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Sunday 9th May 2021 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Year of St. Joseph A daily prayer to St. Joseph. *“Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became a man. Blessed St. Joseph, to us too, show yourself to be a father, and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen”*

Ascension Day and Pentecost Forty days after His Resurrection Jesus ascended into heaven having commanded the disciples to wait in Jerusalem and to pray for Coming of the Holy Spirit. Ten days later, the Risen, Ascended and Glorified Jesus, seated at the right hand of the Father, sent down upon the Church the Gift of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. Throughout the coming years, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, the Holy Spirit continued to be poured out upon the Church and also throughout the two thousand year history of the Church in times of renewal and refreshment in the life of the Church. We continue to pray that, in our day, the Risen Jesus may once again awaken us, as a Church, and pour out the Holy Spirit upon us. This Thursday is Ascension Day and allows us to begin a novena (nine days) of prayer for the coming down of the Holy Spirit.

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 (9th May) **Saturday** (St. John Kemble) 4-00p.m. Gregory Hipsley (RIP) (Bella); (St. Joseph's) 6-00p.m. Parish & People; **Sunday** 8-00a.m. Alan Boland (RIP) (Margaret Jeffrey); 10-30a.m. Ken Hopkins (RIP) (Lorna & Joe O'Brien).

Weekday Mass Intentions Wednesday (12th May) 9-30a.m. (St. Joseph's) Alan Boland (RIP) (Roger & Elizabeth Fluck); 11-00a.m. (St. John Kemble) Francis & Rose (Sp.Int.); Thursday (13th May) **ASCENSION DAY** 9-30 a.m. Vi and Dennis Taylor (Sp.Int.) (Rosemary Insole).

Mass Intentions next Sunday (16th May) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. (St John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m (St. Joseph's) Ray Clifford (RIP) (The Family); **Sunday** 8-00 a.m. Laurence Macpherson-Jones (RIP) (Adrian & Paula); 10-30a.m. Alan Boland (RIP) (Peter & Isabel).

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Elsie Eileen Thomas (2007); Albert O'Callaghan (2009); Norman Rees (2011); Olive Edwards (2000); Margaret James (2011); Norma Hatherall (2020); Christopher McDermott (2018); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Father Eric Wastell (RIP) Fr. Eric has been a resident at Stella Maris Nursing Home for the last few years. Please remember Fr. Eric in your prayers and also the Sisters at the Convent (whose two resident priests have died within a few days of each other) and also Fr. Eric's family. Funeral details to be announced. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

Fr. Paul Brophy. Please remember Fr. Paul in your prayers who was taken into hospital on Wednesday night.

Driveway Appeal We now have the magnificent sum of **£51,185** (including gift aid) in the Driveway Appeal Fund. All donations gratefully received. Please remember that if you gift aid, an additional 25% is added to the value of your donation. We hope to raise a further (approx.) £9,000 in the next few months and to employ the services of a surveyor to design and cost tarmacking (and draining) the driveway/carpark and installing some form of lighting for the driveway/carpark. Thank you to all who have so generously donated to this Appeal. **Many thanks.**

Alan Boland (RIP) We are very grateful to have received a bequest of £5,000 to Parish Funds from Alan's estate, in addition to the £825 in lieu of flowers in Alan's memory after the funeral. Please continue to remember Marion and the family in your prayers. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

Church Garden and Grounds Donations toward the cost of shrubs and flowers gratefully received. We hope, over the next few years (God willing) to establish a mature garden of hardy perennials and shrubs as well as annual bedding plants and wild flowers. As some of you will know a wide variety of birds already visit the grounds and (since last October) a rabbit has taken up residence in the garden and (miraculously?) has (thus far!) survived the foxes on their nightly visits. In addition to the honey bees in the sanctuary roof, the squirrels and occasional hedgehog visits there are also (I fear!) bats in the presbytery roof. " *O all ye works of the Lord, O bless the Lord! To Him be highest glory and praise for ever!*" Many thanks to Kevin, Chris, Martin, Nuala & Mary for all their hard work in the garden.

Candles: Our Lady – Phil Havard (RIP); The Sacred Heart – Judith Jones (RIP).

.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 (9th May) 6-00p.m. Sian Loynes; 8-00a.m. Adrian & Paula Macpherson-Jones 10-30 Sheila Williams. **Next Sunday** (16th May) 6-00p.m. Lorna Halloran; 8-00 a.m. Adrian & Paula Macpherson-Jones; 10-30a.m. Mary Walker.

Stewarding: This Sunday (9nd May) 6-00 p.m. Angela & Geraint. 8-00 a.m. Christopher & Gregory. 10-30 a.m. John, Aimee & Olivia.. **Next Sunday** (9th May) 6-00 p.m. Angela & Geraint. 8-00 a.m. Christopher and Gregory. 10-30a.m. Luke & Lena

Cleaning Teams. This Sunday (9th May) 6-00p.m. Sian & Mary; 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala. 10-30 a.m. Volunteers please. **Next Sunday** (16th May) 6-00p.m. Maralyn & volunteer please; 8-00 a.m. Martin & Nuala. 10-30a.m. Joan & Ann

ENVELOPE BOXES (from April 2021-22) – these are now available as you leave via the Lady Chapel. If you do not already regularly donate to the church through the church envelope scheme and would like to do so, please see Robert Grant for a box. Many thanks.

Many thanks - for last Sunday's Collection (St.Joseph's) of £320-47 (plus direct debits), and (St.John Kemble) £54-00.

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. **Four talks on the Holy Spirit** by Fr Matthew Roach-Saunders on successive Tuesday nights from 6-30 – 8-30 p.m. on April 27th, May 4th, 11th and 18th. Prepare for the Coming of the Holy Spirit!

Please Note If you wish to reserve a particular date or day for a Mass Intention, please note that Saturday and Sunday Masses and weekday Masses are already reserved for a particular intention for the next three months **until the end of JULY**, (beginning of **August**). Please think several months ahead if you would like to reserve a particular date (or nearest date). 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, Fr. Paul Brophy, Andrew Jenkins, Jason Saunders, Tess Court, Marjorie Grant, Yolanda Jones, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna O'Brien, Betty Hopkins, Maureen Pitt. 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. Please note that, except for emergencies, Fr.Neil will not call uninvited during the pandemic. **Please note: At present, the Sacrament of Reconciliation – by arrangement**