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Sunday 15th November 2020 – Thirty-Third Sunday

This Sunday (15th November) St.John Kemble: **Saturday** 4-00p.m. Parish & People; St.Joseph's 6-00p.m Janet Jones (RIP) (Geraint); **Sunday** 8-00a.m. Shaun Elias (RIP) (Mills Family); 10-30a.m. Bernard and Margaret Allen (RIP) (Elias family).

Readers This Sunday (15th) Saturday 6-00 p.m. Nora Reynolds. Sunday 8-00 a.m. Gregory Page. 10-30a.m. Maureen Pitt. **Next Sunday** (22nd)

Stewarding this Sunday (15th) 6-00 p.m. Angela & Geraint. 8-00 a.m. Christopher & Gregory 10-30 a.m. John/Aimee/Olivia.

Cleaning Teams this Sunday (15th) 6-00p.m. Nora & Mary. 8-00 a.m. Martin & Nuala. 10-30 a.m Helen & Karen.

Weekday Mass Times: Wednesday 18th November 9-30a.m. (St.Joseph's) Johanna O'Connell (RIP) (Donie, Pat & Family); 11-00a.m. (St.John Kemble) Tom Evans (RIP). Thursday 19th 9-30a.m. Betty Thomas (Sp.Int.)

Candles Sacred Heart – “the twins – D & R”; Our Lady - Andrew Reynolds (RIP); St.Joseph – Barrie Reynolds (RIP).

Next Sunday (22nd November) **Saturday** St.John Kemble – 4-00 p.m. Parish & People. St.Joseph's – 6-00 p.m. John Morse (RIP) (Pat). **Sunday** 8-00 a.m. Brian Hudson (RIP) (The Family). 10-30 a.m. Peter and Hazel Huxtable (RIP) (Dennis)

A Timely Reminder!! Most people attending Mass are complying with Covid advice and guidelines but others, on occasion, are not so diligent. (i) Phones to be turned off on entering the church. It is irreverent to leave Mass to answer a phone call. (ii) Please be sure to maintain social distancing on entering the church and on leaving via the Lady Chapel – please hold back and avoid bunching up together. (iii) Please follow arrows at all times to maintain social distancing. **Thank you!**

Month of Holy Souls The Book of Remembrance on the Altar contains the names of all those submitted and remembered last year. Envelopes are available if you would like to **add** additional names (perhaps, those who have died during the last year) – please note that Mass requests during November may continue as usual but only names (and no donations) to accompany Mass requests for Holy Souls/Faithful Departed.

Anniversaries: Ursula Farrelly (2003); David Mathias (2007); Shaun Walsh (2000); Maria Koziel (2002); Kathleen Griffiths (2010); Peter Codd (2013); Kathleen Lee (2010); David George (2016); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Driveway Appeal Many thanks for donations to Parish Funds/Driveway Appeal. All donations gratefully received. We now have £2,000 in the Driveway Fund. Many thanks.

DOMSEC – Online Scripture Day of Reflection on Saturday 21st November from 11-00 a.m. to 1-00 p.m. led by Fr. Jerome Ituah. Theme: “ The Lamb of God in the Gospel of St. John” To access the talk on the day, please go to the DOMSEC Website www.domsec.org.uk and click “Livestream” on the top menu bar. Or use the link <https://youtu.be/nxNW5Yk-pK8> or contact Fr. Jerome at ituahjerome@gmail.com

The ABORTION (cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot) BILL. At present abortion is available up to birth for those unborn children suffering from any of these (treatable) disabilities. This Bill will change the law to clarify that these disabilities are not to be grounds for abortion. Please visit www.standupandsmile.org.uk to find out how to e-mail your M.P. asking them to support this Bill. It only talks 30 seconds.

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 lockdown. **THANK YOU TO YOU ALL! N.B. If you are still self-isolating – this help is still available.**

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.**

Congratulations to Pat O’ Connell celebrating her 80th birthday this Friday (20th). Many happy returns of the day!

Sean Comerford (RIP) Please remember Sean in your prayers, and Bethan, the boys and all the family. Sean’s funeral service will take place at Margam Crematorium this Wednesday. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

Aldo Vicari (RIP) Please remember Aldo in your prayers and Barbara and the family. Aldo’s Funeral Mass will take place here at St. Joseph’s on Friday 27th November – by invitation only. (Pandemic restrictions will apply) *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen*

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.

Food Bank During this pandemic there has been greater demands on the Neath Food Bank and donations would be gratefully received. Please leave your gift in the box at the back of the church. Thank you.

Christmas Cards are now available from Sheila before the 6-00pm. Saturday Vigil Mass or before and after the 10-30a.m. Mass. Each box costs £4 – please have the **exact money** to put into the box. No cross-handling of money is permissible.

Christmas Masses Unfortunately, because of anticipated numbers, we will have to operate a booking system for those wishing to attend Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day – further details to follow. **Christmas Eve** – St. John Kemble 4-00p.m. St. Joseph’s 6-00 p.m. and 10-00p.m. **Christmas Day** – St. Joseph’s 8-00a.m. and 10-30a.m. This means that there will be enough room for everyone wishing to attend but it may not be possible to attend at the Mass time you would usually prefer. If possible, we would like the 6-00p.m. Mass to especially accommodate younger families so please take this into consideration when indicating which Mass you would like to attend.

Second Collection The Second Collection this weekend (15th) will be the (postponed) **Diocesan Sick & Retired Clergy Collection.** The following second collections will then take place. Sunday 22nd – World Communications Day (from 24th May); Sunday 29th - Day for Life (from 21st June); Sunday 6th December – Peter’s Pence (from 28th June); Sunday 13th December – Stella Maris UK/Sea Sunday (from 12th July).