s) 6-00p.m. Parish & People; **Sunday** 8-00 a.m. John Williams (RIP); 10-30a.m. Marjorie Grant (RIP) ( The Family ).

**Weekday Mass Intentions Tuesday** 30th November ( St Joseph’s ) 6-30p.m. Terry Lloyd (RIP) ( Damian,Clare & family) – **followed by Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Confession.** **Wednesday** 1<sup>st</sup> December ( St.Joseph’s ) 9-30 a.m. Sr.Carmel ( Sp.Int.); ( St.John Kemble ) Frank Nedza (RIP) (Nancy); 7-00p.m. **Parish Synod** in the Hall. **Thursday** 2<sup>nd</sup> December ( St.Joseph’s ) 9-30a.m. Michael O’Hea (RIP) (Kathleen and family ).

**Mass Intentions next Sunday** ( 5<sup>th</sup> December ) **Saturday** ( St.John Kemble ) 4-00p.m. Parish & People; (St. Joseph’s) 6-00p.m. John Burke & Deceased members of the Burke Family (RIP) ( Betty & Roger Horton ); **Sunday** 8-00a.m. Norman Evans (RIP) ( Jean ); 10-30a.m. Dennis Grant and Raymond Gibbons (RIP) ( Brenda & Robert ).

### ADVENT 2021

Catholics in England and Wales are being encouraged to vision the Advent Season this year as an opportunity to return to the Sacrament of Confession and ( for those who have not yet returned to the celebration of Mass ) an opportunity to re-connect with the on-going life of the Church. To facilitate ( and encourage ) this return, on **each Tuesday evening in Advent** the 6-30 p.m. Mass will be followed by a time of Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and the opportunity for Confession – finishing at 7-30 p.m.

Also from Advent Sunday ( this Sunday ) after the 10-30a.m.Mass there will a regular Sunday meeting ( of about 20 minutes/half-an-hour ) for all those preparing for **the Sacrament of Confirmation**. From Advent Sunday, the homily at Mass, over the coming months, will take the form of **catechesis** on the central tenets of the Catholic Faith as **together** ( with those preparing for Confirmation ) we remind ourselves ( and recommit ourselves to a deeper understanding and appreciation ) of the foundations of the Christian faith. Come, Holy Spirit!

Please, therefore, continue to keep the life of our two parishes in your prayers as we enter, through Advent, into a particularly busy time preparing for First Holy Communion and for the Sacrament of Confirmation, as well as the Tuesday Advent Confession/Adoration Masses and the Parish Synod Meetings. May God bless us in all these things and strengthen and renew us through the Holy Spirit reviving and empowering us as we commit ourselves to a more active co-operation with, and consecration to, God’s Divine Grace at work within us. **Come, Holy Spirit!**

**Anniversaries:** Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Antonietta Aprea (2005); Baby Grace Mallaghan (2009); David John (2007); Colin Rees ( 2007 ); Elizabeth Murphy (2001 ); Leigh Davies (2011 ); Sheila Mead ( 2020 ); Sheila Manning ( 2020 ); Ruth Jenkins (2012); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**Readers:** **This Sunday** ( 28<sup>th</sup> November ) 6-00p.m. Maureen McAteer; 8-00a.m. Adrian & Paula Macpherson-Jones; 10-30a.m. Mary Walker. **Next Sunday** ( 5<sup>th</sup> December ) 6-00 p.m. Ceri McAteer; 8-00 a.m. Gregory Page; 10-30 a.m. Sandra Davies.

**Cleaning Teams.** **This Sunday** ( 28<sup>th</sup> November ) 6-00p.m. Maralyn & Nora; 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30 a.m. Joan & Anne. **Next Sunday** ( 5<sup>th</sup> December ) 6-00p.m. Sian & Mary; 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30 a.m. Volunteers please

**N.B** Cleaners urgently needed to help clean and tidy the Church on a once-a-fortnight rota. We are currently down to just 6/7 volunteers. A commitment of just one hour in the fortnight. **Thank you for volunteering!** Please have a word with either Nora or Sheila. Many thanks!

**Parish Collection** Last weekend **St. Joseph's** £428-99 ( plus Direct Debits). **St. John Kemble** £53-00 Many thanks

**Second Collection** next weekend for our own SVP Group as they help and donate to the homeless and housebound over the Christmas period

**Candles:** Our Lady – Thanksgiving ( Safe delivery of twins ); Sacred Heart – A. and L. ( Sp.Int.)

**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, Shuyalini Sivarupan, Joseph Owen, Brendan Fitchett, Lowrie Smitham, Ivy Walters, Dorothea Boland. **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.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation** Please remember in your prayers those preparing for Confirmation – Zaira and Joshua Zambrano, Carys Smitham, Tommy Parel, Isabella and Maria Grabczewski, Oisín and Cian Fitchett, Eve Abell, Daniel Jones, Mia Faure and Joseph Payne. We shall meet together each Sunday after the 10-30a.m. Mass beginning next Sunday ( Advent Sunday ).

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

**Parish History Booklet** After a very successful launch of the History of the Parish the reprint is now available if you would like to pick up a copy ( and reserved copies ) from the sacristy - £5-00. Please place money in the box.

**Mince Pie & Wine Evening** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 7-00p.m. in the Parish Hall. Entry by ticket -£2-50 ( please see Nora or Sheila ). A festive parish celebration - all welcome.

**Tea & Biscuits** in the Hall after the 10-30am. Mass. Please see Sheila if you are able to help. Thank you.

**Christmas Flowers** Donations toward the cost of decorating the church at Christmas gratefully received.

**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"*