

The Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19th November 2023

“ 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)

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*”

November - Month of Holy Souls. Mass intentions (and stipends) will continue as usual throughout November therefore **no stipend (money) is required** in the Holy Souls' Envelopes if you would like loved ones to be remembered at each Mass in our Book of Remembrance on the Altar. Please place names in the envelopes provided.

Mass Intentions this Sunday (19th November) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's) Tom Evans (RIP); **Sunday** 10-30 a.m. (First Holy Communion Mass) Stuart Michael (RIP) (The Family).

First Holy Communion Mass Please keep in your prayers – leuan Rees, Noah Wheatley, George Challenger, Kaitlin Edwards, Keris Edwards, Bella Tariq, Luke Tariq, who will make their first Holy Communion at the 10-30 a.m. Mass this Sunday. Once again, many thanks to Carolynn, Elaine and Mary for their hard work and commitment to the children in preparing them for this special day over the last nine months.

Weekday Mass Intentions Tuesday (21st) 6-00 p.m. Josephine Ronan (RIP) (Helen & Pat); Wednesday (22nd) 9-30 a.m. Brian Hudson (RIP) (Brigid); 11-00 a.m. (St. John Kemble) Catherine Newcombe (RIP) (June, John & family); Thursday (23rd) **11-45 a.m. Funeral Mass: Kathryn Woolley (RIP)**; Friday (24th) No Mass. (Clergy Conference followed by Mass for Deceased Clergy at 12 Midday in the Cathedral).

Mass Intentions next Sunday (26th - Christ the King) **Saturday 4-00 p.m.** (St.John Kemble) Parish & People; **6-00p.m.** Ann Margaret Brown (RIP) (Barbara Brown); **Sunday 10-30 a.m.** Alan Phillips (RIP) (Anne & Family).

A gentle reminder (!) – please observe and respect a prayerful silence before Mass to prepare yourself for the celebration of Mass. Loud conversations are disturbing (and upsetting) for those who may come early to church precisely to have a time of quiet reflection (including the parish priest!) who do not want to overhear personal conversations about family, friends, future plans etc! Plenty of time to exchange news and information after the end of Mass. Thank you.

Readers: This Sunday (19th) 6-00 p.m. Paula Macpherson-Jones; 10-30 a.m. Bridget Zambrano. Next Sunday (26th) 6-00 p.m. Sian Loynes; 10-30 a.m. Mary Walker. **Please take the opportunity to arrive early and look at (and prepare) the readings beforehand. Thank you.**

Candles: Sacred Heart – Kathryn Woolley (RIP); Our Lady – Gill Boland (RIP); St. Joseph – George & Bridie Johnson (Sp.Int.)

Kathryn Woolley (RIP) Please remember Kath in your prayers and the family at this time. Kathryn's Funeral Mass will be here in St. Joseph's this Thursday 23 November at 11-45 a.m. followed by interment at Llantwit Cemetery. The Coffin will be received into the church this Wenesday at 5-00 p.m. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

Christmas Flowers Donations toward the cost of the Christmas flowers would be much appreciated. Thank you.

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Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Kathleen Griffiths (2010); Peter Codd (2013); Kathleen Lee (2010); David George (2016); Guiseppina Lewis (2006); Brian Hudson (2017); Mervyn Mayers (2000); Dennis Underwood (2005). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Mass Intentions Please note that weekend and weekday Mass intentions are now reserved into **January 2024**. Please be thinking ahead by several months if you would like a Mass intention for a loved one on a particular day/date – even so, some dates are reserved a year ahead and if so Mass will be said on the nearest date available to the request. Thank you.

Catholic Youth Event – all welcome! 13-18 yr. olds (and 18+) **Saturday 16th December** from 10-00 a.m. to 5-00 p.m. at Stella Maris Convent (Uplands, Swansea). Holy Mass celebrated by Archbishop Mark. Live music from “Jesus Youth”. Great food! Time for silence. To book your place, contact Deacon Christian Mahoney on 07764515864 or christian.mahoney@rcadc.org The cost of £10 (plus pocket money) will be covered by the parish. Please notify Fr.Neil once you have booked your place. A great opportunity for fellowship with fellow young catholics (and to meet the Archbishop!)

World Youth Day (Fun day) **Next Sunday** (26th - Christ the King) livestreamed on the CYMFed YouTube Channel from 9-30a.m. to 1-30 p.m.. An interactive day of virtual community, prayerful encounter, input and activities for families across the nation. Register today!

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Red Wednesday – 22nd November. Say the Rosary on Red Wednesday for the work of ACN supporting the Church in nine countries now experiencing persecution in Africa.

Childrens’ Christmas Party in the Hall from 2-00p.m. to 5-00 p.m. (note change of time) on Sunday 10th December. **PLEASE SIGN UP** on the list indicating numbers attending, food to be provided and donation (if possible) of a child’s christmas gift. Thank you.

Cancer Challenge Singers On **Sunday 17th December** to begin our celebration of Christmas, a Service of Christmas Carols & Readings at 5-00 p.m. here in St. Joseph’s followed by refreshments in the Hall. Tickets now available £5 – (please see Angela or Geraint) to support Cancer Challenge. Make a note in your diary!

Christmas Raffle. Books of Raffle tickets are now available from the back of the church. It would be appreciated if you could take (and sell) as many tickets as possible. **Great prizes!** Please return stubs & money to Peter or put in the Christmas Draw Box at the back of the church. Donations of raffle prizes gratefully received. Please see Peter.

Last Sunday’s Collection: St. Joseph’s £332-01 (plus Direct Debits). **St John Kemble** – £47-00. **Many thanks to the Parish Guild** for the donation of £500 toward the cost of the new carpet which is now fully paid for. Many thanks. **Second Collection this weekend** to support our own SVP Group in their Christmas outreach to those in need locally. Please give generously.

Legion of Mary Every Tuesday evening at 6-00 p.m. in the Hall. New members very welcome. Please come along.

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

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, George Johnson, Cheryl Ford, Julie, Stephen & Jason Saunders, Yolanda Jones, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna and Joe O’Brien, Betty Hopkins, Rose Williams, Margaret Jeffrey, Marion Brocksopp., Marlene John, Pat Day, Daniel John, George McIntyre, David Reynolds, Adrian Macpherson-Jones, Roger Horton, Kath Davies. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

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