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Christ the King – 21st November 2021

Towards a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission

REVISED CONSULTATION PROCESS

Thank you to Gregory (Page) and Angela (Healey) – in St.Joseph's, and to June (Thickers) and Jonathan (Bowen) – in St.John Kemble, for agreeing to act as our "parish facilitators" in making arrangements for our two parishes to discuss the suggested topics/questions proposed for reflection and 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". In St.Joseph's it is proposed that the Parish Synod meetings take place on the first three Wednesdays in December (1st, 8th, 15th) in the Parish Hall at 7-00p.m. Please reserve these dates – all invited and all welcome! It may be that two meetings will suffice or if a fourth meeting is desired this can take place in the New Year before the deadline for parish responses on 22nd January. The Parish Synod arrangements for St.John Kemble to be announced.

Mass Intentions this Sunday (21st November – Christ the King) Saturday (St.John Kemble) 4-00p.m. Parish & People; (St. Joseph's) 6-00p.m. Deceased members of the SVP (RIP); Sunday 8-00a.m. Brian Hudson (RIP) (Brigid, Michelle & David); 10-30a.m. Alan Phillips (Anne Guest).

Weekday Mass Intentions Tuesday 23rd November (St Joseph's) 6-30p.m. Marjorie Grant (RIP) (Chris Evans); Wednesday 24th November (St.Joseph's) 9-30 a.m. Shaun Elias (RIP) (Mills Family); (St.John Kemble) M.I.C.F (RIP); Thursday 25th November (St.Joseph's) 9-30a.m. Canon Dick Byron (RIP) (Kathleen and family).

Mass Intentions next 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).

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 (next 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: David George (2016); Brian Hudson (2017); Guiseppina Lewis (2006); Mervyn Meyers (2000); Dennis Underwood (2005); Andrew Saunders (2006); George Duncan (2009); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen*

Readers: **This Sunday** (21st November) 6-00p.m.Nora Reynolds; 8-00 a.m. Gregory Page; 10-30a.m. Barbara Hunt. **Next Sunday** (21st November) 6-00p.m.Maureen McAteer; 8-00a.m. Adrian & Paula Macpherson-Jones; 10-30a.m.Mary Walker.

Cleaning Teams. **This Sunday** (21st November) 6-00 p.m. Sian & Mary; 8-00 a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30 a.m. Volunteers please. **Next Sunday** (28th November) 6-00p.m. Maralyn & Nora; 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30 a.m. Joan & Anne.

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!

Candles: Our Lady – Twins (Safe delivery);Sacred Heart – Peter Healey (RIP); St.Joseph - Jack (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. 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 29th 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.

Please Note If you wish to reserve a particular date or day for a Mass Intention, please note that Saturday and Sunday Masses and weekday Masses are already reserved for a particular intention until the **middle of JANUARY** Please think several months ahead if you would like to reserve a particular date (or nearest date). Thank you.

Parish Collection Last weekend **St.Joseph's** £318-50 (plus Direct Debits). **St.John Kemble** £30-00 Many thanks.

DOMSEC Livestreamed Events in 2021 A full programme of (over 25) events! See www.domsec.org.uk or www.ourladystaroftheseamumbles.org.uk to access the livestreams and click "Livestream" on the menu bar.

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"*