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**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**RESUMPTION OF PARISH MASS**

It is great that once again we are able to meet together in the celebration of Holy Mass. Please continue 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.

Please continue to pray for the good health and the safety of everyone at St. Joseph's and at St. John Kemble. Please pray for those parishioners with the virus or having to self-isolate and those families who have lost loved ones in this pandemic. Please also remember all carers, doctors and nurses at this difficult and challenging time. We continue to pray that through these sufferings and trials the Lord will bring us through to Resurrection and a New Pentecost.

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.

**A Coronavirus Prayer.** " Lord Jesus Christ, You travelled through towns and villages ' curing every disease and illness'. At Your command, the sick were made well. Come now to our aid, in the midst of this global pandemic, and send down Your blessing and healing upon us and protect our healthcare workers. Bring us through to Resurrection and a New Pentecost. For Thy Name's sake. Amen".

**Mass Intentions this Sunday** (24<sup>th</sup> January ) St. John Kemble: **Saturday** 4-00p.m. Deceased friends of the Nedza Family (Nancy); 6-00p.m Mary Woolcock (RIP) ( Pat, Donie & family ); **Sunday** 8-00a.m. Parish & People; 10-30a.m. Ann Moruzzi (RIP) ( Elias Family);

**Readers:** This Sunday ( 24<sup>th</sup> ) 6-00p.m. Volunteer please; 8-00a.m. Volunteer please. 10-30a.m. Volunteer please. **Next Sunday** (31<sup>st</sup>) - Volunteers please.

**Stewarding** This Sunday ( 24<sup>th</sup> ) 6-00 p.m. Angela & Geraint. 8-00 a.m. Christopher & Gregory. 10-30 a.m. Luke & Lena. **Next Sunday** (31<sup>st</sup>) 6-00p.m. Angela & Geraint. 8-00a.m. Christopher & Gregory. 10-30a.m. John, Aimee & Olivia.

**Cleaning Teams.** This Sunday – 6-00p.m. Sian & Volunteer please. 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala. 10-30 a.m. Joan & Ann. **Next Sunday** (31<sup>st</sup>) 6-00p.m. Nora & Maralyn. 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala. 10-30 a.m. Volunteers please.

**Weekday Mass Times** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 9-30 a.m. (St. Joseph's) Martin Joseph Mead (RIP); 11-00a.m. ( St. John Kemble ) Friends & Families of Glynneath Parish (RIP) (Nancy). Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> ( St Thomas Aquinas) MICF (RIP).

**Candles** The Sacred Heart - Dorian Schaffer (RIP); Our Lady – Delia & Cyril Lewis (RIP); St. Joseph – Sharon O'Donnell (RIP).

**Anniversaries:** Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Reginald Edwards (2001); Diane Hendy (2001); Rose Jones (2006); Morgan Turner (2003); Kathleen Morgan (2011); Edwina Hinnigan (2017); Audrey Hurley (2003). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**Mass Intentions next Sunday** (31<sup>st</sup>) St. John Kemble **Saturday** 4-00p.m. Parish & People. St. Joseph's 6-00p.m. Bridget Flaherty (RIP) ( Brendan O'Grady ). **Sunday** 8-00a.m. Terry Lloyd (RIP) ( Damian, Clare & family); 10-30a.m. Nancy and Dennis Murphy (RIP) (Maureen Pitt).

**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 until the end of March ( Palm Sunday – the beginning of Holy Week ). Please think several months ahead if you would like to reserve a particular date ( or nearest date ) – in other words, from Easter and beyond. Thank you.

**Second Collection** Once again, many thanks for the generous Christmas collection. Very much appreciated. Thank you. **Next weekend** (31<sup>st</sup>) the annual **White Flower Appeal** in support of the SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children ).

**Message from SPUC Respond to Welsh Government's Consultation to stop Home Abortions.**

The Welsh Government is holding a consultation on whether to continue the practice of allowing abortion providers to send dangerous abortion pills to women so that they can perform their own abortions at home. We need as many pro-life supporters as possible to complete the Welsh Government's questionnaire in order to help stop dangerous DIY abortions becoming permanent. SPUC has prepared a briefing paper which gives a step by step guide to completing the consultation questionnaire. Please go to <https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/Wales-DIY-Abortion-Consultation>. The consultation ends on 23 February 2021.

**OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** (19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January) We continue to pray for Christian Unity and that we may come to know that unity in Spirit and in Truth for which Jesus prayed on the night of the Last Supper. If we have contributed in any way to disharmony in the life of the Church we pray for forgiveness and ask that the Lord will in the days ahead use us as instruments of His peace and reconciliation in our families, between fellow believers, in the Church and in society, for the praise and glory of His Name, for our good and the good of all His Holy Church.

**The Parish S.V.P Group/St.Joseph's Community Support Group/Legion of Mary (and others).** We are very grateful to all those who have kept in contact by phone and helped out with shopping and in other ways, often behind the scene and unknown to others, since the beginning of the first lockdown in March. **THANK YOU TO YOU ALL! N.B. If you are still self-isolating – this help is still available.**

**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, Alan Boland, Gillian Bolland, Marjorie Grant, Yolanda Jones, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna O'Brien, Betty Hopkins. 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**

**Driveway Appeal** Many thanks for the further donation to the Parish Funds/Driveway Appeal of £500. All donations gratefully received. We now have **£4,625** in the Driveway Fund. **Many thanks.**