

## The Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 3<sup>rd</sup> September 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”*

Mass Intentions this Sunday ( 3<sup>rd</sup> September ) Saturday 4-00 p.m. ( St.John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00p.m. Brian Collins (RIP) ( Agnes); Sunday 10-30 a.m. Claire Clancy (RIP) ( Paula & Adrian ).

Weekday Mass Intentions Wednesday ( 6<sup>th</sup> ) 11-00 a.m. ( St. John Kemble ) Sion Evans (RIP); Thursday (7<sup>th</sup>) 9-30 a.m. Ann Moruzzi (RIP) ( Remo); Friday (8<sup>th</sup>) ( Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary ) Annie & William Cochrane (RIP) ( Jean Evans).

Mass Intentions next Sunday ( 10<sup>th</sup> September ) Saturday 4-00 p.m. ( St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's ) Ann Moruzzi (RIP) ( Remo ). Sunday 10-30 a.m. Milly Earle (RIP) ( Des ).

Fr. Gregory Beckett We are very grateful to Fr. Gregory for celebrating Mass for us this weekend. Fr. Gregory was ordained this summer in St. Joseph's Cathedral and has begun his priestly ministry assisting Canon Jason Jones at the Sacred Heart, Morriston. We wish him every blessing and support him with our prayers (please!)

Readers: This Sunday ( 3<sup>rd</sup> ) 6-00 p.m. Gerald Smith; 10-30 a.m. Bernadette Payne. Next Sunday (10<sup>th</sup>) 6-00 p.m. Patrick McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Bridget Zambrano. **Please take the opportunity to arrive early and look at (and prepare) the readings beforehand. Thank you.**

Candles: Sacred Heart – Stuart Michael ( RIP ); Our Lady – Private Special Intention; St. Joseph – Fr. Neil.

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Nellie Brown (2005); Roy Timmins (2002); Ann Green (2006); Evelyn Waters (2014); Tim Murnane (2022); Ernest Siejka (2009); Annie Cochrane (2004); Ann Moruzzi ( 2020 ); Mary Wheatley (2001)..*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Church Floor Sanding/Polishing and New Carpet. Work continues into this week on the church floor before fitting the new carpet ( 5/6 October ). We are very grateful for further donations of £200 toward the cost of the work which brings the total ( including gift aid ) to £2,577-50. Many thanks. **VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!** ( once again - again!) If you are able to help Martin & Peter to move all the pews ( back!) to the other side of the church after the Sunday 10-30 a.m. Mass, help would be appreciated - refreshments in the hall afterwards!

ST.JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL If you have a child over 2 years of age or are new to the area and are looking for a school – look no further! St Joseph's has a loving, caring ethos to bring out the full potential of your child. Please contact the school on 01639 635099 for further details.

Defibrillator The Defibrillator has now been installed. Thank you to all those who have signed up for one of the training sessions. We hope to offer one of three possible time slots for this training session to be held in the Parish Hall – dates to be announced. Thank you to all who have generously donated to the purchase and the further donation of £60-00 which has raised the magnificent sum of £2,037-56. Many thanks.

Parish Safe-Guarding. Safe guarding of children and vulnerable adults is of the highest priority. We are very grateful to Mrs Anne Guest who has taken on the role of Parish Safe-Guarding Officer. Anne will be reviewing and up-dating the paperwork of all those who work with ( or visit ) children and vulnerable adults on behalf of the parish. If you have any concerns about safe-guarding issues, Anne can be contacted on 07741283098.

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**First Holy Communion Classes** resume at 9-30 a.m. next Sunday in the Parish Hall before the 10-30 a.m. Mass. Please keep in your prayers – Ieuan Rees, Noah Wheatley, George Challenger, Henri Afolabi, Kaitlin Edwards, Keris Edwards, Bella Tariq, Luke Tariq. The date of the First Holy Communion Mass will be dependent on progress (and attendance) at the classes. Many thanks to Carolyn, Elaine and Mary for their hardwork and commitment to the children.

**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.

**Reception in to the Catholic Church** A few people have expressed an interest in being received in to the Catholic Church. If you are thinking about this please have a word with Fr. Neil

**Fr. Neil** returns to light duties this week. Many thanks for your prayers and expressions of concern – and for gifts of food ( and drink!) over the last four weeks. All very much appreciated. Many thanks.

**Feast of St. John Kemble** The Mass will now be deferred until Tuesday 19 September at which we will receive Grant into the full communion of the Catholic Church. Please keep Grant in your prayers.

**Last Sunday's Collection:** St. Joseph's £346-11 and £50 donation ( many thanks) ( plus Direct Debits ); St John Kemble – £43-20 Many thanks. **Second Collection** next Sunday (10<sup>th</sup>) for Education Sunday in support of the provision of catholic education in our own Diocese.

**Holy Baptism** Please remember in your prayers Eric Octavian Ciorascu who will be baptised into the Church this Sunday afternoon.

**African Mass** This Sunday ( 3<sup>rd</sup> September ) 12-30 p.m. at Holy Cross, Gendros. " Come and celebrate many cultures, many languages, one Faith. Chief celebrant Fr. Clement Oloruntoba. ( see poster for further details ).

**Parish Committee/Guild Charity Evening** on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7-00 p.m. with the Water Wheel Singers, prize bingo and light refreshments. Cost of tickets £7-50. Please see Angela Healey or Peter Buckingham for tickets.

**MacMillan Coffee Morning** ( and regular Parish Coffee morning ) Thursday 28 September 10-00 a.m.

**Christmas Shoe Box Appeal** For those wishing to take part in this appeal we have just six weeks left before the shoe boxes are to be delivered to the local organisers. There are still some leaflets at the back of the church, or if you wish to donate, **a member of the S.V.P. will make up a box on your behalf.** Thank you.

**The S.V.P** The St. Joseph's SVP Conference's main work is supporting house-bound fellow parishioners. If you know of anyone who would appreciate our support or a visit – and gives their permission for us to approach them, or if you would like to join us in our work; please contact Anne Guest on 07741283098 and leave a message. Thank you.

**S.V.P. Matthew Mulcahy Sponsored Walk** in support of the St. Vincent School in South Sudan, on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September starting at the Brangwyn Hall at 2-00 p.m.. Please join us in our walk to Our Lady Star of the Sea ( and back ). Sponsorship forms available at the back of the church.

**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, Kathryn Woolley ( Glynneath), 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, Geraint Jones, Fr. Neil, Pat Day, Daniel John, George McIntyre, David Reynolds, Ian Thompson, Adrian Macpherson-Jones. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

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