

## TRINITY SUNDAY – 26<sup>th</sup> May 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** ( 26<sup>th</sup> May – Trinity Sunday ) Saturday 4-00 p.m. ( St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. ( St.Joseph’s ) Kevin Halloran (RIP) ( Boland family ); 10-30 a.m. Peter & Hazel Huxtable (RIP) ( Dennis).

**Weekday Mass Times** Wednesday 29th May ( St. Joseph’s ) 9-30 a.m. Kim Jenkins (RIP) ( Gordon Baker ); ( St. John Kemble) 11-00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory ( Kasia ); Thursday (30<sup>th</sup>) 9-30 a.m. Norman Evans (RIP) ( Jean); 7-00 p.m. **Deanery Station Mass – Sacred Heart Moriston**; Friday (31<sup>st</sup> – Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary ) 9-30 a.m. Ann Williams (RIP) ( Elias family).

**Deanery Station Mass** This year our Deanery Mass with Archbishop Mark will take place at the Sacred Heart, Morriston, this **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May** at 7-00 p.m. It will be preceded at 5-00 p.m. by an “ **Open Listening Meeting**” with Archbishop Mark to discuss the proposal to unite the Diocese of Menevia with the Archdiocese of Cardiff. All are invited to both the Open Meeting and the Station Mass.

**First Holy Communion Mass** will take place at the 10-30 a.m. Mass next **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June ( Corpus Christi )**. First Confession – next Saturday (1<sup>st</sup> June) in church at 10-30 a.m. Please keep those preparing for their first Holy Communion in your prayers.

**Mass Intentions next Sunday** ( 2<sup>nd</sup> June – **Corpus Christi** ) Saturday 4-00 p.m. ( St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. ( St. Joseph’s ) John Hickey (RIP) ( SVP ); Sunday 10-30 a.m. ( **First Holy Communion Mass** ) Betty Hopkins ( RIP ) ( Lorna & Joe ).

**Mass Intentions & Candles** Please note that Mass intentions for weekday Masses are now reserved into July and for Saturday/Sunday Masses beyond July.

**Readers:** **This Sunday** ( 26<sup>th</sup>) 6-00 p.m. Nora Reynolds; 10-30 a.m. Des Nicholas. **Next Sunday** ( 2<sup>nd</sup>) 6-00 p.m. Maureen McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Bernadette Payne.

**Candles:** Sacred Heart – Thelma Rushby (RIP); Our Lady – Israel/Gaza ( Peace); St. Joseph – Ukraine ( Peace).

**Anniversaries:** Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Hazel Huxtable (2018); Maureen Lewis (2014 ); Marion Davies (2017); Kim Jenkins ( 2018); Ellen O’Connell ( 2020); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**Theft of lead from church roof** Unfortunately considerable damage was done to the roof with the theft of about 30 feet of lead from the roof and damage to/removal of tiles with significant ingress of water down the sacristy wall. Many thanks to Chris and Martin for spending several hours on the roof to secure a temporary covering. Three quotations have been obtained and we hope work can begin as soon as possible

**Forth Coming Event!** St. Joseph’s Parish Guild and parishioners **International Food Extravaganza** – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June following the 10-30 a.m. Mass. Come and join us for food tasting from countries around the world! Tickets £10 ( adults) £5 ( children under 12) Free raffle tickets on admission. Proceeds to the hall roof repairs. Tickets now available – please see Nora.

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**Major Expenditure** A number of projects have become urgent. (i) Repairs to the church roof ( due to theft of lead) and interior repainting – most of which we hope will be covered by our insurance. (ii) Security cameras around the church, presbytery & parish hall. (iii) Facia boards, soffits & gutters around the hall ( estimates from £15 - £20,000. ). (iv) New gas boiler for the house and for the parish hall – both about 17 years old and urgently need replacing. (v) The £60,000 raised to re-surface the driveway/car park is ring-fenced ( and therefore not to be used otherwise than the purpose for which the sum was raised) which leaves us with just about £40,000 to cover all the work on the hall, security cameras and two new boilers as well as the day-to-day expenditure of parish life. Please pray about our situation!

**May – Mary's Month** Please take the opportunity to view the flowers at Our Lady's Grotto donated by the children of the school at the Crowning of Our Lady – also feel free to explore the church grounds/gardens which are slowly maturing. Thank you to those who have donated funds for the gardens.

**Catholic/Menevia Youth** Are you 14 – 18 years old ( School Years 9 to 13 )? Do you want to spend some time getting to know other young catholics? The Cardiff and Menevia Youth Council is offering you the opportunity for a few days away in beautiful St. David's, Pembrokeshire, to relax, pray, talk, walk, eat and have fun together from Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July joined by Archbishop Mark for a few nights. The cost £250 for four nights at St. David's Bunkhouses including coach travel and all meals. More information from [youth@rcadc.org](mailto:youth@rcadc.org) If you are interested please contact the Youth Council to make the arrangements. The parish will contribute £200 to your costs. Please have a word with Fr.Neil if interested

**Mrs Philippa Brooks.** Congratulations to Philippa on her appointment as our new Head at St.Joseph's School. We have a close relationship with the school and offer Philippa and the teaching staff our warmest best wishes.

**Last Sunday's Collection:** £371-01 ( plus Direct Debits ) and a donations of £35 toward the cost of repairs on the Parish Hall. All donations gratefully received – many thanks. St.John Kemble £48-00. Many thanks.

**Second Collection** this Sunday – the annual **World Communications Day** collection in support of the worldwide promulgation of the Faith.

**NHS Home Eye Tests.** To book your home visit call 0800 915 6280 ( free call). QUOTE JWP or go on line to [outsidclinic.co.uk/JWP](http://outsidclinic.co.uk/JWP). These are the same contact details to arrange a home hearing test.

**Legion of Mary** Every Tuesday evening at 4-45 p.m. in the Hall. New members very welcome. Please come along.

**Parish Coffee Morning** Every Thursday from 10-00 a.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, Julie, Stephen & Jason Saunders, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna and Joe O'Brien, Margaret Jeffrey, Marion Brocksopp., Marlene John, Pat Day, Daniel John, David Reynolds, Adrian Macpherson-Jones, Roger Horton, Kath Davies, Robert Minty, David Hoy, leuan Evans, Gaynor Pickrell. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

**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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