

## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – 25<sup>th</sup> August 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 ).

**Mass Intentions this Sunday** ( 25<sup>th</sup> August ) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. ( St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's ) Julie McElroy (RIP) ( Bernie & Sian); **Sunday** 10-30 a.m. Veale Family ( RIP.) ( Martin & Nuala ).

**Weekday Mass Times** Wednesday ( 28th August ) 9-30 a.m.( St. Joseph's ) Julie McElroy (RIP) ( Siobhan Fitchett); 11-00 a.m. ( St. John Kemble) Fr. Michael Burke (RIP) ( Nancy).

**Mass Intentions next Sunday** ( 1<sup>st</sup> September ) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. ( St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. ( St.Joseph's ) Brian Collins (RIP) ( Agnes); 10-30 a.m. Kamshalini Sivarupan (RIP) ( The family ).

**Fr. Neil** will be taking days off and lighter duties during the month of August

**Readers: This Sunday** ( 25<sup>th</sup> ) 6-00 p.m.Mandy Smith; 10-30 a.m. Tommy Parel **Next Sunday** ( 1<sup>st</sup>) 6-00 p.m. Sian Loynes; 10-30 a.m. Bridget Zambrano.

**Candles:** Sacred Heart – Israel & Gaza; Our Lady – Thanksgiving; St. Joseph – Bridie Johnson & famiy ( Sp.Int.).

**George Johnson (RIP)** Please remember George in your prayers who died peacefully on Wednesday afternoon, and also the family at this time. George's Funeral Mass will be here in St. Joseph's on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 11-15 a.m. followed by burial at Margam Crematorium at 1-00 p.m. The coffin will be received into the church at 5-00 p.m. on Thursday. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

**Anniversaries** Owen Davies ( 2008); Giovanni D'Angelo ( 2011); Sheila Kinsey (2014); Julian Bester (2012); Doreen O'Brien ( 2016 ); Aileen Lester (2008); Michael Lewis ( 2009); Brian Collins (2009); Ann Hanford ( 2014); Charity Wluka (2016); Joan McGinty (2017).*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**Tintern Sung Vespers** An ecumenical Service of Prayers for Peace. Speaker: Archbishop Mark O'Toole with the monks of Belmont Abbey. Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 3-00 p.m. ( Please bring a folding chair. Food available in the village ).

**Pilgrims of Hope.** To celebrate the Holy Year, Archbishop Mark will lead a pilgrimage to Rome 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025. The price - £1,030. For full details email [office@pilgrimagepeople.org](mailto:office@pilgrimagepeople.org)

**Parish S.V.P. Retreat** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September at St. John Kemble 2-00 p.m. for refreshments; 2-30 to 3-30 p.m. Retreat followed by Mass at 4-00 p.m. All welcome.

**St. Joseph's Parish Guild** Cheese & Wine ( Coffee & Tea ) Evening in the Parish Hall on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7-00 p.m. ( Proceeds to St. Joseph's Junior School ) Tickets £7-50 from Nora or Sheila

**Repair Works** Church repairs continue this week.

**Last Sunday's Collection:** £301-13 ( plus Direct Debits ); St.John Kemble £35-50 Many thanks.

**The Sick & Housebound** If you know of someone who ( at their request ) would appreciate contact with the church through a home visit from the S.V.P. please contact Anne Guest, the Secretary on 07741283098 or Pat O'Connell for a visit from the Legion of Mary.

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