ALL SAINTS' DAY – 1ST NOVEMBER 2026

" 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). Come, Holy Spirit!

Renewal of Consecration (from the " The Miracle Prayer") " Lord Jesus, I come before You, just as I am. I am sorry for my sins. I repent of my sins. Please forgive me. In Your Name, I forgive all others for what they have done to me. I renounce Satan and all his works. I give You my entire self, Lord Jesus, now and for ever. I invite You into my life, Lord Jesus. I accept You as my God and Saviour. Heal me, change me, strengthen me in body, soul and spirit. I shall follow You all the days of my life. Mary, my Mother, Queen of Peace; all the Angels and Saints, pray for me. Amen." To be said devoutly and sincerely, concentrating on each word.

Mass this Sunday (Sunday 1st November – All Saints' Day) Saturday 4-00 p.m. **(** St. John Kemble **)** Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's) Kathryn Woolley (RIP) (Chris, John & Stewart); Sunday 10-30 a.m. Charlie & Steven Corse (Sp. Int.).

Weekday Mass Times: Monday (2nd – **ALL SOULS**) 6-00 p.m. Liz Bobson (RIP) (Chris, John & Stuart); Wednesday (4th) St. Joseph's 9-30 a.m. Adrian Macpherson-Jones (RIP); St. John Kemble 11-00 a.m. Elizabeth Curtis (Sp.Int). (Barrie & Jonathan); Thursday (5th) Dorothy Evans (RIP).

Reception into the Catholic Church We look forward to welcoming Steven and Charlie Corse into the full communion of the Catholic Church at our 10-30 a.m. Mass this Sunday 1st November (All Saints' Day). Please keep them both in your prayers.

All Saints - Psalm Response " Such are the people who seek Your Face, O Lord " (Sunday - Year A; Daily Mass Readings – Year II; Daily Office - Week 3)

Mass next Sunday (8th November **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's) Peter Healey (RIP) (Angela Healey); 10-30 a.m. Teresa Martin Diez (RIP) (Isabel & Peter).

Remembrance Sunday Please be sure to arrive early before each Mass next weekend for the Act of Remembrance

Readers: This Sunday (1st) 6-00 p.m. Maureen McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Tommy Parel; **Next Sunday** (8th) 6-00 p.m. Ceri McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Bridget Zambrano.

Readers Please come early so that you have the opportunity before Mass to look at the readings beforehand. If you are unable to keep your place on the rota please arrange for someone to take your place (!!)

Anniversaries Edwina Peoples (2010); Doreen Murnane (2015); Roger Bennett (2012); Kathryn Woolley (2023); James Lay (2024)..*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Candles: Sacred Heart – Terry Isaac (RIP); Our Lady – Deacon Jim(Sp.Int.) St. Joseph – Adrian-Macpherson-Jones (RIP).

Mass Intentions Please note that Mass intentions are now already reserved (weekdays & Sundays) in to the New Year. Please think several months ahead if you wish to reserve a particular day/date.

Fr. Neil's Retirement Archbishop Mark has given his permission for Fr. Neil to take early retirement next year (2027) on health grounds. Please make a **commitment to pray** that when the new parish priest is appointed, he will feel "at home" and have the strength and vision to take our two parishes forward into renewal and new life in the Holy Spirit. Thank you for your prayers.

Christmas Raffle Tickets These are now available from the back of the church. Please help to sell these to family and friends. Thank you to those who have contributed raffle prizes and to Peter for organising the Raffle which will be drawn on Sunday 13th December after the 10-30 a.m. Mass. The Christmas Party will take place on the following Sunday (20th December).

Last Sunday's Collection: St. Joseph's £443-60 (plus Direct Debits) and a donation of £120. St. John Kemble £66-00; World Mission – £15-00. All donations gratefully received. **Second Collection** this weekend for **Sick & Retired Clergy.**

Car Parking. Please do not park in front of the garages opposite the church or park (illegally) up on the pavement preventing wheelchair and pram access which may result in police action and prosecution.

Gift Aid Envelopes Please remember to place your weekly offering into your Gift Aid envelope, if you have one, otherwise we are unable to claim back tax on your contribution. Of the 63 on issue only 25 gift aid envelopes were used last weekend. Last year through the successful use of the Gift Aid scheme £8,409-69 was refunded to the parish from the government. It really does pay (into parish funds) if you use your Gift Aid envelope to donate to the parish! Many thanks.

Month of Holy Souls If you would like the names of loved ones recorded in the Book of Remembrance and placed upon the Altar in each Mass during the Month of November, please submit a November Dead List enclosed in a Holy Souls envelope – available at the back of the church. **Please note** – there is no requirement to enclose a stipend (money) in the envelope. Mass stipends for dates in November will continue to be received in the usual way.

SVP Christmas Appeal This year we are once again focusing on our own local community, the Mayoress Appeal giving a gift to a child who might not receive one. If you are able to buy a gift this year for a child ages range from birth to 17. Please leave them at the back of the church **unwrapped** no later than **Sunday 22nd November.** If you require further information please speak to Angela. Thank you.

Parish Safeguarding see SafeguardingatStJosephsNeath@proton.me to contact Mrs Anne Guest our Parish Safeguarding Representative – also the Diocesan Team safeguarding@rcadc.org

Marriage Support Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel:+44 7887 296 983 Next dates 2nd to 4th October (Tel; 0788 7296983).

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 and Luke, Lorna and Joe O'Brien, Margaret Jeffrey, Marlene John, Pat Day, Daniel John, Roger Horton, Kath Davies, David Vaudin, Agnes Collins, Angela Healey., Mark Thomas, Siobhan Fitchett, Jane Smith, Donie O'Connell, Dennis Huxtable, Sheila Morgan, Mary Bowen, Kay Mead, Deacon Jim, Peter Smith. 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 aguest77@yahoo.com or Pat O'Connell for a visit from the Legion of Mary.

Relaunched Instagram Page – " **Emmaus Catholic Youth**" for regular comments, content and updates.

Catholic (Teaching) C.D. and D.V.D. Library If you would like to borrow a C.D. or D.V.D. please write your name, the name of the CD/DVD you are borrowing and the date out/returned in the book provided (in the Lady Chapel)

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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