

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 16th July 2023

“ 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)

Prayer for Ukraine (from the Bishops 'Conference) *“Mary, Our Lady of Kiev, Mother of God, We ask you to intercede for the people of Ukraine, For their government and all who suffer as a result of war. Be with them as you stood beside your Son, Suffering on the Cross at Calvary. Give them strength and courage, Through faith, hope and justice. May we, in our turn, Support them through prayer and generosity, That lives may be saved, the injured healed, that the dead may rest in peace, And that war will end in peace”*

Mass Intentions next Sunday (16th July) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Frank Laidlow (RIP) (Bella, Reg & family); 6-00 p.m.(St. Joseph's) Peter Healey (RIP) (Angela); Sunday 10-30 a.m. Parish & People.

Weekday Mass Intentions Wednesday (19th) 9-30 a.m. **SCHOOL LEAVERS' MASS** Mrs Brooks & family (Sp. Int) (Elias family); **11-30 a.m.** (St. John Kemble) Frank Nedza (RIP) (Nancy); Thursday (20th) 9-30 a.m. Mrs. Lorna O'Brien & family (Sp. Int) (Elias family); Friday (21st) 9-30 a.m. Colin Stockton (RIP) (Marie Caddick).

Mass Intentions next Sunday (23rd July) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St.John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00p.m. (St. Joseph's) Betty Hopkins (Sp.Int.) (Lorna & Joe O'Brien); Sunday 10-30 a.m. Roger Fluck (RIP)(Deacon Jim & Marie).

Readers: This Sunday (16th July) 6-00 p.m. Gerald Smith; 10-30 a.m. Bethan Lee. Next Sunday (23rd) 6-00 p.m. Mandy Smith; 10-30 a.m. Tommy Parel. Please take the opportunity to arrive early and look at (and prepare) the readings beforehand. Thank you.

Candles: Sacred Heart – Martin Griffiths (RIP); Our Lady – Ross Bowen (RIP); St. Joseph – George McIntyre (Sp. Int.).

Rose Castaldi (RIP) Please remember Rose in your prayers and the family at this time. Rose's Funeral Service takes place at Llwydcoed Crematorium this Monday 17th July at 10-30 a.m.. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Peter Healey (2017); Joyce Campbell (2005); Bridget O'Sullivan (2012); Gianna Williams (2009); Michael Davies (2018);Elizabeth Edwards (2003); Patricia Moule 92014); Doris Wearing (2021); Mal Evans 92004); Frank Walsh (2005); Peter Maher (2010); Matthew Phillips (2012; *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

ST.JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL If you have a child over 2 years of age or are new to the area and are looking for a school – look no further! St Joseph's has a loving, caring ethos to bring out the full potential of your child. Please contact the school on 01639 635099 for further details.

Parish Safe-Guarding. Safe guarding of children and vulnerable adults is of the highest priority. We are very grateful to Mrs Anne Guest who has taken on the role of Parish Safe-Guarding Officer. Anne will be reviewing and up-dating the paperwork of all those who work with (or visit) children and vulnerable adults on behalf of the parish. If you have any concerns about safe-guarding issues, Anne can be contacted on 07741283098.

Legion of Mary Every Tuesday evening at 6-00 p.m. in the Hall. New members very welcome. Please come along.

Reception in to the Catholic Church A few people have expressed an interest in being received in to the Catholic Church. If you are thinking about this please have a word with Fr. Neil.

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Feast of St. John Kemble We hope to celebrate a special Mass on Tuesday 22nd August at 11-00 am at which we will receive Grant into the full communion of the Catholic Church. Please keep Grant in your prayers.

Parish Coffee Morning Every Thursday from 10-00a.m. to 11-00 a.m

Simple Campaign action request from CAFOD (15-16TH July). Fix the Food System: Over centuries small farmers worldwide have produced a great deal of food by saving, using, swapping and selling their seeds. The variety of seeds has been vital to making their crops more resilient and less vulnerable to climate change, thereby enabling farmers to feed local communities and to export to countries including the U.K. New laws threaten these sustainable practices. The World Bank is making it a condition of lending to developing countries that farmers buy expensive seed from powerful agricultural companies instead. Salina from Bangladesh is a small farmer. She says, " To keep the seed in our own hands is the main thing. Without seeds being a farmer is not possible". When farmers lose, we all lose! **THIS SUNDAY** there is the opportunity to add our support to Salina's plea to the World Bank. By the simple act of signing a giant copy of her letter it will give small farmers great encouragement and make the call by the Catholic community for justice to be heard at the meeting of the World Bank in October. **Please sign the poster using the coloured pens provided. N.B. Only your name is required (first name only if you prefer!). Thank you. (Sandra).**

Last Sunday's Collection: St. Joseph's £326-50 (plus Direct Debits) Apostleship of the Sea £152-10 – and further donations of £200 and £40 toward the purchase of a defibulator (see below); St John Kemble – t.b.a. Many thanks.

Defibulator We are planning to purchase a Defibulator to be situated on the presbytery wall halfway between the church and the hall. The purchase, installation, maintenance and training for use will come to approx. £1,700. We hope to obtain a grant of £200 are also very grateful for further donations of £200 and of £40 making a total, thus far, of £1,917-56. Many thanks. We are looking for as many volunteers as possible (up to a maximum of 45) to receive brief training on the emergency use of the defibulator. Please sign up on the list at the back of the church. Many thanks.

Church Floor We hope to arrange for the sanding and polishing of the wooden floor of the church and the installation of new carpets. We are very grateful for the donation of £1,000 toward the cost of the carpet and the three quotations we have received for the sanding & polishing of the floor are all in the region of £7,000. We hope the work can be carried out the week beginning the 21st August and we are very grateful for the further donation of £40 towards the cost of this project. Further donations gratefully received.

The Reverend Gregory Beckett Please remember Gregory in your prayers who will be ordained to the Priesthood at St. Joseph's Cathedral this weekend and offer his first Mass at the 10-00 a.m. at the Cathedral on Sunday morning.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal It is hoped that this year these boxes can be forwarded by October so please start gathering (new) items together in plenty of time. Further details from the S.V.P. to follow.

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, Kathryn Woolley (Glynneath), George Johnson, Cheryl Ford, Julie, Stephen & Jason Saunders, Yolanda Jones, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna and Joe O'Brien, Betty Hopkins, Rose Williams, Margaret Jeffrey, Marion Brocksopp., Marlene John, Geraint Jones, Fr. Neil, Pat Day, Daniel John. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

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