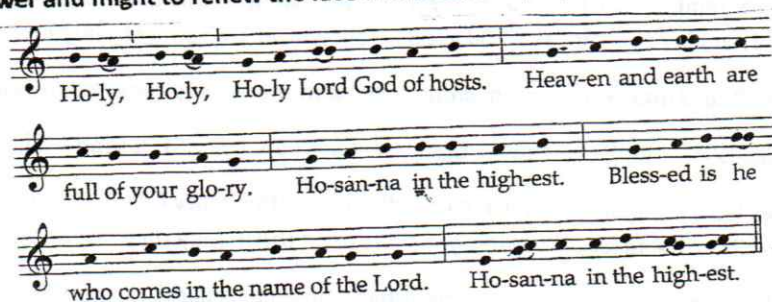


## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025

“ 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 ( 6<sup>th</sup> April ) Saturday ( St. John Kemble ) 3-30 p.m. Stations of the Cross: 4-00 p.m. Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. ( St. Joseph's ) Tom & Bree Slattery ( RIP ) ( John & Linda Slattery ); Sunday 10-30 a.m. Joe & Lorna O'Brien ( Sp.Int. ) ( Paula & Adrian )

PASTORAL LETTER this weekend from Archbishop Mark on Assisted Suicide. **PLEASE TAKE CARD** " Assist us to live " from the back of the church.

Weekday Mass Times Wednesday ( April 9th ) 9-30 a.m. SCHOOL MASS Agnes Thomas (RIP) ( Pat, Donie & family ); 11-00 a.m. ( St. John Kemble ) Elaine Reynolds; Thursday (10<sup>th</sup>) 12-00 Midday Funeral Mass – David Reynolds (RIP); Friday (11th) 9-30 a.m. Sid Leaker (RIP) ( Donie, Pat & family). 2-00 p.m. Lent Group in Parish Hall. 6-00 p.m. Stations of the Cross .

Mass Intentions next Sunday ( 13<sup>th</sup> April – PALM SUNDAY ) Saturday ( St. John Kemble ) No Stations of the Cross 4-00 p.m. Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. ( St. Joseph's ) Anne & William Cochrane (RIP) ( J.Evans ); 10-30 a.m. Michelle O'Brien ( RIP ) ( Philip & Patrick O'Brien ). Palm Sunday – Please arrive in plenty of time for the Blessing of Palms

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Monday ( 14<sup>th</sup> ) 11-00 a.m. Funeral Mass – Sid Leaker (RIP) ; 7-00 p.m. St. Joseph's – Holy Week Service ( Churches Together in Neath).

Tuesday ( 15<sup>th</sup> ) 11-30 a.m. CHRISM MASS at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Swansea. Archbishop Mark invites us all to join with him in this Diocesan celebration of the Institution of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper.

Wednesday ( 16<sup>th</sup> ) ( St. Joseph's ) 9-30 a.m. ( St. John Kemble ) 11-00 a.m.

HOLY THURSDAY ( 17<sup>th</sup> April ) 7-00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper – followed by " watching in prayer " with the opportunity to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament until 9 o'clock.

GOOD FRIDAY ( 18<sup>th</sup> April ) – 2-00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion. 5-30 to 7-00 p.m. ( St. Joseph's ) Church open for private prayer ( private Stations of the Cross ) 6-00 p.m. ( St. John Kemble ) Stations ( and Veneration ) of the Cross.

HOLY SATURDAY ( 19<sup>th</sup> April ) 8-00 p.m. EASTER VIGIL MASS

EASTER DAY ( 20<sup>th</sup> April ) 9-00 a.m. ( St. John Kemble ); 10-30 ( St. Joseph's ).

Readers: This Sunday ( 6<sup>th</sup> ) 6-00 p.m. Mandy Smith; 10-30 a.m. Des Nicholas. Next Sunday ( 13<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday ) 6-00 p.m. Sian Loynes; 10-30 a.m. Bernadette Payne.

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**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 (!!).

**Sid Leaker (RIP)** Please remember Sid in your prayers and the family at this time. Sid's Funeral Mass will be here in St. Joseph's on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April** at 11-30 a.m.

**David Reynolds (RIP)** Please remember David in your prayers and the family at this time. David's Funeral Mass will be here in St. Joseph's on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April** at 12-00 midday followed at 1-45 p.m. at Margam Crematorium.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**Candles:** Sacred Heart - Mike O'Hea (RIP); Our Lady – Colette Phillips ( Sp. Int. ); St. Joseph – The Bereaved.

**Anniversaries** Bridget Davies ( 2012 ); Benetia Whittington (2020); Dorothy Palfry (2006); Mario Berni (2009);  
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**Churches Together Lent Talks.** Monday at 2-00 p.m. Theme: What is holding us back? 7<sup>th</sup> April Siloh. **Holy Week Services** at 7-00 p.m. – **Monday 14 April here in St. Joseph's** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Church on the Move; Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Ebenezer Herbert Road.

**Aid to Gaza** Clean/warm clothes and toiletries required. ( No food or medicines ). Please speak to Vi or phone 01639 776481

**Health & Safety** Please report/clean all spillages and ensure prayer kneelers are left upright after use. Thank you.

**Choir Practice** on Monday evening at 6-30 p.m. in the church. Come along! New voices very welcome!

**Confirmation and First Holy Communion in 2025.** Regular attendance at Mass is an essential part of preparation for receiving these sacraments. Classes take place before Mass at 9-30a.m. ( First Holy Communion ) and after Mass at 11-30 a.m. ( Confirmation ). Archbishop Mark has kindly agreed to celebrate on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May** at 7-00 p.m. The dates of the First Holy Communion the Sacrament of Confirmation here in St. Joseph's Mass to be announced later.

**Parish 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary V.E Day Celebration Event – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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. Thank you. ( **Parish Guild Meeting** – 1-00 p.m. Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April in the Hall.

**Parish SVP Group** Angela is stepping down as Treasurer after many years of sterling service. A big thank you Angela! We would love someone with skills in excel spreadsheets to volunteer in her place. Please contact Anne Guest on 07741283098 for more information about the role.

**St. Joseph's Parish Hall Committee** has vacancies for two parishioners to join us. We are an active group who work hard as a team to keep the Hall well maintained and also undertake various fundraising activities throughout the year. We usually meet every four weeks from 6-30pm to 8-30 pm in the Hall. If you are interested and want to know more please chat to Brenda ( Chairperson ) Tel: 07817656157. Thank you.

**Donations for Flowers** to decorate the Church at Easter gratefully received.

**Parish Envelopes** for the year ahead are now available at the back of the church. If you would like a box of envelopes please see Robert.

**Last Sunday's Collection:** £371-26 ( plus Direct Debits ); St.John Kemble - £47-00. Many thanks.

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