CHRIST THE KING – 22nd 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 (22nd November **Christ the King**) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's) Margaret Allen (RIP) (Elias family); 10-30 a.m. Brian Hudson (RIP) (Brigid & family).

Weekday Mass Times: Wednesday (25th) St. Joseph's 9-30 a.m. Malcolm Edwards (RIP) (Clare, Damion & family); St. John Kemble 11-00 a.m. M.I.C.F. (RIP.); Thursday (26th) 9-30 a.m. **School Advent Mass** Chris Evans (Sp.Int.) (Peter & Isabel).

Mass next Sunday (Sunday 28th November – **ADVENT SUNDAY**) Saturday 4-00 p.m. **(** St. John Kemble **)** Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's) Dennis Taylor (RIP) (Vi Taylor); Sunday 10-30 a.m. Anne Williams (RIP) (Elias family).

Christ the King - Psalm Response " The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want " (Sunday - Year A; Daily Mass Readings – Year II; Daily Office - Week 2)

Readers: This Sunday (22nd) 6-00 p.m. Patrick McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Ray Rees. Next Sunday (29th) 6-00 p.m. Mandy Smith; 10-30 a.m. Stephen Evans.

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 Brian Hudson (2007); George Duncan (2009). *.Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Candles: Sacred Heart – May Family (RIP); Our Lady – Nora & family (Sp.Int.; St. Joseph – Paula & family (Sp.Int.).

Peter Smith Peter came home last weekend and is making good progress. Apologies that last weekend his candle referenced (RIP) – (rolled over on the lap-top from the previous week's intention) - instead of (Sp.Int.). Apologies to Peter and for the confusion.

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.

Collette O'Reilly (RIP) Please remember Collette in your prayers and the family at this time. Collette's Funeral Service will take place at Margam Crematorium at 10-30 a.m. on Monday 30th November. *Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen*

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.

Last Sunday's Collection: St. Joseph's £394-28 (plus Direct Debits); St. John Kemble £55-00; All donations gratefully received.

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). Please place ticket stubs and money in the box at the back of the church.

Mince Pie, Mulled Wine Evening Monday 7th December 6-30 for 7-00 p.m. Bingo & Raffle. Tickets £5 from Brenda and the Piety Shop. Proceeds to the Flower Fund and the Food Bank.

Ministers of Holy Communion With further requests from those who are house bound to receive the Sacrament at home we would like to commission extra Ministers of Holy Communion. If you regularly attend Mass and are in a "state of grace" (and willing to be DBS checked) please have a word with Fr. Neil if you would consider helping in this important parish ministry.

Flat-packed Removal Boxes If you or someone you know is moving or requires strong boxes to store or transport items please collect from the presbytery.

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 **NEXT 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.

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.

" Come, Holy Spirit and renew the hearts of the faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit, O Lord, and they shall be created and You will renew the face of the earth. O God, Who hast taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit, we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen."

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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