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## **Sunday 8th November 2020 – Remembrance Sunday**

### **SECOND LOCKDOWN!**

**( Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November )**

Our public celebration of Mass will resume this **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November** with Mass at 9-30 a.m. (St. Joseph's ) and 11-00a.m. ( St. John Kemble). Please continue to pray that through these ups and downs of public life, the Lord will work in us His deeper and more perfect Will for the Church and that through this disruption of our community (and liturgical) life as the Body of Christ, He will bring us through to Resurrection and a New Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit! Come, Lord Jesus!

**Remembrance Sunday (8<sup>th</sup> November)** There will be no Rosary and Blessing of the Graves this year.

**Weekday Mass Times:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 9-30a.m. ( St. Joseph's ) Katherine Sheehan (RIP) (Nuala & Martin); 11-00a.m. ( St. John Kemble ) Bernard Newcombe (RIP) ( The Family). Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 9-30a.m. Norman Evans (RIP) ( McAteer Family ).

**Next Sunday** (15<sup>th</sup> November ) St. John Kemble: **Saturday** 4-00p.m. Parish & People; St. Joseph's 6-00p.m Janet Jones (RIP) (Geraint ); **Sunday** 8-00a.m. Shaun Elias (RIP) (Mills Family); 10-30a.m. Bernard and Margaret Allen (RIP) ( Elias family ).

**Readers** Next Sunday (15th) Saturday 6-00 p.m. Nora Reynolds. Sunday 8-00 a.m. Gregory Page. 10-30a.m. Maureen Pitt.

**Candles** Sacred Heart – Shaun Elias (RIP); Our Lady - Bernard Allen (RIP); St. Joseph – “an end to the pandemic”.

**A Timely Reminder!!** Most people attending Mass are complying with Covid advice and guidelines but others, on occasion, are not so diligent. (i) Phones to be turned off on entering the church. It is irreverent to leave Mass to answer a phone call. (ii) Please be sure to maintain social distancing on entering the church and on leaving via the Lady Chapel – please hold back and avoid bunching up together. (iii) Please follow arrows at all times to maintain social distancing. **Thank you!**

**Month of Holy Souls** The Book of Remembrance on the Altar contains the names of all those submitted and remembered last year. Envelopes are available if you would like to **add** additional names ( perhaps, those who have died during the last year) – please note that Mass requests during November may continue as usual but only names ( and no donations ) to accompany Mass requests for Holy Souls/Faithful Departed.

**Anniversaries:** Jean Waters (2007); Katherine Sheehan (2018); Myrna Francis (2018); John O'Brien (2014); Gerta Jones (2012); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**Driveway Appeal** Many thanks for donations to Parish Funds/Driveway Appeal. All donations gratefully received. We now have £2,000 in the Driveway Fund. Many thanks.

**The Parish S.V.P Group/St.Joseph's Community Support Group/Legion of Mary (and others)**. We are very grateful to all those who have kept in contact by phone and helped out with shopping and in other ways, often behind the scene and unknown to others, since the beginning of lockdown. **THANK YOU TO YOU ALL! N.B. If you are still self-isolating – this help is still available.**

**Pastoral Visits** Please note that Fr.Neil is happy to call if you are continuing to self-isolate at home but would appreciate a visit. However - wearing masks and observing social distancing - this must be at your own risk (!). Except for emergencies, Fr.Neil will not call uninvited during the pandemic. **Please note: At present, the Sacrament of Reconciliation – by arrangement.**

**A Coronavirus Prayer.** “ Lord Jesus Christ, You travelled through towns and villages ‘ curing every disease and illness’. At Your command, the sick were made well. Come now to our aid, in the midst of this global pandemic, and send down Your blessing and healing upon us and protect our healthcare workers. Bring us through to Resurrection and a New Pentecost. For Thy Name’s sake. Amen.

**Food Bank** During this pandemic there has been greater demands on the Neath Food Bank and donations would be gratefully received. Please leave your gift in the box at the back of the church. Thank you.

**Christmas Cards** are now available from Sheila before the 6-00pm. Saturday Vigil Mass or before and after the 10-30a.m. Mass. Each box costs £4 – please have the **exact money** to put into the box. No cross-handling of money is permissible.

**Christmas Masses** Unfortunately, because of anticipated numbers, we will have to operate a booking system for those wishing to attend Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day – further details to follow. **Christmas Eve** – St.John Kemble 4-00p.m. St.Joseph’s 6-00 p.m. and 10-00p.m. **Christmas Day** – St.Joseph’s 8-00a.m. and 10-30a.m. This means that there will be enough room for everyone wishing to attend but it may not be possible to attend at the Mass time you would usually prefer. If possible, we would like the 6-00p.m. Mass to especially accommodate younger families so please take this into consideration when indicating which Mass you would like to attend.

**Second Collection** The Second Collection next weekend (15<sup>th</sup>) will be the ( postponed ) **Diocesan Sick & Retired Clergy Collection**. The following second collections will then take place. Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> – World Communications Day ( from 24<sup>th</sup> May); Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> - Day for Life ( from 21<sup>st</sup> June); Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December –Peter’s Pence ( from 28<sup>th</sup> June); Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Stella Maris UK/Sea Sunday (from 12<sup>th</sup> July)

**Prayers to the Holy Spirit** ( Please continue to pray for a New Pentecost in the life of the Church)

“Father, pour out Your Spirit upon Your people, and grant us a new vision of Your glory, a new experience of Your power, a new faithfulness to Your Word, and a new consecration to Your service, that Your love may grow among us, and Your Kingdom come; through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

“Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of the faithful, Enkindle in them the fire of Your Love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created, And renew the face of the earth. O God, Who has taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit grant that, by the gift of the same Spirit, we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen”.