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## The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 10th October 2021

**The Year of St. Joseph** A daily prayer to St. Joseph. *“Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became a man. Blessed St. Joseph, to us too, show yourself to be a father, and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen”*

**Mass Intentions next Sunday** (10<sup>th</sup> October) **Saturday** ( St. John Kemble) 4-00p.m. Anita O’Donnell (RIP) ( June, John & family ); (St. Joseph’s ) 6-00p.m. Anthony Stephens (RIP) (Anna ); **Sunday** 8-00a.m. Parish & People; 10-30a.m. Norman Evans (RIP) ( Jean Evans ).

**Weekday Mass Intentions** Tuesday ( 12th October ) 6-30p.m Diez Pilar (RIP) ( Isabel & Peter ); Wednesday (13<sup>th</sup>) **St. Joseph’s** 9-30a.m. Helen Culpan (RIP) ( Sheila Penry & family ); **St. John Kemble** 11-00a.m. Anita O’Donnell ( RIP. ) ( Terry & Lyn ); Thursday ( 14th October ) 9-30a.m. Teresa Diez (RIP) ( Isabel & Peter ).

**School Masses** There will be two School Class Masses this week but sadly ( due to Local Education Covid Restrictions ) classes must remain in their “bubble” and therefore parents and parishioners are not able to attend. Please keep the School ( children and staff ) in your prayers as they continue to face extra challenges at this difficult time.

**Mass Intentions next Sunday** ( 17th October ) **Saturday** (St John Kemble) 4-00 p.m. Parish & People; (St. Joseph’s) 6-00p.m. Marion O’Grady (RIP) ( Brendan ); **Sunday** 8-00 a.m. Laurence Macpherson-Jones (RIP) (Adrian & Paula ); 10-30a.m. Karin Edwards (RIP)

**“St Joseph’s Parish, Neath: a Short History”** ( actually, 48 pages! ) We are very excited to announce the publication of this History of St. Joseph’s - the fruition of several years of research and hard work by our two archivists Alan Boland (RIP) and Sandra Davies. God willing, we shall launch the publication at next Saturday’s Vigil Mass when copies will be available for sale at the remarkable price of only £5-00 a copy ( 48 pages including colour photographs ). If you wish to reserve a copy ( an initial print run of only 100 copies ) for yourself ( and an excellent Christmas gift – especially for family & friends who now live away from the parish ) please have a word with Sandra or Fr. Neil. We are very grateful to Alan and Sandra for indexing and securing the Parish Archives in the parish office which can be used for further reference in the future. **PLEASE BRING A FIVE POUND NOTE WITH YOU NEXT SATURDAY/SUNDAY!!**

**Message from Sandra** – Many thanks to our printers, Richard Jones and his reprographics team at ELRS, which last year moved to a new base at the former Ynysmaerdy Primary School on Neath Road, Briton Ferry. By a remarkable and fitting coincidence, Alan began his school days in that very building! What is more, the school was opposite the Public Hall where Alan and his fellow “Ferryites” attended Mass in the 1940s. ( Sandra would be very interested to receive any relevant additions or amendments, should there be a second print run. Please see Sandra as soon as possible if you have something to contribute. Many thanks. )

**Anniversaries:** Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Noon (2007); Dolores Campbell (2008); Gordon Collier (2005); Valerie Gall ( 2008 ); Patrick Lyons ( 2011 ); Helen Culpan ( 2011 ); Tony Stephens (2008 ); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**Readers:** **This Sunday** (10<sup>th</sup> October ) 6-00p.m. Volunteer please; 8-00a.m. Gregory Page; 10-30a.m. Mary Walker. **Next Sunday** ( 17<sup>th</sup> October ) 6-00p.m. Sandra Davies; 8-00a.m. Adrian & Paula Macpherson-Jones; 10-30a.m. volunteer please.

**Canon Seamus Cunnane (RIP)** Please remember Canon Cunnane in your prayers who has died after many happy years of retirement in the parish of Our Lady of the Taper in Cardigan. *Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

**Candles:** Our Lady – Helen Culpan ( RIP); The Sacred Heart – Mona & Dennis Healey ( RIP ); St.Joseph – Marian Brocksopp ( Good Health ).

**Cleaning Teams. This Sunday ( 10<sup>th</sup> October )** 6-00p.m. Sian & Mary; 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30a.m. Volunteers please. **Next Sunday ( 17<sup>th</sup> October )** 6-00p.m. Maralyn & Nora; 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30a.m. Joan & Anne.

**First Holy Communion Classes** Please keep in your prayers as they prepare for their First Holy Communion Ronan Abell, Lucy Owen, Jack Challenger, Ava Mallows, Julia Karczynska, John Grabczewski, Amelia Tristram, Julia Kuligowska, Efan and Bodi Lewis, Drake and Juris Pascual, Shuyalini Sivarupan, Joseph Owen, Brendan Fitchett, Lowrie Smitham, Ivy Walters. **Attendance at Mass is an essential part of preparation** for receiving Holy Communion. Classes will take place at 9-30 a.m. in the Parish Hall before the Sunday 10-30 a.m. Mass.

**COP26 1<sup>ST</sup>- 12<sup>TH</sup> November** This year the U.K will host the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil - the COP26 climate talks in Glasgow. Please keep this Summit in your prayers, that world leaders will decisively address the very urgent concerns that threaten to destabilise and undermine all our futures to the detriment of the whole planet. CAFOD offers this prayer which can be prayed daily in preparation for the success of the Summit,

*“ Loving God, we praise Your Name with all You have created. You are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of creatures. We acknowledge the responsibilities You have placed upon us as stewards of Your creation. May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society. Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the poorest and most vulnerable, and commit their nations to the care of our Common Home. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen”.*

**DOMSEC Livestreamed Events in 2021** A full programme of (over 25) events! See [www.domsec.org.uk](http://www.domsec.org.uk) or [www.ourladystaroftheseamumbles.org.uk](http://www.ourladystaroftheseamumbles.org.uk) to access the livestreams and click “Livestream” on the menu bar. **Tuesdays** 6-30p.m. – 8-30p.m. **October 12<sup>th</sup>** “ The Happy Life: St.Thomas Aquinas on Happiness and Virtue” (by Fr. Michael, Mumbles ) **Next Saturday** – ( 16<sup>th</sup> October ) Online Scripture Day of Reflection from 11-00a.m. to 1-00p.m. **The Role of Women in Salvation History** by Sister Nora Mary Ryan.

**Second Collections** Last weekend **St.Joseph’s** £561-77 ( plus Direct Debits ) and £213-30 ( CAFOD Harvest ). **St.John Kemble** £54-00 and £22-00 ( CAFOD ). Many thanks. **Also**, many thanks for the collection the previous weekend and the very generous donation to our Parish SVP Group – of £447-09.

**Please Note** If you wish to reserve a particular date or day for a Mass Intention, please note that Saturday and Sunday Masses and weekday Masses are already reserved for a particular intention **until the end of November**. Please think several months ahead if you would like to reserve a particular date ( or nearest date ). Thank you.

**The Sacrament of Confession** Fr. Neil will be available to hear confessions from 5-30 p.m. before the Saturday Vigil Mass. Please arrive in plenty of time. Confessions can be either face-to-face or use the privacy of the cubicle. ( Please sanitize the cubicle when leaving ). **Confession can also take place at other Mass times** ( including weekdays ). During the four weeks of **Advent** ( provided pandemic restrictions are not re-imposed ) there will be four **Holy Hours with the Sacrament of Confession** to enable those who have felt unable to attend the Sacrament of Confession during the pandemic to return to the Sacrament.

**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, Peggy Swan ( Glynneath), Jane Boland, George Johnson, Nancy Morris, Cheryl Ford, Andrew Jenkins, Jason Saunders, Yolanda Jones, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna O’Brien, Betty Hopkins, Kevin Halloran, Rose Williams. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.