THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY – 25th OCTOBER 2026

" 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). Come, Holy Spirit!

Renewal of Consecration **(from the " The Miracle Prayer") " Lord Jesus, I come before You, just as I am. I am sorry for my sins. I repent of my sins. Please forgive me. In Your Name, I forgive all others for what they have done to me. I renounce Satan and all his works. I give You my entire self, Lord Jesus, now and for ever. I invite You into my life, Lord Jesus. I accept You as my God and Saviour. Heal me, change me, strengthen me in body, soul and spirit. I shall follow You all the days of my life. Mary, my Mother, Queen of Peace; all the Angels and Saints, pray for me. Amen."** To be said devoutly and sincerely, concentrating on each word.

Mass this Sunday (25th October) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's) Janet Jones (RIP) (Geraint); **CLOCKS CHANGE!** 10-30 a.m. Janet Jones (RIP) (Geraint).

Weekday Mass Times: Wednesday (28th) St. Joseph's 9-30 a.m. Colin Mulligan (RIP) (Jane & Marion); St. John Kemble 11-00 a.m. Fox Family (Sp.Int.); Thursday (29th) Winifred Gardner (RIP) (Sandra); Friday (30th) 11-00 a.m. **Funeral Mass – Adrian Macpherson-Jones (RIP)**

Mass next Sunday (Sunday 1st November – All Saints' Day) Saturday 4-00 p.m. **(St. John Kemble)** Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's) Kathryn Woolley (RIP) (Chris, John & Stewart); Sunday 10-30 a.m. Charlie & Steven Corse (Sp. Int.)

Thirtieth Sunday - Psalm Response " I love You, Lord my Strength " (Sunday - Year A; Daily Mass Readings – Year II; Daily Office - Week 2)

Readers: This Sunday (25th) 6-00 p.m. Sian Loynes; 10-30 a.m. Bethan Lee. Next Sunday (1st) 6-00 p.m. Maureen McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Tommy Parel

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 (!!)

Anniversaries Janet Jones (2017); Laurence McGinty (2017); Peggy Evans (2017); Bernard Newcombe (2019); James Lay (2024)..*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Candles: Sacred Heart – Tudor Watkins (Sp.Int.); Our Lady – June & David Vaudin (Sp.Int.) St. Joseph – Adrian Macpherson-Jones (RIP).

Mass Intentions Please note that Mass intentions are now already reserved (weekdays & Sundays) in to the New Yearr. Please think several months ahead if you wish to reserve a particular day/date.

Adrian Macpherson-Jones (RIP) Please remember Adrian in your prayers and the family at this time. Adrian's Funeral Mass takes place this Friday (30th) at 11-00 a.m. here in St. Joseph's. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

Reception into the Catholic Church We look forward to welcoming Steven and Charlie Corse into the full communion of the Catholic Church at our 10-30 a.m. Mass next Sunday 1st November (All Saints' Day). Please keep them both in your prayers.

Last Sunday's Collection: St. Joseph's £303-35 (plus Direct Debits); St. John Kemble £79-00; All donations gratefully received. **Second Collection** this weekend (25th) World Mission Collection (Missio). Second Collection next weekend for **Sick & Retired Clergy.**

Car Parking. Please do not park in front of the garages opposite the church or park (illegally) up on the pavement preventing wheelchair and pram access which may result in police action and prosecution.

Gift Aid Envelopes Please remember to place your weekly offering into your Gift Aid envelope, if you have one, otherwise we are unable to claim back tax on your contribution. Of the 63 on issue only 25 gift aid envelopes were used last weekend. Last year through the successful use of the Gift Aid scheme £8,409-69 was refunded to the parish from the government. It really does pay (into parish funds) if you use your Gift Aid envelope to donate to the parish! Many thanks.

Month of Holy Souls If you would like the names of loved ones recorded in the Book of Remembrance and placed upon the Altar in each Mass during the Month of November, please submit a November Dead List enclosed in a Holy Souls envelope – available at the back of the church. **Please note** – there is no requirement to enclose a stipend (money) in the envelope. Mass stipends for dates in November will continue to be received in the usual way.

An Evening of Entertainment The Parish Hall Committee and The Guild would like to thank all those who supported our fundraising evening last Monday. Your generosity and company are always greatly appreciated. We hope you enjoyed yourselves. We raised £466-00. - divided between the Parish Hall & The Guild. Thank you.

The Piety Shop We are now able to open the Piety Shop with the help of a few volunteers. If you would like to order any items eg: cribs, Advent calendars, 2027 calendars, diaries etc please call in. A deposit will be required. **LAST OPPORTUNITY** – the order will be sent off in the next week.

SVP Christmas Appeal This year we are once again focusing on our own local community, the Mayoress Appeal giving a gift to a child who might not receive one. If you are able to buy a gift this year for a child ages range from birth to 17. Please leave them at the back of the church unwrapped no later than the end of November. If you require further information please speak to Angela. Thank you.

Parish Safeguarding see SafeguardingatStJosephsNeath@proton.me to contact Mrs Anne Guest our Parish Safeguarding Representative – also the Diocesan Team safeguarding@rcadc.org

Marriage Support Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel:+44 7887 296 983 Next dates 2nd to 4th October (Tel; 0788 7296983).

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 and Luke, Lorna and Joe O'Brien, Margaret Jeffrey, Marlene John, Pat Day, Daniel John, Roger Horton, Kath Davies, David Vaudin, Agnes Collins, Angela Healey., Mark Thomas, Siobhan Fitchett, Jane Smith, Donie O'Connell, Dennis Huxtable, Sheila Morgan, Mary Bowen, Kay Mead, Deacon Jim, Peter Smith. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

The Sick & Housebound If you know of someone who (at their request) would appreciate contact with the church through a home visit from the S.V.P. please contact Anne Guest, the Secretary on aguest77@yahoo.com or Pat O'Connell for a visit from the Legion of Mary.

Relaunched Instagram Page – " **Emmaus Catholic Youth**" for regular comments, content and updates.

Catholic (Teaching) C.D. and D.V.D. Library If you would like to borrow a C.D. or D.V.D. please write your name, the name of the CD/DVD you are borrowing and the date out/returned in the book provided (in the Lady Chapel)

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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