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## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021

**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”*

**Mass Intentions this Sunday** ( 15<sup>th</sup> August - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary ) **Saturday** ( St. John Kemble ) 4-00p.m. Parish & People; (St. Joseph’s ) 6-00p.m. Janet Jones (RIP) ( Geraint Jones ); **Sunday** 8-00a.m. The Nash Family (RIP) ( Nuala & Martin ); 10-30a.m. Jackie Jaynes (RIP) ( Maureen McAteer ).

**Weekday Mass Intentions** Tuesday (17<sup>th</sup> August ) **St. John Kemble** 10-00a.m. Funeral Mass – Anita O’Donnell (RIP). Wednesday ( 18<sup>th</sup> August ) **St. Joseph’s** 9-30a.m. Alan Boland (RIP) ( Gaynor & Dave); **St. John Kemble** 11-00a.m. Deceased members of the Newcombe & Thickers families (RIP) (June & family ); Thursday ( 19<sup>th</sup> August ) **St. Joseph’s** 9-30 a.m. Phil Harvard (RIP) ( S.D ) Friday ( 20<sup>th</sup> August ) **St. Joseph’s** 9-30a.m. Requiem/Memorial Mass – Marjorie Grant (RIP).

**Mass Intentions next Sunday** ( 22<sup>nd</sup> August ) **Saturday** (St John Kemble) 4-00 p.m. Parish & People;. (St. Joseph’s) 6-00p.m. Maureen Lewis (RIP) ( Mary Didio ); **Sunday** 8-00 a.m. Mike O’Hea (RIP) ( Maureen McAteer ); 10-30a.m. Canon Richard Byron (RIP) ( June & David Vaudin).

**Anniversaries:** Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Harris (2009); Elizabeth Scully (2012); Olive Price (2008); John O’Sullivan ( 2008 ); Timothy Lewis (2011); David Nicholas ( 2011); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**Requiem Masses** During the pandemic it was not always possible to accommodate all those wishing to attend funeral services. If you would like to remember a loved one at a Memorial/Requiem Mass at a special weekday Mass to which family and friends can be invited, please have a word with Fr. Neil.

**Anita O’Donnell (RIP)** Please remember Nita in your prayers and also Owen and the family at this time. Nita’s Funeral Mass will take place this Tuesday (17<sup>th</sup>) at 10-00a.m at St. John Kemble. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen*

**Candles:** Our Lady – Doris Wearing (RIP); The Sacred Heart – Jackie Jaynes (RIP); St. Joseph – My Family (S.W)

**Readers: This Sunday** ( 15<sup>th</sup> August ) 6-00 p.m. Lorna Halloran; 8-00 a.m. Adrian & Paula Macpherson-Jones; 10-30 a.m. Barbara Hunt. **Next Sunday** (22<sup>nd</sup> August ) 6-00 p.m. Volunteer please. 8-00a.m. Gregory Page; 10-30 a.m. Mary Walker.

**Stewarding: This Sunday** ( 15<sup>th</sup> August ) 6-00 p.m. Angela & Geraint; 8-00 a.m. Christopher & Gregory; 10-30 a.m. John, Aimee & Olivia. **MANY THANKS** to our stewards who have facilitated the celebration of Mass during the pandemic.

**Cleaning Teams. This Sunday** ( 15<sup>th</sup> August ) 6-00 p.m. Sian & Mary; 8-00 a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30a.m. Volunteers please. **Next Sunday** ( 22<sup>nd</sup> August ) 6-00 p.m. Maralyn & Nora; 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30a.m. Joan & Ann.

**DOMSEC Livestreamed Events in 2021** A full programme of (over 25) events! See [www.domsec.org.uk](http://www.domsec.org.uk) or [www.ourladystaroftheseamumbles.org.uk](http://www.ourladystaroftheseamumbles.org.uk) to access the livestreams and click “Livestream” on the menu bar. The next talk will be **Elijah for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century** by Fr Jerome Ituah - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August from 11-00a.m. to 1-00p.m.

**First Holy Communion Classes** We hope to restart the classes in September. The following children began classes before the pandemic – Ronan Abell, Lucy Owen, Jack Challenger, Ava Mallows, Julia Karczynska, John Grabczewski, Amelia Tristram, Alexa Jones, Julia Kuligowska, Efan and Bodi Lewis. If there are others who would now like to be included ( including Shuyalini Sivarupan) please submit names to Fr.Neil. 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.

**Many thanks** - for last Sunday's Collection ( St.Joseph's ) of £386-87 ( plus direct debits ) and £436-87 ( Sick & Retired Clergy). (St.John Kemble) £44-00 and £18-00 ( Sick & Retired Clergy ).Many thanks.

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

**COVID REGULATIONS** There is no longer a legal limit on the number of people who can meet in public places, including places of worship, but if it is intended to sing the guidance remains to maintain a 2m distance between individuals/bubbles. Therefore, in **St.Joseph's** we shall keep every other pew roped off so that we can sing hymns. This still allows us to accommodate 60 individuals or ( perhaps ) 70- -80 sitting also in bubbles. In **St.John Kemble** we shall remove the ropes to enable a larger number to participate in the Mass and therefore suspend the singing of hymns. It remains **obligatory to wear a mask** ( except for medical/health reasons ) and please continue to sanitize your hands. As a precaution, we shall continue to clean the pews after Mass but no longer require stewards at the door. It is no longer necessary to have separate entrances and exits or to follow the floor arrows. **MANY, MANY THANKS** to those who have enabled the celebration of Mass to continue throughout the pandemic through volunteering to steward at each Mass and to those who continue to sanitize the pews. We shall proceed cautiously and respond appropriately to any change in circumstances. We hope that some will now feel encouraged to return to Mass – perhaps beginning by attending a weekday celebration of Mass – whilst respecting the fact that some may still feel uncomfortable, at the present time, meeting indoors with a larger group of people. The pandemic is far from over and, whilst giving thanks to God that the situation has improved for us here in Britain, the virus is still spreading globally and it is still possible new variants will reach our shores in the weeks and months ( and years ) ahead. More than ever, as Christians, we are learning to take each day as it comes – to give thanks for today and not to presume upon tomorrow.

#### **PRAYER AT THE BEGINNING OF THE DAY**

Lord, as I step out into this day in all the frailties and imperfections of my nature, I do not know what this day will bring. I do not know if You will bring me to the end of this day. I thank You for the life You have given me thus far, and I ask Your forgiveness that I have presumed upon, abused and violated Your many graces and mercies to me.

As I step out into this day, grant me, I pray, the grace of a deeper and deeper surrender to Your Will, a letting-go of the world, and to see Jesus always in front of me as the ultimate Goal beyond all the events of today. Grant me the grace to rest securely and serenely in Your Presence, and not to be overthrown and confused by the sudden changes of life. I am a frail earthen vessel, a phial of blood, a clod of earth. Help me toward a greater respect for my fragility – that I "hang like a drop of dew upon a blade of grass" entirely dependent upon Your Will and Favour.

Help me to live from each heart-beat and not to presume beyond it. Help me not to "grab" at what surrounds me and yet always to work harder in doing good, and with a greater commitment. May my walk today be, in every step, a pilgrimage in Thee. I do not know what storms may break upon this day or how troubled a sea it may be. Bless the source and the spring of this day, and bring me safely into the harbour at the eve of the day – that I may safely anchor in the haven with Thee. Glory to Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**ANIMA CHRISTI** *Soul of Christ, sanctify me, Body of Christ save me, Blood of Christ inebriate me, Water from the Side of Christ wash me. Passion of Christ strengthen me. O Good Jesus hear me. Within Thy wounds hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from Thee. From the malicious enemy defend me. In the hour of death call me, And bid me come to Thee, That with the Saints I may praise Thee, Now and forever. Amen.*