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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time– 16th January 2022

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT. “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 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!*

Mass Intentions this Sunday: (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time) **Saturday** (St.John Kemble) 4-00p.m. Parish & People; (St. Joseph’s) 6-00p.m. John & Mary Woolcock (RIP) (RIP) (Pat, Donie & Family); **Sunday** 8-00a.m. Marion Andrews (RIP) (Pat, Donie & Family); 10-30a.m. John Gardiner (RIP) (Glenda and James Cahill).

Weekday Mass Intentions: Monday 11-00 a.m. Funeral Mass: Maureen Pitt (RIP). Wednesday 9-30 a.m. Deceased members of the Spagna Family (Yolanda and Nantlais). 11-00 a.m. Anita O’Donnell (RIP) (Owen).

Mass Intentions this Sunday (22nd January) **Saturday** – 4-00 p.m. (St.John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St.Joseph’s) Jim Insole (RIP) (Rosemary); **Sunday** 8-00 a.m. Norman Evans (RIP) (Jean Evans); 10-30a.m. Pilar Diez Fernandez (Isabel and Peter).

Maureen Pitt (RIP) Please remember Maureen and the family in your prayers. Maureen’s Funeral Mass will be here in St.Joseph’s this Monday 17th January at 11-00 a.m. (Attendance at the Crematorium is strictly limited). *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Saturday 29th January at 10-30 a.m. **SEATS ALREADY FULLY RESERVED.** Unfortunately because of the large number making their First Holy Communion it will only be possible to accommodate a limited number of family and friends at the Mass. One pew for each child. This will allow seven in a pew if all are in the same “bubble” – **otherwise** social distancing must be observed in the pew. If this restriction of numbers is not observed other family members/friends will be required to stand outside the church. It will not be possible to receive First Holy Communion **without having first made one’s First Confession** – on the previous Saturday (next Saturday) 22nd January at 10-30 a.m. in the church. Please keep in your prayers as they prepare for their First Holy Communion Ronan Abell, Lucy Owen, Jack Challenger, Ava Mallows, Julia Karczynska, John Grabczewski, Amelia Tristram, Julia Kuligowska, Efan and Bodi Lewis, Shuyalini Sivarupan, Joseph Owen, Brendan Fitchett, Lowrie Smitham, Ivy Walters, Dorothea Boland. We are very grateful to Carolynn, Elaine and Mary for preparing the children for their First Confession and First Holy Communion. We are sorry that this year (because of the large numbers involved) it will not be possible to have refreshments in the hall afterwards.

The Sacrament of Confirmation Please remember in your prayers those preparing for Confirmation – Zaira and Joshua Zambrano, Carys Smitham, Tommy Parel, Isabella and Maria Grabczewski, Oisín and Cian Fitchett, Eve Abell, Daniel Rowlands, Mia Faure, Joseph Payne, William Heslop, Callum Lavin, Martin and Marya Joseph and Bethany Clifford, Sophie Wheatley. Note for the diary! - Archbishop George Stack will visit us on **Friday 29th April** (7-00 p.m.) to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Confirmation Group resumes in February during which time attendance at Mass continues to be an essential part of the preparation process.

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Fr.Eugene Monaghan (2011); Valerie Rees (2010); Rosa Tristram (2019); Joan Worth (2003); Olive Davies (2017); Eileen Gregg (2018); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Please Note (Mass Intentions). Saturday and Sunday Masses and weekday Masses are already reserved for a particular intention until the end of March. Please think several months ahead if you would like to reserve a particular date (or nearest date). Thank you.

Candles The Sacred Heart – Annie and William Cochrane (RIP).

Readers: This Sunday (16th January) 6-00 p.m. Nora Reynolds; 8-00 a.m. Adrian & Paula Macpherson-Jones; 10-30 a.m. Mary Walker. **Next Sunday** (23rd January) 6-00 p.m. Maureen McAteer; 8-00 a.m. Gregory Page; 10-30 a.m. Bethan Lee.

Cleaning Teams. This Sunday (16th January) Sian & Mary; 8-00 a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30 a.m. Volunteers please. **Next Sunday** (23rd January) 6-00 p.m. Maralyn and Nora; 8-00 a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30 a.m. Joan & Ann.

White Flower Appeal The second collection this Sunday (16th) is the annual appeal in support of the work of the SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children).

Last Sunday's Collection: St.Joseph's - £353-75 (plus Direct Debits) – Crib Collection £533-32; St.John Kemble – £18-00 (CAFOD – tba)

PARISH SYNOD The next meeting of the Synod will be in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 26th January at 6-30 p.m. to consider the questions (i) What enables or hinders speaking up courageously, candidly and responsibly in our local church and in society? (ii) How do prayer and liturgical celebrations actually inspire and guide our common life and mission in our community?

A suggestion box is placed at the back of the church for those who wish to contribute but are unable to attend the meetings. Those in either parish with transport difficulties or who may be housebound or reluctant (during this pandemic) to meet socially with others but would like to contribute ideas/reflections, please ask someone to post your ideas into the box. May the Holy Spirit guide us in our understanding of what He is saying to the Church at this time.

Parish History Booklet Copies of the reprint of the History of the Parish are still available if you would like to pick up a copy from the sacristy - £5-00. If you have any relevant amendments, please proffer them either via the parish email address (parishofneath@gmail.com) or in an envelope marked "FAO Sandra Davies". Could this be done by the end of January please so that an Addendum sheet can be produced. (One or two items have surfaced). Thank you.

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, Peggy Swan (Glynneath), Jane Boland, George Johnson, Nancy Morris, Cheryl Ford, Andrew Jenkins, Jason Saunders, Stephen Saunders, Yolanda Jones, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna O'Brien, Betty Hopkins, Rose Williams, Donie O'Connell, Margaret Jeffrey. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

The Sacrament of Confession Fr. Neil will be available to hear confessions from 5-30 p.m. before the Saturday Vigil Mass. Please arrive in plenty of time. Confessions can be either face-to-face or use the privacy of the cubicle. **Confession can also take place at other Mass times** (including weekdays).

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.*

PRAYER AFTER MASS St.Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

ENTRANCE

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God,
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto
you;

allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
allelu, alleluia.

2 Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and ye shall find;
knock and it shall be opened unto you;
allelu, alleluia.

3 We do not live by bread alone
but by ev'ry word
that comes forth from the mouth of God:

4 Where two or three are gathered in
my name,
there am I in your midst;
and whatsoever you ask I will do:

OFFERTORY

1 The love I have for you, my Lord,
is only a shadow of your love for me,
only a shadow of your love for me:
your deep abiding love.

2 My own belief in you, my Lord,
is only a shadow of your faith in me:
only a shadow of your faith in me:
your deep and lasting faith.

3 My life is in your hands;
my life is in your hands.
My love for you will grow, my God.
Your light in me will shine.

4 The dream I have today, my Lord,
is only a shadow of your dreams for me:
only a shadow of all that will be:
if I but follow you.

5 The joy I feel today, my Lord,
is only a shadow of your joys for me:
only a shadow of your joys for me:
when we meet face to face.

6 Repeat v. 3.

HOLY COMMUNION

1 Jesu, the very thought of thee
with sweetness fills my breast;
but sweeter far thy face to see,
and in thy presence rest.

2 Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
nor can the memory find,
a sweeter sound than thy blest name,
O Saviour of mankind.

3 O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
to those who fall, how kind thou art,
how good to those who seek!

4 But what to those who find? Ah, this
nor tongue nor pen can show;
the love of Jesus, what it is
none but his lovers know.

5 Jesu, our only joy be thou,
as thou our prize wilt be;
Jesu, be thou our glory now,
and through eternity.

RECESSIONAL

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.

2 Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

3 Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.

4 Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above;
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

5 Finish then thy new creation,
pure and sinless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.

6 Changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.