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The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 19th September 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 this Sunday (19th September) **Saturday** (St John Kemble) 4-00 p.m. Parish & People; (St. Joseph's) 6-00p.m. Mary & Ken Harvey (RIP) (Brendan & Jan Harvey); **Sunday** 8-00 a.m. Sion Parry Evans(RIP); 10-30a.m. Eileen & Bill Whiting (RIP) (Sheila & David Williams).

Weekday Mass Intentions Tuesday (21st) 6-30p.m. Tess Court (RIP) (Chris Evans); Wednesday (22nd September) **St. Joseph's** 9-30a.m. Michael McAteer (RIP) (The family); **St. John Kemble** 11-00a.m. Elizabeth Ellis (Sp.Int.); Thursday (23rd September) **St. Joseph's No Mass.** (Diocesan Clergy Meeting)

Mass Intentions next Sunday (26th September) **Saturday** (St. John Kemble) 4-00p.m. Parish & People; (St. Joseph's) 6-00p.m. SVP Members & Deceased Members; **Sunday** 8-00a.m. Ann Moruzzi (RIP) (Remo); 10-30a.m. Edna McAteer (RIP) (Agnes Collins).

Next Saturday – Vigil Mass 6-00 p.m. – SVP Celebration – 26th September. After the Mass (with invited SVP Diocesan Guests) there will be refreshments in the Parish Hall to celebrate and give thanks for our SVP Group. **All welcome.**

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Maria Baker (2005); Johanna Dobrzanski (2010); Graham Francis (2003); Elizabeth Jenkins (2000); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Requiem Masses During the pandemic it was not always possible to accommodate all those wishing to attend funeral services. If you would like to remember a loved one at a Memorial/Requiem Mass at a special weekday Mass to which family and friends can be invited, please have a word with Fr. Neil.

Candles: Our Lady – Marjorie Grant (RIP); The Sacred Heart – Mary Rees (RIP); St. Joseph – Scott Dale (Good Health).

Readers: **This Sunday** (19th September) 6-00p.m. Patrick McAteer; 8-00a.m. Adrian & Paula Macpherson-Jones; 10-30a.m. Mary Walker. **Next Sunday** (26th) 6-00p.m. Ceri McAteer; 8-00a.m. Gregory Page; 10-30a.m. Sheila Williams.

Cleaning Teams. **This Sunday** (19th September) 6-00p.m. Maralyn & Nora; 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30a.m. Joan & Ann; **Next Sunday** (26th September) 6-00p.m. Sian & Mary; 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30a.m. Volunteers please.

First Holy Communion Class BEGIN THIS SUNDAY The following children began classes before the pandemic – Ronan Abell, Lucy Owen, Jack Challenger, Ava Mallows, Julia Karczynska, John Grabczewski, Amelia Tristram, Julia Kuligowska, Efan and Bodi Lewis, Drake and Juris Pascual. If there are others who would now like to be included (including Shuyalini Sivarupan, Joseph Owen, Brendan Fitchett, Lowrie Smitham, Ivy Walters) please submit names to Fr. Neil. **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 **and begin this Sunday 19th September.**

Wedding Bells! Congratulations to Adrienne Hendry and Tim Giddings who will be married here in St. Joseph's on Friday 1st October.

Holy Baptism Please remember in your prayers Lincoln Williams, son of Ceri & Alwyn Williams, who will be baptised here in St. Joseph's this Sunday afternoon.

Second Collections This weekend (19th) Home Missions. **Sunday 26th September** Our Parish SVP Group. **Sunday October 3rd** CAFOD Harvest Collection. Many thanks for the collections last weekend – St. Joseph's £343-59 and £103-12 (Education Sunday); St. John Kemble £60-00 and Education Sunday (t.b.a.).

Harvest Sunday – 3rd October (CAFOD Harvest Collection) **Donations to the Food Bank gratefully received.** Please look out next Sunday for ways to pray, act and give to our brothers and sisters most in need. Please also take the small gift on offer from the basket!

CAFOD – is responding to significant crises across the world at the present time, in Haiti, Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria, and working to ensure the safety of partners in Afghanistan. Please visit cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news for further details. Your generosity compassion and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult days. Thank you.

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 middle 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).

DOMSEC Livestreamed Events in 2021 A full programme of (over 25) events! See www.domsec.org.uk or www.ourladystaroftheseamumbles.org.uk to access the livestreams and click "Livestream" on the menu bar. **Tuesdays 6-30p.m. – 8-30p.m. September 21st, 28th; October 5th, 12th** " The Happy Life: St. Thomas Aquinas on Happiness and Virtue".

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, Kevin Halloran, 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. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

PRAYER AT THE BEGINNING OF THE DAY

Lord, as I step out into this day in all the frailties and imperfections of my nature, I do not know what this day will bring. I do not know if You will bring me to the end of this day. I thank You for the life You have given me thus far, and I ask Your forgiveness that I have presumed upon, abused and violated Your many graces and mercies to me.

As I step out into this day, grant me, I pray, the grace of a deeper and deeper surrender to Your Will, a letting-go of the world, and to see Jesus always in front of me as the ultimate Goal beyond all the events of today. Grant me the grace to rest securely and serenely in Your Presence, and not to be overthrown and confused by the sudden changes of life. I am a frail earthen vessel, a phial of blood, a clod of earth. Help me toward a greater respect for my fragility – that I "hang like a drop of dew upon a blade of grass" entirely dependent upon Your Will and Favour.

Help me to live from each heart-beat and not to presume beyond it. Help me not to "grab" at what surrounds me and yet always to work harder in doing good, and with a greater commitment. May my walk today be, in every step, a pilgrimage in Thee. I do not know what storms may break upon this day or how troubled a sea it may be. Bless the source and the spring of this day, and bring me safely into the harbour at the eve of the day – that I may safely anchor in the haven with Thee. Glory to Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.