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Sunday 14th February 2021 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We have been asked by the Diocese to, once again, make very clear the absolute importance of continuing to strictly observe all the necessary precautions. These precautions continue to apply even if you have received the Coronavirus Vaccine. Please wear a mask at all times, sanitise your hands before entering the church and on leaving the church. Please continue to observe social distancing, especially when invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion. **Please do not walk about the church or against the direction of the arrows** and please do not bunch up with others on entering and leaving the church or gather in a group outside of church **but continue to keep six feet apart at all times.**

Many will have chosen, following government guidance, to stay away from attendance at Mass until the present lockdown restrictions are lifted. **For online/streamed Mass** in the Diocese, please see the websites of the Cathedral, Mumbles, Town Hill, Dunvant, Haverfordwest, amongst others.

LENT 2021 (Please pick up the Lent 2021 sheet as you leave). This Wednesday (**Ash Wednesday**) marks the beginning of Lent. We pray that in these difficult times, through which we are passing, the Lord will bring us through (as through a period of purification) to Resurrection and a New Pentecost, and that our Lenten abstinences and prayers will deepen our sense that “we hang like a drop of dew upon a blade of grass” (W.B.Yeats). Conscious of the frailty and fragility of life, may we be given the grace to cast ourselves with greater abandonment upon the empowering mercy of God’s love for us, revealed to us in the Death of Christ and His glorious Resurrection on Easter Morning.

CAFOD Big Walk for Water. This Lent CAFOD invites those who are able to join this virtual event on Saturday 20th February at 2-00p.m. (within current guidelines) to walk a route of up to five miles in solidarity with so many around the world whose daily lives revolve around collecting water. People like Abdella, 23, who spends 10 hours every day in temperatures above 40c in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. Abdella feels very frustrated as it leaves him no time for anything else. Could you Walk for Water as a personal Lenten challenge by walking 5 miles/10,000 steps every day for 40 days? Watch part of Abdella’s punishing journey on cafod.org.uk under the heading Lent Appeal 2021, which shows what is possible. More news in the coming weeks on how we can help change lives for better. *“Loving God, we hear Your call to all who thirst for a brighter future: come to the water. Pour out Your Spirit upon us and lead us to walk alongside one another. Let a desire for change well up within us. May we overflow with compassion and love, and as a stream wears away the stone, may we reshape our world together to reflect Your kingdom of hope for all. Amen.”* Thank you. (For further details, please contact Sandra).

Mass Intentions this Sunday (14th) St. John Kemble **Saturday** 4-00p.m. NO MASS. St. Joseph’s 6-00p.m. Paddy Clifford (RIP). **Sunday** 8-00a.m. Laurence Macphearson-Jones (RIP) (Adrian and Paula); 10-30a.m. Sidney James (RIP) (Rosemary Insole).

Funeral Mass. Alan Boland (RIP). This Tuesday (16th) at 11-30a.m. (by invitation only due to pandemic restrictions). *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

Ash Wednesday The Ash Wednesday liturgy will be adapted and ashes sprinkled upon the crown of the head (not marking/touching the forehead). Also available, **A Service for use with Families in Lockdown at Home** please pick up a copy on the way out of church. **PLEASE NOTE** the celebration of Mass resumes at St.John Kemble on Ash Wednesday.

Weekday Mass Times **ASH WEDNESDAY** 9-30a.m. Dorian Schaffer (RIP) (Elias Family);); 11-00a.m. St. John Kemble Evans Family (RIP) (Kathleen Evans); 6-30 p.m. Parishioners of St.Joseph's (Adrian & Paula); Thursday (18th) 9-30 a.m. Laurence Macpherson-Jonesi (RIP) (St. Benedict's Choir).

Mass Intentions next Sunday (21st February) St.John Kemble: **Saturday** 4-00p.m. Parish & People 6-00p.m Sean Comerford (RIP) (The Family); **Sunday** 8-00a.m. Ann Hanford (RIP) (R.Hanford); 10-30a.m. Helen Gethin and Irene Jenkins (RIP) (Sheila Morgan).

PLEASE NOTE – To all stewards, readers and cleaners.**THERE IS NO OBLIGATION TO COME TO CHURCH IF YOU DO NOT FEEL SAFE OR COMFORTABLE TO DO SO.** Please let Fr. Neil know so that he can arrange a replacement. Thank you.

Readers: This Sunday (14th) 6-00p.m. Maureen MacAteer 8-00a.m. Gregory Page; 10-30a.m. Barbara Hunt.
Next Sunday (21st) 6-00p.m. Ceri MacAteer; 8-00a.m. Gregory Page; 10-30a.m. Bernie Payne

Stewarding This Sunday (14th) 6-00 p.m. Angela & Geraint. 8-00 a.m. Christopher & Gregory. 10-30 a.m. John, Aimee & Olivia. **Next Sunday** (21st) 6-00p.m. Angela & Geraint. 8-00a.m. Christopher & Gregory. 10-30a.m. Luke and Lena

Cleaning Teams. **This Sunday** (14th) 6-00p.m. Volunteer please; 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala. 10-30 a.m. Elma, Hannah and Tommy.. **Next Sunday** (21st) 6-00p.m. Volunteers please. 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala. 10-30a.m. Ann/Joan/Volunteer please

Congratulations to David and Margaret Hoy celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Prayers and all good wishes for this happy day.

YOUNG PEOPLE (age 18 – 30) A zoom discussion group for catholic young adults meeting on Monday evenings. Get to know other catholic young people in the Diocese. Please contact Fr. Matt Roche-Saunders at vocations@menevia.org for more information. Also check out <https://acutisproject.com/events/> providing free digital resources and training for young Catholics.

WARNING! A safeguarding alert has been reported by CSAS that the online game "Avakin Life" has been/is a grooming platform. Two million people currently use the game – half a million using it every day.

DOMSEC Livestreamed Events in 2021 A full programme of (over 25) events! See www.domsec.org.uk or www.ourladystaroftheseamumbles.org.uk to access the livestreams and click "Livestream" on the menu bar. The next talk – **Creation and the Revelation of the Trinity in Genesis** (Fr.Liam Bradley) Saturday 20 February 11-00a.m. to 1-00p.m.

Candles The Sacred Heart - Denis Healey.

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ruth Potter (2007); Bernadine McCann (2007); Rita Newton (2018); Gerald Shillingford (2020);Olive Davies (2001); John Greene (2001); Peter Derrick (2006);Julia Mary Watkins (2011); Bridget Sagattis (2009); Bridget Mullane (2009); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Thank you for last Sunday's Collection – St. Joseph's £402-34 (plus Direct Debits). Sick & Retired £288-07 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 and all those who are self-isolating because of the Pandemic. Especially at this time, Jason Saunders, Tess Court, Gillian Boland, Marjorie Grant, Yolanda Jones, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna O'Brien, Betty Hopkins, Donie O'Connell, Harold Jenkins. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

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**