

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – 27th APRIL 2025

HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS (RIP)

We pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis and give thanks for his years of service to the Church as we pray for the coming Conclave of Cardinals who will meet in Rome to elect a successor to the Holy See. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

Mass Intentions this Sunday (27th April – Second Sunday of Easter) Saturday (St. John Kemble) 4-00 p.m. Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's) Gwyneth Lacombe (RIP) (The family); 10-30 a.m. Dorothy Evans(RIP).

Weekday Mass Times Wednesday (April 30th) 9-30 a.m. Russell Palfrey (RIP) (Linda & family); 11-00 a.m. (St. John Kemble) Joe O'Brien (Sp.Int).

Divine Mercy Sunday (Second Sunday of Easter - 27th April) at Holy Cross Church, Swansea, 1-00 to 2-20p.m. Confession, 2-30 p.m. Blessing of Image & Exposition. 3-00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy. 3-30 p.m. Holy Mass.

Mass Intentions next Sunday (4th May) Saturday (St. John Kemble) 4-00 p.m. Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's) Mary Pauline Sullivan (RIP) (Pauline, Margaret & families); 10-30 a.m. Ross Bowen (RIP) (Mary Bowen & family).

Readers: This Sunday (27th April) 6-00 p.m. Maureen McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Sophia Hikary. Next Sunday (4th May) 6-00 p.m. Ceri McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Bethan Lee.

Candles: Sacred Heart - The Conclave; Our Lady – The Conclave; St. Joseph – Pope Francis (RIP)

Anniversaries Annette Powell (2005); Owen O'Donnell (2022); Russell Palfrey (2015); Francis Thomas (2011); Mary Sullivan (2008); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Easter Offering Many thanks for the generous Easter Offering and for cards and gifts received – all very much appreciated. Thank you.

Last Sunday's Collection: Holy Places £87 -00. Lenten Alms £266-90. St. John Kemble – Lenten Alms £87-68.

Parish 80th Anniversary V.E Day Celebration Event – Sunday 11th 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.

Vi Taylor Vi is very grateful for the marvellous response to the Gaza Appeal. Final donations by Sunday 11th May. Many thanks.

Health & Safety. There will shortly be a Fire Evacuation exercise from the church. Please note that because of visitors tripping over the up-turned pew kneelers we shall instead leave the kneelers down when not in use.

Confirmation & First Holy Communion Groups begin again this Sunday (27th) before and after Mass

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.*

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