

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY – 3rd AUGUST 2025

“ 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).

Mass Intentions this Sunday (3rd August) Saturday (St. John Kemble) 4-00 p.m. Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's) Ann Hanford (RIP) (The family); 10-30 a.m. Stuart Michael (RIP) (The family).

Weekday Mass Wednesday (6th – The Transfiguration) (St. Joseph's) 9-30 a.m. Sr. Josephine & Sr. Rose (RIP). (St. John Kemble)11-00 a.m. Elaine Reynolds (Sp.Int.) (Nancy); Thursday (7th) 9-30 a.m. Yolanda Jones (RIP) (Marian & Jane)

Mass Intentions next Sunday (10th August) Saturday (St. John Kemble) 4-00 p.m. Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St.Joseph's) Alan Boland (RIP) (Marian & Jane);10-30 a.m. David Reynolds (RIP) (Adrian & Paula).

Mass Intentions Please note Mass Intentions are now reserved into the middle of October (weekdays) and the beginning of November (weekends) Please think several months ahead if you would like a Mass said for a loved one. At present, it takes about eight weeks for a reserved Mass to be celebrated.

Readers: This Sunday (3rd August) 6-00 p.m. Gerald Smith; 10-30 a.m. Sheila Williams. **Next Sunday** (10th) 6-00 p.m. Patrick McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Peter Buckingham.

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 (!!).

Hall Caretaker There is the opportunity to take on the role of Parish Hall Caretaker. The hours required per week are very flexible and generally reflect opening and locking up the hall when there are parish events eg: Masses, coffee mornings and the occasional hall booking. The role involves being approachable, flexible, trustworthy and reliable. You will be required to carry out general cleaning duties and putting out the food waste, recycling and non-recycling items in a timely manner, purchasing and restocking tea, coffee etc along with general cleaning items, providing receipts as required. This role is ideal for someone who lives close to the Church and Hall. If you are interested please contact Brenda Grant Tel: 07817656157 to discuss details along with the remuneration.

Parish S.V.P. Over the last 12 months our SVP group made 942 home visits and provided lifts and assistance on 143 occasions. We help at Bridge Street breakfast club for the homeless and the Salvation Army food bank. We are always humbled and grateful for your generosity in supporting our appeals but we are a small group and our membership needs to increase. Please consider joining the SVP to help us continue to support others. If interested please approach a member of the SVP.

Candles: Sacred Heart - Alan Boland (RIP); Our Lady – Yolanda Jones (RIP); St. Joseph – The Middle East, Ukraine & Sudan.

Last Sunday's Collection: St. Joseph's £301-22 (plus Direct Debits) St John Kemble £49-50. Stella Maris t.b.a.

Anniversaries Anita O'Donnell (2021); Eileen Campbell (2010); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Memories? Do you have memories of Giovanni & Anna Mangano in Neath from 1950 to 1961. Where did they live/work? The family in Italy are researching their family history.

Many thanks for your prayers, cards & gifts over the last month. Much appreciated. Many thanks. (Fr. Neil).

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