

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 10th November 2024

“ 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).

VOCATIONS PRAYER Lord, make me a better person, more considerate towards others, more honest with myself, more faithful to You. Make me generous enough to want sincerely to do Your will whatever it may be. Help me to find my true vocation in life and grant that through it I may find happiness myself and bring happiness to others. Grant Lord that those whom You call to enter the priesthood, diaconate or religious life may have the generosity to answer Your call, so that those who need Your help may find it. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mass Intentions this Sunday (10 November – Remembrance Sunday) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St.Joseph’s) Katherine Sheehan (RIP) (S.V.P.); 10-30 a.m. Margaret Allen (RIP) (The family).

There will be a short **Act of Remembrance** before each Mass this weekend as we remember all those who have died in the service of their country in two World Wars and in more recent conflicts. The Blessing of the Graves in Llantwit Cemetery will take place this Sunday at **2-30 p.m.**

Weekday Mass Times Wednesday (13th November) 9-30 a.m. (St. Joseph’s) Huxtable Family (RIP) (Dennis Huxtable); 11-00 a.m. (St. John Kemble) Marina Hackett (RIP) (Michelle); Thursday (14th) 9-30 a.m. Fr. Neil (Sp.Int.) (Lorna & Joe) Friday (15th November) 9-30 a.m. Nora Reynolds (Sp.Int.) (Paula & Adrian).

Mass Intentions next Sunday (17th November) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph’s) Legion of Mary (Deceased members); **Sunday** 10-30 a.m. George Johnson (RIP) (Annick).

Rite of Reception Next Sunday at our 10-30 a.m. Mass we welcome Luke and Meinir into the full communion of the Catholic Church who have been regularly attending Mass over the last six months and the catechism classes after Mass. Please keep Luke and Meinir in your prayers on this their special day.

Readers: This Sunday (10th) 6-00 p.m. Ceri McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Sheila Williams. **Next Sunday** (17th) 6-00 p.m. Gerald Smith; 10-30 a.m. Bridget Zambrano

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 (!!).

Candles: Sacred Heart – The War Dead; Our Lady – Luke & Meinir (Sp.Int.); St. Joseph – Parliament, Society and the Leadbeater Bill

Anniversaries Aldo Vaccari (2020); Jean Waters (2007); Katherine Sheehan (2018); Myrna Francis (2018); John O’Brien (2014); Gerta Jones (2012); David Matthias (2007); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Rita Maddick (RIP) Please remember Rita in your prayers and the family at this time. Rita was a lifelong parishioner at St. Joseph’s until a few years ago when she and Vivian moved to Birmingham to be closer to their daughter Angela. Their son Kevin and family live in London. (Elaine).

James Lay (RIP) Please remember James in your prayers and the family at this time. James’ Funeral Service will take place at Margam Crematorium on Friday 29 November at 1-45 p.m.

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Christmas Raffle We are grateful to Peter for once again arranging the Christmas Raffle (to be drawn at the Christmas Party – 15 December). Raffle tickets are available from the back of the church from this Sunday.

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Diary Dates! (i) Please keep in your prayers Luke and Meinir who will be received into the Church at our 10-30 a.m. Mass next Sunday 17 November. (ii) Sunday 1st December at 5-00 p.m. Our Lady of the Assumption, Briton Ferry – A Christmas Concert the Cancer Challenge Singers Tickets £5-00 (see Geraint Jones); (iii) Sunday 15 December – Childrens’ Party (for everyone!) after the 10-30 Mass – in the weeks beforehand please sign the list of children attending and donations of food. (iv) Sunday 22 December at 6-00 p.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols in church followed by refreshments in the Hall.

Holy Hour There will be a Holy Hour at 3-00 p.m. on Sunday 24th November- the Feast of Christ the King – an opportunity to pray for parliament and the proposed Assisted Suicide Bill to be debated in parliament on 29th November and also to prepare ourselves for Advent and the beginning of a new year in the Church calendar. The Latin Missa de Angelis will be sung at the 10-30 a.m. Mass.

ASSISTED SUICIDE On 29 November Parliament will vote on whether to introduce Assisted Suicide into the NHS. To protect the most vulnerable in our society please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/contactmp for details of easy contact with MPs to register your opposition to the Leadbeater Assisted Suicide Bill. (and see posters).

Christmas Flowers Donations toward the cost of decorating the church at Christmas gratefully received. Please see Chris, Babs or Paula.

Piety Shop The shop is open from 9-45 to 10 -15 every Sunday morning. If you have particular requests Sheila may be able to put in a special order for you.

The New Lectionary. From Advent Sunday we shall be using the new Lectionary for our readings in church with a new translation of the biblical text – thus the congregational Sunday Missals will become out-of-date. If you would like to order a new three-year Missal or the one year Missal (Year C for 2024-25) copies can be ordered from Sheila in the Piety shop.

Last Sunday’s Collection: £419-52 (plus Direct Debits), Sick & Retired Clergy £240-59. Many thanks. St. John Kemble £67-00. Sick & Retired Clergy £18-00. Many thanks.

New Boiler in the Church Hall Work on installing the new gas boiler in the hall is due to start on Monday 2nd December. The boiler will be transferred from the outside boiler room into the kitchen store cupboard allowing easier access. All donations gratefully received.

The Church Hall is available for private heir. If anyone is interested in booking the venue please contct Angela Healey on 01792 424168 or 07708105147

New Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia. The Papal Nuncio will present the Papal Bull establishing the new Archdiocese to Archbishop Mark at a special Mass at St. David’s Cathedral in Cardiff on Monday 2nd December. Each parish has been allocated two tickets to attend – please see Fr. Neil (names into a hat).

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, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna and Joe O’Brien, Margaret Jeffrey, Marion Brocksopp., Marlene John, Pat Day, Daniel John, David and Nora Reynolds, Adrian Macpherson-Jones, Roger Horton, Kath Davies, Susan Evans, Paul Leaker, Sid Leaker. 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 07741283098 or Pat O’Connell for a visit from the Legion of Mary.

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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