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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time– 23rd 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 (23rd 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).

Weekday Mass Intentions: Wednesday 9-30 a.m. John, Nance & Anne Rafferty (RIP) (C. Birmingham). 11-00 a.m. Anita O’Donnell (RIP) (Owen).

Mass Intentions next Sunday: (30th January) **Saturday** (St.John Kemble) 4-00p.m. Parish & People; (St. Joseph’s) 6-00p.m. Richard Foley (RIP) (James Cahill); **Sunday** 8-00a.m. Annie & William Cochrane (RIP) (Jean Evans); 10-30a.m. Stan May (RIP) (The Family).

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 (this 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 Carolyn, 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: Mary Newbury (2015); Reginald Edwards (2001); Diane Hendy (2001); Rose Jones (2001); Morgan Turner (2003); Kathleen Morgan(2011); Edwina Hannigan (2017); *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 – Pat and Brian Clark (RIP).

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

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

Last Sunday's Collection: St. Joseph's - £280-71 (plus Direct Debits) – SPUC £145-47; St. John Kemble – £63-00, SPUC - £11-00, (CAFOD – collection this weekend). Many thanks.

PARISH SYNOD The next meeting of the Synod will be in the Parish Hall this 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 Guild Meeting in the Parish Hall on Monday 31st January at 2-00 p.m.

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, Dennis Taylor, Marion Brocksopp. 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

- 1 This is the day (2)
that the Lord has made. (2)
We will rejoice, (2)
and be glad in it. (2)
This is the day that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day (2)
that the Lord has made.
- 2 This is the day.. when he rose again ...
- 3 This is the day.. when the Spirit came...

OFFERTORY

- 1 Father, I place into your hands
the things I cannot do.
Father, I place into your hands
the things that I've been through.
Father, I place into your hands
the way that I should go,
for I know I always can trust you.
- 2 Father, I place into your hands
my friends and family.
Father, I place into your hands
the things that trouble me.
Father, I place into your hands
the person I would be,
for I know I always can trust you.
- 3 Father, we love to see your face,
we love to hear your voice.
Father, we love to sing your praise
and in your name rejoice.
Father, we love to walk with you
and in your presence rest,
for we know we always can trust you.
- 4 Father, I want to be with you
and do the things you do.
Father, I want to speak the words
that you are speaking too.
Father, I want to love the ones
that you will draw to you,
for I know that I am one with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

*Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together with cords
that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together, Lord
Bind us together with love.*

- 1 There is only one God.
there is only one King.
there is only one Body.
that is why we sing:
- 2 Made for the glory of God,
purchased by his precious Son,
born with the right to be free,
Jesus the victory has won.
- 3 We are the family of God,
we are the promise divine,
we are God's chosen desire,
we are the glorious new wine.

RECESSIONAL

- 1 Immaculate Mary!
Our hearts are on fire,
that title so wondrous
fills all our desire.
*Ave, ave, ave Maria!
Ave, ave, ave Maria!*
- 2 We pray for God's glory,
may his kingdom come!
We pray for his vicar,
our father, and Rome.
- 3 We pray for our mother
the church upon earth,
and bless, sweetest Lady,
the land of our birth.
- 4 For poor, sick, afflicted
thy mercy we crave;
and comfort the dying
thou light of the grave.
- 5 In grief and temptation,
in joy or in pain,
we'll ask thee, our mother,
nor seek thee in vain.
- 6 In death's solemn moment,
our mother, be nigh;
as children of Mary -
help us when we die.
- 7 And crown thy sweet mercy
with this special grace,
to behold soon in heaven
God's ravishing face.
- 8 To God be all glory
and worship for aye,
and to God's virgin mother
an endless Ave.

CONSECRATION OF THE PARISH TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Prostrate before your Sacrament of love, O Jesus, we adore, praise and love your most Sacred Heart, substantially united to the Word of God. We bless and give thanks to your Heart, from whose fullness we have received all that is good.

O Heart of the Son of God, Heart worthy of adoration, Heart wounded by our sins, to you we want to consecrate ourselves and our parish community.

In particular we consecrate to you the families of our parish, so that they may become true domestic churches, of which you are the centre and the source of unity.

We consecrate our children and our youth to you, so that they may not stray away from you, but rather grow in faith and Christian virtue.

To you we consecrate the sick, so that they may neither become discouraged nor lose hope, but know how to offer their suffering as a sacrifice of expiation and salvation for themselves and for all souls.

To you we consecrate the elderly and those who are lonely, so that they may find relief and comfort in your love and open their hearts to the joyful hope which awaits them.

To you we consecrate our associations, groups and all our activities, so that they may blossom and bear fruits of Christian witness.

For our part, we promise you to do all we can to render our heart similar to yours, in purity and in love, raising ourselves above earthly matters.

Pour out your blessing upon us, O Lord, so that we may have light in moments of doubt, perseverance in trials and comfort at the moment of our death.

Amen.

NOVENA to the HOLY SPIRIT

Renew your wonders
in this our day
as by a new Pentecost.

Pope John XXIII

God the Holy Spirit
Comforter and Sanctifier,
Melt our hearts
That we may accept your love.
Renew our minds
That we may know your truth.
Strengthen our wills
That we may serve you faithfully.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer for Protection

Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray: and do thou, prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan, and all wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen