

THE TWENTY- FIFTH SUNDAY – 20th SEPTEMBER 2026

“ 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). Come, Holy Spirit!

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 this Sunday (Sunday 20th September) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's) Ann Williams (RIP) (The family); Sunday 10-30 a.m. Eileen, Bill & Violet Whiting (RIP) (Sheila Williams).

Weekday Mass Times Wednesday (23rd) (St. Joseph's) 9-30 a.m. Joseph family (RIP) and All Souls; 11-00 a.m. Nancy Nedza (RIP) (Elizabeth, Keiron & family); Thursday (24th) 9-30 a.m. Marion Brocksopp (RIP) (SVP).

Mass next Sunday (27th September) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's) Marion Brocksopp (RIP) (Pat, Donie & family); 10-30 a.m. Clement & Milly Earle (RIP) (Des).

Catechesis Short meetings after the Sunday 10-30 a.m. Mass.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday - Psalm Response “ The Lord is close to all who call Him ” (Sunday - Year A; Daily Mass Readings – Year II; Daily Office - Week 1)

Readers: This Sunday (20th) 6-00 p.m. Maureen McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Mary Walker. **Next Sunday** (27th) 6-00 p.m. Ceri McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Stephen Evans.

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 (!!)

Mass Intentions Please note that Mass intentions are now already reserved (weekdays & Sundays) to the beginning of December. Please think several months ahead if you wish to reserve a particular day/date.

Candles: Sacred Heart – Clive Roosevelt Birch (RIP); Our Lady – Bernard Evans; St. Joseph – David Jones Family (RIP).

Last Sunday's Collection: St. Joseph's £403-47 (plus Direct Debits) plus anonymous donation of £400. Tibet & Nepal £447-10. St. John Kemble £102-00. Nepal & Tibet £60-00. All donations gratefully received. **SECOND COLLECTION** this Sunday for **Home Missions**. Second Collection **Next Sunday** (27th) **Parish SVP** Sunday 4th October CAFOD Harvest Collection.

Anniversaries Johanna Dobrzanski (2010); Michael Walsh (2009); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Dennis Gorman (RIP) Please remember Dennis in your prayers and the family at this time. Funeral arrangements to be announced. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

Car Parking If you park up on the pavement you **must** (legally) leave room for prams and wheelchairs etc to get by. Please do **not** park in front of the garages opposite the church. Thank you.

Ministry of Welcome. To further develop our ministry of welcome, “meeters and greeters” will welcome and hand out our newsletters to visitors at the start of Mass. If you would like to be involved please add your name and phone number to the list at the back of the church. Thank you. (Parish Mission Study Group).

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MacMillan Coffee Morning on Thursday 24th September in the Parish Hall from 10-00 a.m. to 12 Midday. Please come along with money (!) and possibly a cake donation! Many thanks.

SVP Christmas Appeal This year we are once again focusing on our own local community, the Mayoress Appeal giving a gift to a child who might not receive one. If you are able to buy a gift this year for a child ages range from birth to 17. Please leave them at the back of the church unwrapped no later than the end of November. If you require further information please speak to Angela. Thank you.

An Evening of Entertainment In the Parish Hall, Monday 19th October with the "Elderly Brothers" while enjoying cheese & wine. Tickets £10 from Brenda or Mary, also from the Piety Shop.

Coffee & Chat Join us & meet the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Team this Thursday 24th September 11-00 a.m. to 1-00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church, Water Street, Port Talbot, SA12 6LE.

World Youth Day 2027 To all those aged 18 to 30, join Archbishop Mark and a group from the Archdiocese heading to next summer's World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea. With Pope Leo and a million other young Catholics, we'll enjoy a full schedule of activities and formation in a country with a vibrant and growing Catholic community – we'll also have the opportunity to meet up before we travel. The dates of the trip are July 28th to August 9th and the cost is £1,500 per person plus the flights (tbc – in the region of £800 - £1,200). Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. For more information contact Fr. Matt Roche-Saunders at wyd@cardiffmenevia.org

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 and Luke, Lorna and Joe O'Brien, Margaret Jeffrey, Marlene John, Pat Day, Daniel John, Adrian Macpherson-Jones, Roger Horton, Kath Davies, David Vaudin, Agnes Collins, Angela Healey., Mark Thomas, Siobhan Fitchett, Jane Smith, Donie O'Connell, Dennis Huxtable, Sheila Morgan, Mary Bowen, Kay Mead, Deacon Jim. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

Relaunched Instagram Page – "**Emmaus Catholic Youth**" for regular comments, content and updates.

Catholic (Teaching) C.D. and D.V.D. Library If you would like to borrow a C.D. or D.V.D. please write your name, the name of the CD/DVD you are borrowing and the date out/returned in the book provided (in the Lady Chapel)

The Choir We are looking for further members to join the choir. Please have a word with a present member for further information. With a larger choir our options are also enlarged. Don't be shy!

On-Line Archdiocesan Newsletter Read/Sign up today <https://bit.ly/ACMSeptNewsletter>

Marriage Support Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel:+44 7887 296 983 Next dates 2nd to 4th October (Tel; 0788 7296983).

Parish Safeguarding see SafeguardingatStJosephsNeath@proton.me to contact Mrs Anne Guest our Parish Safeguarding Representative – also the Diocesan Team safeguarding@rcadc.org

" Come, Holy Spirit and renew the hearts of the faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit, O Lord, and they shall be created and You will renew the face of the earth. O God, Who hast taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit, we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen."

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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