

Twenty - Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 20th October 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).

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 Intentions this Sunday (20th October) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph’s) George Johnson (RIP) (Donie, Pat & family); **Sunday** 10-30 a.m. Pamela Cundall (RIP) (Anne Guest & family)

Weekday Mass Times Wednesday (23rd October) 9-30 a.m. [St. Joseph’s) Pam McKeever (Sp. Int.); 11-00 a.m. (St. John Kemble) Fr. Alan Greenwood (RIP) (SPCD); Thursday (24th) 9-30 a.m. Deborah Messer (RIP) (Paula & Adrian); Friday (25th) 9-30 a.m. Graham Evans (RIP) (Jan Harvey).

Mass Intentions next Sunday (27th October) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St.Joseph’s) Janet Jones (RIP) (Geraint Jones); **CLOCKS CHANGE!** 10-30 a.m. Shaun Elias (RIP) (The family).

Readers: This Sunday (20th) 6-00 p.m. Sian Loynes; 10-30 a.m. Bethan Lee. Next Sunday (27th) 6-00 p.m. Volunteer please. 10-30 a.m. Tommy Parel.

Training Days 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.)

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 (!!).

Candles: Sacred Heart – Annie & William Cochrane (RIP); Our Lady – Marion Brocksopp (Sp.Int.); St. Joseph – Special Intention (M.B.)

Anniversaries Patricia Thomas (2004); Teresa Pokoyski (2012); Patrick Gray (2014); Dina Davies (2013); Agnes Hopkins (2013); Janet Jones (2017); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Security Cameras are now in place around the church, house and hall. Please be aware (!) that you are on camera when approaching the presbytery and entering and leaving the church and parish hall (!).

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. Glenys Jones coordinator of the appeal will once again collect all shoebox donations **next Sunday Sunday 27th October** after the 10-30 a.m. Mass. We thank you for all your support in making this appeal a huge success. To date we have received around 60 boxes and expect more from the schools. Our appreciation to all.

Entertainment Concert Evening Tomorrow evening Monday 21st October 6-30 for 7-00 p.m. An evening of entertainment with popular singer Christine Lee Jones. Tickets £8 includes light refreshments with tea & coffee. In addition bingo and a raffle will be organised. Proceeds toward the Hall repairs. Tickets available from Angela, Sheila & Peter.

Birthday Greetings to Marion Brocksopp celebrating her 99th birthday this week. Prayers & all good wishes.

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Legion of Mary Retreat Saturday 26th October at St. David's Priory, Swansea, starting at 10-30 a.m. Talk by Fr Jude followed by Exposition/Confession, Mass, Lunch (please bring a packed lunch), Rosary, closing Talk by Fr. Jude. Finish at 3-00 p.m. See poster for further details. All are welcome.

Wedding Bells Congratulations and all good wishes to Victoria Grant and Christopher Jeffers who will be married here in St. Joseph's on Saturday 2nd November. Please remember Victoria and Chris in your prayers.

Month of Holy Souls If you would like loved ones remembered at every Mass during November please submit a November Dead List enclosed in a Holy Souls envelope – available at the back of the church. **Please note** - there is no requirement to enclose a stipend (money) in the envelope. Mass stipends for dates in November will continue to be received in the usual way.

Diary Dates! (i) Please keep in your prayers Luke and Meinir who will be received into the Church at our 10-30 a.m. Mass on Sunday 17 November. (ii) Sunday 15 December – Childrens' Party (for everyone!) after the 10-30 Mass – in the weeks beforehand please sign the list of children attending and donations of food. (iii) Sunday 22 December at 6-00 p.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols in church followed by refreshments in the Hall.

Christmas Raffle We are grateful to Peter for once again arranging the Christmas Raffle (to be drawn at the Christmas Party – 15 December). **Donations of prizes gratefully received** – please advise Peter by next Sunday (27th) if you are able to donate so that we can go ahead with the printing of the tickets (including the top ten prizes). Many thanks.

Piety Shop The shop is open from 9-45 to 10 -15 every Sunday morning. If you have particular requests Sheila may be able to put in a special order for you.

The New Lectionary. From Advent Sunday we shall be using the new Lectionary for our readings in church with a new translation of the biblical text – thus the congregational Sunday Missals will become out-of-date. If you would like to order a new three-year Missal or the one year Missal (Year C for 2024-25) copies will be available for you to look at next weekend and a list for you to orders a new Missal.

Second Collection this Sunday (World Mission Sunday) to support the Church's Mission throughout the world. **Last Sunday's Collection:** £363-87 (plus Direct Debits) and a donation of £100 to church funds. All donations very gratefully received. St.John Kemble £32-00 . Many thanks.

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!**

The Church Hall is available for private heir. If anyone is interested in booking the venue please contct Angela Healey on 01792 424168 or 07708105147

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.

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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