

## Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17th 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 ).

**Mass Intentions this 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** This 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.

**Weekday Mass Times** No weekday celebrations of Mass this week.

**Mass Intentions next Sunday** ( 24th November – Christ the King ) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. ( St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. ( St.Joseph’s ) Brian Hudson ( The family); 10-30 a.m. Alan Phillips (RIP) (Anne Guest and family ).

**Readers: This Sunday** ( 17<sup>th</sup> ) 6-00 p.m. Gerald Smith; 10-30 a.m. Bridget Zambrano. **Next Sunday** (24<sup>th</sup>) 6-00 p.m. Patrick McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Stephen Evans. **Will all readers pick up a packet of literature** ( from the sacristy ) with information about the New Lectionary and the Ministry of Reader. Thank you.

**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 – Marshall and Christopher (RIP); Our Lady – Luke & Meinir ( Sp.Int. ); St. Joseph – Parliament, Society and the Leadbeater Bill

**Anniversaries** Kathleen Griffiths ( 2005 ); Peter Codd (2013); Kathleen Lee (2010); David George (2016); Guiseppina Lewis (2006 ); Brian Hudson ( 2017 ); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**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. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

**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. Please return ticket stubs and money in to the box provided.

**Diary Dates!** (i) Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 ); (ii) 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. (iii) Sunday 22 December at 6-00 p.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols in church followed by refreshments in the Hall.

**Archbishop Mark** writes of his visit to us on 3<sup>rd</sup> November that he “enjoyed celebrating Mass very much and it was good to have the chance to greet parishioners afterwards”. Thank you to everybody.

**Holy Hour** There will be a Holy Hour at 3-00 p.m. on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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**Noise before and during Mass.** It is lovely to have so many young families in Mass each Sunday. If an infant or toddler is upset or distressed please do not feel embarrassed to withdraw to the back of the church to give them your full attention. The altar servers are finding it difficult to concentrate on the Mass when distracted by noise in the congregation. Similarly, before Mass, loud conversations are disturbing to those who have come early to enjoy the quietness and peace of the church. **On the other hand** (!!) in recent weeks congregational participation in the Mass has become very quiet ( sometimes almost inaudible ). Please respond confidently and with a firm voice – don't leave it to the priest! If you are not sure of responses please use a copy of the Order of the Mass from the back of the church. Thank you for your consideration and understanding.

**Sunday Missals** The arrival of the three-year red hardback edition which most people have ordered will be delayed until the beginning of December ( or possibly earlier ) due to demand and the need to re-print extra copies. The one-rear ( 2024/25 ) paperback Missal ( £9 ) and the burgundy "boxed" editions (£27) have arrived and ready for collection from the sacristy.

**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](http://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).

**Advent Youth Retreat** at St. David's College Cardiff on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December open to those age 12 to 19. It will be led by Fr. Matthew Roach-Saunders and Archbishop Mark will celebrate Mass. Please register at <https://forms.gle/aScks4e3Jm8R7SR16> or for further information contact Alun John, Communications Manager for the Archdiocese on 029 2037 9487 or [alun.john@rcadc.org](mailto:alun.john@rcadc.org) If you are interested costs and pocket money will be covered by the parish – let Fr. Neil know.

**Christmas Flowers** Donations toward the cost of decorating the church at Christmas gratefully received. Please see Chris, Babs or Paula. Also, at St. John Kemble donations please to Bella. We are very grateful to our flower arrangers in both churches for so beautifully decorating the church each Sunday. Many thanks.

**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.

**Last Sunday's Collection:** £345-85 ( plus Direct Debits ) and a donation of £50 to church funds. Many thanks. St.John Kemble £52-00. Many thanks.

**Second Collection** Next weekend in support of our Parish SVP Group to support those in need and housebound over the Christmas period. Please give generously.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Each parish has been allocated two tickets to attend – please see Fr.Neil ( names into a hat ). **Last opportunity this weekend if you are interested.**

**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.

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