

Twenty - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15th September 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 (15th September) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St.Joseph’s) Ann Williams (RIP) (The Family); 10-30 a.m. Patricia Phillips (RIP) (Anne Guest and family).

Weekday Mass Times Wednesday (18th September) **No 9-30 a.m.**(St. Joseph’s); 11-00 a.m. (St. John Kemble) Fr. Neil (Sp. Int.) (Lorna & Joe); Thursday (19th) 9-30 a.m. Rita O’Rourke (RIP) (Paula & Adrian); Friday (13th) 11-30 a.m. **Funeral Mass** – leuan Evans (RIP)

Mass Intentions next Sunday (22nd September) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph’s) Eileen & Bill Whiting (RIP) (Sheila & David); **Sunday** 10-30 a.m. “an end to the killing of the unborn” (Isabel).

Readers: This Sunday (15th) 6-00 p.m. Maureen McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Tommy Parel. **Next Sunday** (22nd) 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.

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CARDIFF-MENEVIA It was announced in Rome on Thursday that Menevia and Cardiff are to be joined together as one Archdiocese. A Pastoral letter from the Archbishop is to be read in all the churches of the new Archdiocese this weekend.

Candles: Sacred Heart – Special Intention (C.M.); Our Lady – Thanksgiving (S. & G.); St. Joseph – Paul Leaker (Sp.Int.)..

leuan Evans (RIP) Please remember leuan in your prayers and also the family at this time. leuan’s Funeral Mass will be here this Friday 20th September at 11-30 a.m. followed by burial at Llantwit. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

Anniversaries David Hunt (2005); Jean Williams (2022); Maureen O’Grady (2014); Maureen Butler (2014); Ann Williams (2023); Maria Baker (2005); Johanna Dobrzanski (2010);*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

St. Joseph’s Parish Guild Cheese & Wine (Coffee & Tea) Evening in the Parish Hall on Monday 16th September at 7-00 p.m. (Proceeds to our St. Joseph’s Primary School) Tickets £7-50 from Nora or Sheila.

Parish S.V.P. Retreat Saturday 28th 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.

Pilgrims of Hope. To celebrate the Holy Year, Archbishop Mark will lead a pilgrimage to Rome 16th – 20th July 2025. The price - £1,030. For full details email office@pilgrimagepeople.org

McMillan Coffee Morning will be held in the parish hall on Thursday 26 September from 10-00 a.m. to Midday. Donations of cakes would be appreciated. Please see Sheila or Marie. Thankyou.

The Annual SVP Matthew Mulcahy Sponsored Walk is taking place on Sunday 29th September. SVP members are walking from Brangwyn Hall at 2-00 p.m. to Our Lady Star of the Sea where we will have refreshments before the return walk. Sponsor forms are at the back of the church and any parishioners who would like to join us are more than welcome. All funds raised will go to the South Sudan baby feeding project. Many thanks in advance for your support. (Parish SVP Group)

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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.

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, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna and Joe O'Brien, Margaret Jeffrey, Marion Brocksopp., Marlene John, Pat Day, Daniel John, David and Nora Reynolds, Adrian Macpherson-Jones, Roger Horton, Kath Davies, Susan Evans, Paul Leaker, Sid Leaker. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

Fr. Neil will be continuing his treatment this week. Thank you for your prayers. Please remember all those undergoing treatment and in hospital at this time (see list of the Sick & Housebound above).

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.

Neath Abbey Tours by Bill Zajac Next weekend Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd from 10-00 a.m. to 11-30 a.m. and from 2-00 p.m. to 3-30 p.m. Take the opportunity to explore the Catholic history of Neath!

Parish Coffee Morning Every Thursday from 10-00 a.m. to 11-00 a.m.

Legion of Mary Every Tuesday evening at 4-45 p.m. in the Hall. New members very welcome. Please come along.

FOOD BANK - PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING to the Neath Food Bank at the back of the church - the products Food Banks need most: Tinned veg (peas and sweetcorn); tinned tuna and mackerel; brown, basmati and long grain rice; pulses (eg: kidney beans and chickpeas); grains (eg: couscous); easy cook noodles; tinned fruit (eg: pineapple slices); wholegrain cereals (eg: wheat biscuits); oat drinks and UHT milk. **THANK YOU!**

S.V.P. Christmas Appeal Once again the conference will be supporting the shoe box appeal for Romania, Serbia and Ukraine. There are leaflets at the back of the church, please read them carefully and only include the items specified. If you would like a pre-decorated shoe box please see Angela. Closing date for shoeboxes is no later than the 26/27 October.

Training Days (i) **For Ministers of Holy Communion** – at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Mumbles, Saturday 12 October and 19 October 11-00 a.m. to 1-00 p.m. Please bring a packed lunch. (ii) **For Readers** – at Sacred Heart, Morriston Saturday 25 October 11-00 a.m. to 1-00 p.m. (Rosary 10-15 a.m. and Mass 10-30 a.m.

SECOND COLLECTION This Sunday 15th September – **Home Missions**. **Next Sunday 29th** for our own **S.V.P. Group**.

Last Sunday's Collection: £413-13 (plus Direct Debits) and a generous donation of a further £300 to parish funds. All donations gratefully received. Many thanks. St.John Kemble £41-00.

Programme of Works Work has now been completed on repairing the church roof, repairing two church radiators and installing a new gas boiler in the presbytery. Security cameras will be installed around the church, presbytery and hall from 23rd September. Further works include repairing the fascia boards and guttering/roof and installing a new gas boiler at the hall and resurfacing the driveway. All donations very gratefully received.

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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