

EASTER SUNDAY – 20th APRIL 2025

EASTER MESSAGE

Today with great joy we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ from the dead – “ He is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!” He rises through all our preconceptions and presuppositions, challenging us to look again at how we see the world – and how we experience it. Are we living “in the world” or are we living “ in Christ”? Jesus invites us to situate ourselves within His Resurrection Presence – to “abide” in Him. May we open our hearts to receive Him in all His Resurrection power over this glorious Eastertide!

HOLY SATURDAY (19th April) 8-00 p.m. **EASTER VIGIL MASS**

EASTER DAY (20th April) 9-00 a.m. (St. John Kemble); 10-30 (St. Joseph’s) Roger Fluck (RIP) (Peter & Isabel).

Weekday Mass Times Wednesday (April 23rd) 9-30 a.m. Sid Leaker (RIP) (John & Linda Slattey); 11-00 a.m. (St. John Kemble) Elaine Reynolds;

Mass Intentions next Sunday (27th April – Second Sunday of Easter) Saturday (St. John Kemble) 4-00 p.m. Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph’s) Gwyneth Lacombe (RIP) (The family); 10-30 a.m. Dorothy Evans (RIP).

Divine Mercy Sunday (Second Sunday of Easter - 27th April) at Holy Cross Church, Swansea, 1-00 to 2-20p.m. Confession, 2-30 p.m. Blessing of Image & Exposition. 3-00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy. 3-30 p.m. Holy Mass.

Readers: This Sunday (20th – Easter Day) 10-30 a.m. Mary Walker. **Next Sunday** (27th) 6-00 p.m. Maureen McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Sophia Hikary.

Holy Baptism Please remember Carwyn Lintern in your prayers who will be baptised into the Church this Easter Sunday at 12 -00 midday after the morning Mass.

Candles: Sacred Heart - Alma Elias (RIP); Our Lady – Annie & William Cochrane (RIP) St. Joseph – Norman Evans (RIP)

Anniversaries Joseph Doolin (2016); Roger Fluck (2023); Linda Lay (2010); Gary Derrick (2020); Gwyneth Evans (2016); Mary Adams (2007); Anita Gore (2019); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Parish 80th Anniversary V.E Day Celebration Event – Sunday 11th May immediately following the 10-30 a.m. Mass. All welcome. No charge but please bring something for the cold buffet table.. If interested please sign the notice at the back of the church indicating your name, number of adults and of children and the finger food you are able to provide. We are also hoping to display some 1945 memorabilia – if you have any to lend we will organise nearer to the time.

Last Sunday’s Collection: £655-65 (plus Direct Debits); Lenten Alms £266-90. St. John Kemble - £64-00. Many thanks. **Parish Guild Donation** (from the Cawl & Welsh Cakes Evening) - £450. Many thanks

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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