

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 25<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025

“ 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 ).

### THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Archbishop Mark is unable to be with us this Tuesday which has clashed with the Installation of the new Archbishop of Liverpool on Tuesday evening. In his place we welcome Bishop Tom Burns. Bishop Tom would like to meet all our confirmation candidates and their sponsors in the Parish Hall from 6-00 p.m. and then move across to the church to rehearse an adaption ( of previous rehearsals ) of the Confirmation Rite. Please keep in your prayers our candidates, Lowri Smitham, Thushalini & Shuyalinin Sivarupan, Ieuan Rees, Osian & Teifion Hopkins, Klara Hikary, Isabella and Johnny Grabczewski, Bredan Fitchett and Ronan Abell. Please come along and support all the candidates and their families on this special occasion. Donations of food gratefully received for refreshments in the Hall following the Mass – please see Joan or Kasia. The Hall will be open from 5-30 p.m. to deliver food parcels. Many thanks.

**Mass Intentions this Sunday** ( 25<sup>th</sup> May) Saturday ( St. John Kemble ) 4-00 p.m. Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. ( St. Joseph's ) Dennis Taylor (RIP) ( Vi Taylor ); 10-30 a.m. Peter & Hazel Huxtable ( RIP ) ( Dennis ).

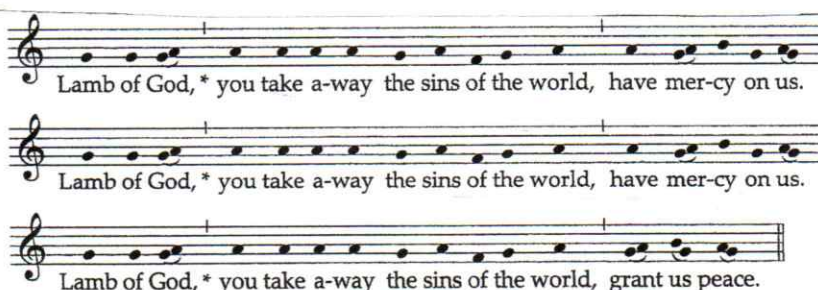
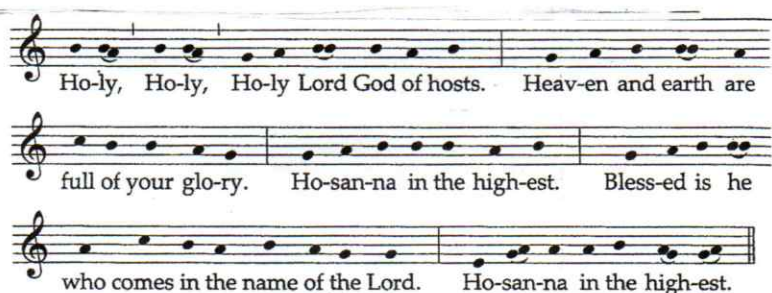
**Weekday Mass Times** Tuesday ( May 27<sup>th</sup> ) 7-00 p.m. **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** with Bishop Tom Burns. Wednesday ( May 28<sup>th</sup> ) 9-30 a.m. **NO MASS** 11-00 a.m., ( St. John Kemble ) Votive Mass of the Ascension – Elaine ( Sp. Int. ); 6-00 p.m. ( St. Joseph's ) Vigil Mass of the Ascension – Roger Fluck (RIP) ( Jane, Andy & Marian Boland ) Thursday ( 29<sup>th</sup> May – **ASCENSION DAY** ) 9-30 a.m. Kim Jenkins (RIP) ( The family ).

**Mass Intentions next Sunday** ( 1<sup>st</sup> June ) Saturday ( St. John Kemble ) 4-00 p.m. Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. ( St. Joseph's ) Michael Norhoyle (RIP) ( B. O'Grady ); 10-30 a.m. Patricia Phillips (RIP) ( Ane Guest & family ).

**Readers: This Sunday** (25<sup>th</sup>) 6-00 p.m. Mandy Smith; 10-30 a.m. Sheila Williams. Next Sunday ( 1<sup>st</sup> June ) 6-00 p.m. Sian Loynes; 10-30 a.m. Bridget Zambrano.

**Readers** Please come early so that you have the opportunity before Mass to look at the readings beforehand. If you are unable to keep your place on the rota please arrange for someone to take your place (!!).

**Donations for Flowers** to decorate the church for the Confirmation Mass and for each Sunday much appreciated. Please see Chris, Babs or Paula. Many thanks.



**Candles:** Sacred Heart - Confirmation Candidates; Our Lady – Evan George Elias (RIP); St. Joseph – Mary Eleanor Carter (RIP)

**Anniversaries** Linda Gottuso ( 2013 ); Sydney Parsons (2010); Hazel Huxtable (2018); Maureen Lewis (2014); Marion Davies ( 2017); Kim Jenkins ( 2018 ); Ellen O'Donnell ( 2020 ). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**Bishop Mark Jabale (RIP)** Bishop Mark, Bishop of Menevia ( 2001 – 2008 ) died peacefully in retirement at Belmont Abbey ( age 91 ). His coffin will be received into St. Joseph's Cathedral, Swansea this coming Friday ( 30<sup>th</sup> ) at 11-00 a.m. with a " Mass of Remembrance" and his Funeral Mass the following Thursday ( 5<sup>th</sup> June ) at 12 noon in Belmont Abbey. *Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

**Gentle Reminder!** Please do not whisper (!) the congregational responses in the Mass – or leave it to others – they are to be proclaimed! ( ie: "And with your spirit!")

**Health & Safety.** There will shortly be a Fire Evacuation exercise from the church. To facilitate this we need to have volunteers to act as Fire Marshalls in every Mass to help evacuate the church. **Please sign the list at the back of the church** if you are able to help with this. Many thanks. Please note that because of visitors tripping over the up-turned pew kneelers we shall instead leave the kneelers down when not in use.

**Last Sunday's Collection:** St. Joseph's £439-18 ( plus Direct Debits ); St. John Kemble – £52-00 ( 10/3 ) Priests' Training Fund £15-00. (17/3) £67-00 Many thanks.

**First Holy Communion in 2025.** Regular attendance at Mass is an essential part of preparation for receiving this sacrament. Classes take place before Mass at 9-30a.m. The First Holy Communion Mass – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

**Welsh National Pilgrimage** to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Taper, Cardigan **this Sunday** 25<sup>th</sup> May led by Archbishop Mark O'Toole. 1-30 p.m. Confessions; 2-30 p.m. Rosary Procession; 3-00 p.m. Holy Mass. 5-15 p.m. Benediction and Blessing of the Sick.

**Volunteer Training Sessions** Do you volunteer with children or young people? Would you like to know more about protecting children from harm? The Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia is working with the Lucy Faithfull Foundation to deliver free "live" on-line training. Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Digital Resilience 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September - Understanding Harmful Sexual Behaviour 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Child sexual exploitation awareness 6 to 8 p.m. To book your place please contact [safeguarding@rcadc.org](mailto:safeguarding@rcadc.org)

**The Archdiocese Safeguarding Team** are seeking to recruit a number of volunteers to act as "support persons" across Cardiff-Menevia. Full training and out of pocket expenses will be provided. You will need to apply for the role, attend an interview in June and training in September. Please contact us for further information on [safeguarding@rcadc.org](mailto:safeguarding@rcadc.org)

**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, Bridie Johnson, Julie, Stephen & Jason Saunders, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna and Joe O'Brien, Margaret Jeffrey, Marion Brocksopp., Marlene John, Pat Day, Daniel John, Nora Reynolds, Adrian Macpherson-Jones, Roger Horton, Kath Davies, Paul Leaker, David Vaudin. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names

**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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