

PENTECOST SUNDAY – 19th May 2024

Prayer of Pope St. John XXIII for a new Pentecost in the Church

“ 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).

HOLY HOUR THIS SUNDAY - Pentecost Sunday (19th May) 3-00 to 4-00 p.m. On the first Day of Pentecost the disciples were gathered together in the Upper Room for prayer and filled with the Holy Spirit. Today, Pentecost Sunday, the church will be open from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament– to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit into our lives and a deeper experience of the life of grace.

VOCATIONS PRAYER Lord, make me a better person, more considerate towards others, more honest with myself, more faithful to You. Make me generous enough to want sincerely to do Your will whatever it may be. Help me to find my true vocation in life and grant that through it I may find happiness myself and bring happiness to others. Grant Lord that those whom You call to enter the priesthood, diaconate or religious life may have the generosity to answer Your call, so that those who need Your help may find it. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mass Intentions this Sunday (19th May – Pentecost Sunday) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph’s) Evan George Elias (RIP) (The family); **Sunday 10-30 a.m.** Wendy Baker (RIP) (Gordon Baker).

Weekday Mass Times Wednesday 22nd May (St. Joseph’s) 9-30 a.m. Edna McAteer (RIP) (The family); (St. John Kemble) 11-00 a.m. Israel/Gaza & Ukraine (Peace); Thursday (23rd) 9-30 a.m. Betty Hopkins (RIP) (O’Brien family); Friday (24th) 9-30 a.m. Ashley Mills (RIP) (Elias family).

Mass Intentions next Sunday (26th May – Trinity Sunday) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph’s) Kevin Halloran (RIP) (Boland family); 10-30 a.m. Peter & Hazel Huxtable (RIP) (Dennis).

Mass Intentions & Candles Please note that Mass intentions for weekday Masses are now reserved into July and for Saturday/Sunday Masses beyond July.

Readers: This Sunday (19th) 6-00 p.m. Sian Loynes; 10-30 a.m. Stephen Evans. **Next Sunday (26th)** 6-00 p.m. Nora Reynolds; 10-30 a.m. Des Nicholas.

Candles: Sacred Heart – Edna McAteer (RIP); Our Lady – Israel/Gaza (Peace); St. Joseph – Ukraine (Peace).

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Wendy Baker (2014); Norman Price (2012); Philip Keane (2010); Mary Fletcher (2016); Brigid Mahoney (2004); Edna McAteer (2021); Evan George Elias (2011); Violet Hanford (2021); Elsie Sheridan (2004); Linda Gottuso (2013). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

First Holy Communion Mass will take place at the 10-30 a.m. Mass on **Sunday 2nd June (Corpus Christi)**. Classes every Sunday in the Parish Hall before the 10-30 a.m. Mass. Please keep those preparing for their first Holy Communion in your prayers.

Theft of lead from church roof Unfortunately considerable damage was done to the roof with the theft of about 30 feet of lead from the roof and damage to/removal of tiles with significant ingress of water down the sacristy wall. Many thanks to Chris and Martin for spending several hours on the roof to secure a temporary covering. Three quotations have been obtained and we hope work can begin as soon as possible

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Major Expenditure A number of projects have become urgent. (i) Repairs to the church roof (due to theft of lead) and interior repainting – most of which we hope will be covered by our insurance. (ii) Security cameras around the church, presbytery & parish hall. (iii) Facia boards, soffits & gutters around the hall (estimates from £15 - £20,000.). (iv) New gas boiler for the house and for the parish hall – both about 17 years old and urgently need replacing. (v) The £60,000 raised to re-surface the driveway/car park is ring-fenced (and therefore not to be used otherwise than the purpose for which the sum was raised) which leaves us with just about £40,000 to cover all the work on the hall, security camers and two new boilers as well as the day-to-day expenditure of parish life. Please pray about our situation!

Deanery Station Mass This year our Deanery Mass with Archbishop Mark will take place at the Sacred Heart, Morriston, on **Thursday 30th May** (next week) at 7-00 p.m. It will be preceded by an “ **Open Listening Meeting**” with Archbishop Mark to discuss the proposal to unite the Diocese of Menevia with the Archdiocese of Cardiff. All are invited to both the Open Meeting and the Station Mass.

Forth Coming Event! St. Joseph’s Parish Guild and parishioners **International Food Extravaganza** – Sunday 30th June following the 10-30 a.m. Mass. Come and join us for food tasting from countries around the world! Tickets £10 (adults). Free raffle tickets on admission. Proceeds to the hall roof repairs. Tickets will be available shortly.

Thank you! The Parish Hall Committee would like to say a big thankyou to the parishioners and friends who supported our latest event with the Waterwheel Singers. Everyone had a lovely evening and were extremely generous. We made the magnificent sum of £550 to go toward the cost of the repairs to the hall roof, guttering etc. The Waterwheel Singers were really appreciative of the parish welcome and hospitality and very kindly declined their own appearance fee. The Committee really appreciates everyone’s support. Than you.

Mrs Philippa Brooks. Congratulations to Philippa on her appointment as our new Head at St.Joseph’s School. We have a close relationship with the school and offer Philippa and the teaching staff our warmest best wishes.

May – Mary’s Month Please take the opportunity to view the flowers at Our Lady’s Grotto donated by the children of the school at the Crowning of Our Lady on Thursday – also feel free to explore the church grounds/gardens which are slowly maturing. Thank you to those who have donated funds for the gardens.

Holy Cross Abbey, Whitland. “Come & See” weekends The Cistercian Nuns are inviting single Catholic women ages 27 to 45 who are discerning a vocation to the religious life, to experience their monastic life either from Friday 24 May to Monday 27 May or Friday 16 August to Monday 19 August. Any enquiries and registration, please email comeandseehca@gmail.com (www.hcawhitland.co.uk).

Last Sunday’s Collection: £353-98 (plus Direct Debits) and two donations of £1,000 and of £250 toward the cost of repairs on the Parish Hall. All donations gratefully received – many thanks. St.John Kemble £64-00. Many thanks. **Second Collection** next Sunday – the annual World Communications Day collection.

NHS Home Eye Tests. To book your home visit call 0800 915 6280 (free call). QUOTE JWP or go on line to outsidedclinic.co.uk/JWP. These are the same contact details to arrange a home hearing test.

Legion of Mary Every Tuesday evening at 4-45 p.m. in the Hall. New members very welcome. Please come along.

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

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, George Johnson, Julie, Stephen & Jason Saunders, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna and Joe O’Brien, Margaret Jeffrey, Marion Brocksopp., Marlene John, Pat Day, Daniel John, David Reynolds, Adrian Macpherson-Jones, Roger Horton, Kath Davies, Robert Minty, David Hoy, Ieuan Evans, Gaynor Pickrell. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

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