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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11th July 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 (11th July) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. (St John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m (St. Joseph's) Steve Meany (RIP) (Brendan O'Grady); **Sunday** 8-00 a.m. Patrick Hayes (RIP) (Yolanda & Nantlais); 10-30a.m. Steve Harris (RIP) (June & David Vaudin).

Weekday Mass Intentions Wednesday (14th July) 9-30a.m. (St. Joseph's) Jane Boland (Good Health) (Kevin & Lorna); 11-00a.m. (St. John Kemble) Private Intention; Thursday (15th July) 9-30a.m. Alan Boland (RIP) (Paula & Adrian).

Mass Intentions next Sunday (18th July) **Saturday** (St. John Kemble) 4-00p.m. Parish & People; (St. Joseph's) 6-00p.m. Peter Healey (RIP) (Angela); **Sunday** 8-00a.m. Lawrence Macpherson-Jones (RIP) (Adrian & Paula); 10-30a.m. Mal Evans (RIP) (Chris Evans).

School Leavers' Mass – will take place on Monday in a school “bubble” and thus only the one class will be present without the attendance (sadly) of parents and parishioners, because of L.E.A Guidelines for the grouping of school children in communal activities. Please remember our school leavers in your prayers as they prepare for transitioning to their new school in September.

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Olwen Davies (2002); Joyce Campbell (2005); Peter Healey (2017); Bridget O'Sullivan (2012); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Theresa (Tess) Court (RIP) Please remember Tess in your prayers and also the family at this time. Funeral guidelines have now been amended (allowing more than thirty people to attend) but social distancing regulations still apply. Tess was a teacher at the school for twenty-five years and the family suggest that in memory of Tess please feel free to wear something colourful, if you wish. The Funeral Mass will take place here in St. Joseph's on Thursday 22nd July at 11-00a.m. (The coffin will be received into the Church the night before). *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

Candles: Our Lady – Scott Dale (Good Health); The Sacred Heart – Peter Healey (RIP); St. Joseph – Delia Lewis (RIP).

Thank you! Pat & Donie wish to thank all those involved in arranging their celebration Mass and the refreshments afterwards, all those attending, and also for the cards, flowers, gifts and good wishes. Grateful thanks to everyone, including our wonderful family. May God bless you all.

Many thanks - for last Sunday's Collection (St. Joseph's) of £536-95 (plus direct debits) and £104-05 (Day for Life) - and (St. John Kemble) £59-00 and £13-00 (Day for Life). Many thanks.

The Second Collection next weekend (18th July) is the annual Stella Maris/Apostleship of the Sea collection supporting the Church's ministry to sea-farers.

Father Michael Fewell (RIP). Fr. Michael Fewell – the former parish priest in Gorseinon has died after a long illness. Please remember Fr. Michael in your prayers. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

PLEASE NOTE – To all stewards, readers and cleaners. **THERE IS NO OBLIGATION TO COME TO CHURCH IF YOU DO NOT FEEL SAFE OR COMFORTABLE TO DO SO.** Please let Fr. Neil know so that he can arrange a replacement. Thank you.

Readers: This Sunday (11th July) 6-00p.m. Lorna Halloran. 8-00a.m. Adrian & Paula Macpherson-Jones. 10-30a.m. Tommy Parel. **Next Sunday (18th July)** 6-00p.m. Kevin Halloran; 8-00a.m. Gregory Page; 10-30a.m. Sandra Davies.

Stewarding: This Sunday (11th July) 6-00p.m. Angela & Geraint; 8-00a.m. Christopher & Gregory; 10-30a.m. Luke & Lena. **Next Sunday (18th July)** 6-00p.m. Angela & Geraint; 8-00a.m. Christopher & Gregory; 10-30a.m. John, Aimee & Olivia.

Cleaning Teams. This Sunday (11th July) 6-00p.m. Maralyn & Nora; 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30a.m. Joan & Ann. **Next Sunday (18th July)** 6-00p.m. Sian & Mary; 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30a.m. Volunteers please.

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 next talk will be **A Biblical Examination of the Mass** by Fr Michael Akpoghiran (Mumbles) **NEXT SATURDAY** 17th July from 11-00a.m. to 1-00p.m.

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 for the next two months **until the middle of SEPTEMBER.** Please think several months ahead if you would like to reserve a particular date (or nearest date). Thank you

Parish Hall Committee. We hope soon to re-establish the Parish Hall Committee and elect a Chairperson and Secretary to oversee all aspects of hall management. It will not be possible to hire out the hall until we are fully compliant with all the legal/insurance regulations covering hall maintenance and the wording of contracts which must be completed and signed by all those wishing to hire the Hall.

Parish Catechists. Pope Francis has recently established a new ministry in the life of the Church – that of the Ministry of Catechist. Other parishes are well blessed with volunteers to help prepare children for First Holy Communion and teenagers/young adults for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are able to offer this valuable Ministry to the Church please have a word with Fr.Neil.

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, Jane Boland, George Johnson, Nancy Morris, Cheryl Ford, Fr. Paul Brophy, Andrew Jenkins, Jason Saunders, Marjorie Grant, 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.

A Polite Reminder (!) – to those returning to Mass and to those who may have forgotten! Masks must be worn and hands sanitised as soon as you enter the church before going to your pew, and please continue to observe the arrow directions and not cut across the church through the pews. Thank you.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT. *Holy Spirit, Lord of Light, from the clear celestial height, Thy pure beaming radiance give. Come, Thou Father of the poor, come with treasures that endure, Come Thou Light of all that live. Light Immortal, Light Divine, Visit Thou this soul of mine, Wash the stain of guilt away. Bend the stubborn heart and will, Melt the frozen, warm the chill, Guide the steps that go astray. Come, Holy Spirit!*

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.*