

Third Sunday of Easter - 23rd April 2023

Prayer for Ukraine (from the Bishops 'Conference) *"Mary, Our Lady of Kiev, Mother of God, We ask you to intercede for the people of Ukraine, For their government and all who suffer as a result of war. Be with them as you stood beside your Son, Suffering on the Cross at Calvary. Give them strength and courage, Through faith, hope and justice. May we, in our turn, Support them through prayer and generosity, That lives may be saved, the injured healed, that the dead may rest in peace, And that war will end in peace"*

" 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)

Mass Intentions this Sunday (23rd April) Saturday 4-00 p.m.(St.John Kemble) Parish& People; 6-00p.m. (St. Joseph's) Stuart Michael (RIP) (Rees Family); 10-30 a.m. Gwyneth Larcombe (RIP) (Elias family)

Weekday Mass Intentions Wednesday (26th) 9-30 a.m. (St.Joseph's) Maureen & Jack Lewis (RIP) (Mary Addis); 11-00 a.m (St.John Kemble) Fr. Shaji Thomas (RIP) (SPCD); Thursday 9-30 a.m. Kath Woolley (Sp.Int.) (June & David Vaudin); Friday 9-30 a.m. Albert & Bridie Shackleton (RIP) (Mary Addis).

Mass Intentions next Sunday (30 th April) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's) Dorothy Evans (RIP); **Sunday** 10-30 a.m. Veronica Greenwood (RIP) (Helen)

Please note that Mass Intentions are already reserved for nearly every weekend Mass into July and weekday Masses into June

Readers: This Sunday (23rd April).6-00p.m. Ceri McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Des Nicholas. **Next Sunday** (30th April) 6-00 p.m. Gerald Smith; 10-30 a.m. Bernadette Payne. **Please take the opportunity to arrive early and look at (and prepare) the readings beforehand. Thank you.**

Candles: Sacred Heart – Hikary Family (Sp.Int); Our Lady – Dennis Hughes (RIP); St. Joseph – Annie & William Cochrane(RIP).

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Mary Adams (2007); Anita Gore (2019); Annette Powell (2005); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Terry Woolcock (RIP) Please remember Terry and the family in your prayers. Terry's Funeral Service will take place here in St. Joseph's on Tuesday 2nd May at 12 midday.

Joe Glover (RIP) Please remember Joe and the family in your prayers. Funeral details to be announced.

Roger Fluck (RIP) Please remember Roger and the family in your prayers. Funeral details to be announced.

John Mahoney (RIP) Please remember John and the family in your prayers. John's Funeral Mass will take place at St. Therese of Lisieux, Sandfields, on Thursday 11th May at 10-30 a.m.

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Welsh National Pilgrimage to the Shrine of our Lady, Cardigan. Sunday 21 May from 1-30 p.m. to 5-15 p.m. with Archbishop Mark. Please see poster for further details. **N.B.** If there are enough names, we could join with Briton Ferry Parish and travel together. If interested, please let Fr.Neil have names **this weekend** .

Annual Torchlight Procession in Honour of our Lady. Belmont Abbey Wednesday 10th May at 9-00 p.m. led by Archbishop Mark. (Refreshments from 6-00 p.m.). See poster for details.

ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL If you have a child over 2 years of age or are new to the area and are looking for a school – look no further! St Joseph's has a loving, caring ethos to bring out the full potential of your child. Please contact the school on 01639 635099 for further details.

Parish Safe-Guarding. Safe guarding of children and vulnerable adults is of the highest priority. We are very grateful to Mrs Anne Guest who has taken on the role of Parish Safe-Guarding Officer. Anne will be reviewing and up-dating the paperwork of all those who work with (or visit) children and vulnerable adults on behalf of the parish. If you have any concerns about safe-guarding issues, Anne can be contacted on 07741283098.

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Pilgrimage to Lourdes From 28 June to 7 July – two spare places. Please see Deacon Jim.

First Holy Communion Classes Every Sunday at 9-30 a.m. before the morning Mass. Regular attendance at Mass is an essential part of preparation for First Holy Communion. Four Application Forms have been received. Please keep in your prayers – Ieuan Rees, Noah Wheatley, George Challenger, Henri Afolabi. The date of the First Holy Communion Mass will be dependent on progress (and attendance) at the classes.

Parish Hall Are there any parishioners with an hour to spare. We are looking for someone with expertise and enthusiasm for D.I.Y. to help out with some small repairs? Please contact Brenda on 01639 636326 or 07817656157.

Warm Space Hub Unfortunately it will not be possible to facilitate the Warm Hub this Monday (23rd). The Warm Hub will return in the autumn.

Parish Coffee Morning Every Thursday from 10-00a.m. to 11-00 a.m.

Last Sunday's Collection: St. Joseph's £414-65 (plus Direct Debits) and £250 donation to the cost of heating. Many thanks. All donations gratefully received. St. John Kemble £57-50 – Lenten Alms £20. Many thanks.

Second Collection – next weekend (Good Shepherd Sunday) the annual Diocesan Priests' Training Fund. Please see poster and hand-outs. We look forward to the Ordination of Greg Beckett to the Priesthood at the Cathedral in July.

Envelope Boxes Now available from the back of the church. Please note, you may have a different numbered box than last year. If you would like to donate via the envelope scheme please have a word with Robert Grant.

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, Kathryn Woolley (Glynneath), Jane Boland, George Johnson, Nancy Morris, Cheryl Ford, Jason Saunders, Stephen Saunders, Julie Saunders, Yolanda Jones, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna and Joe O'Brien, Betty Hopkins, Rose Williams, Margaret Jeffrey, Marion Brocksopp., Marlene John, Geraint Jones, Pat Day., Fr. Neil, Donnie O'Connell. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

S.V.P If you or someone you know are in any kind of need, please contact a member of the SVP which will be in the strictest confidence. A list of members can be found at the back of the church on the SVP information board.

FOOD BANK Please leave donations to the Neath Food Bank at the back of the church - the products Food Banks need most: Tinned veg (peas and sweetcorn); tinned tuna and mackerel; brown, basmati and long grain rice; pulses (eg: kidney beans and chickpeas); grains (eg: couscous); easy cook noodles; tinned fruit (eg: pineapple slices); wholegrain cereals (eg: wheat biscuits); oat drinks and UHT milk. THANK YOU!

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