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The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 29th August 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 (29th August) **Saturday** (St. John Kemble) 4-00p.m. Parish & People; (St. Joseph’s) 6-00p.m. Edna McAteer (RIP) (Comerford Family); **Sunday** 8-00a.m. Cheryl Piles (RIP) (The Family); 10-30a.m. Angelo Moruzzi (RIP) (Remo).

Weekday Mass Intentions Wednesday (1st September – WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION) **St. Joseph’s** 9-30a.m. Pamela Cundall (Sp.Int.); **St. John Kemble** 11-00a.m. (“For all at St. John Kemble” (R.J.); Thursday (2nd September) **St. Joseph’s** 9-30 a.m. Edna McAteer (RIP) (Jean Evans) Friday (3rd September) **St. Joseph’s** 9-30a.m. Requiem/Memorial Mass – Sheila Manning (RIP).

Mass Intentions next Sunday (5th September) **Saturday** (St John Kemble) 4-00 p.m. Parish & People; (St. Joseph’s) 6-00p.m. Jane Boland (Sp.Int.) (Kevin & Lorna); **Sunday** 8-00 a.m. Sion Parry Evans(RIP); 10-30a.m. Brian Collins (RIP) (Agnes Collins).

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Aileen Lester (2008); Michael Lewis (2009); Ann Hanford (2014); Brian Collins (2009); Charity Wluka (2016); Joan McGinty (2017); Bronwen Boon (2008); Mary Stanley (2000); Nellie Brown (2005); Roy Timmins (2002); *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 – Annie & William Cochrane; The Sacred Heart – Joe Blackburn; St. Joseph – Helen Diane Owen

Readers: **This Sunday** (29th) 6-00p.m. Nora Reynolds; 8-00 a.m. Volunteer please; 10-30a.m. Sandra Davies. **Next Sunday** (5th September) 6-00p.m. Volunteer please; 8-00a.m. Gregory Page; 10-30a.m. Sheila Williams

Stewarding: **MANY THANKS** to our stewards who have facilitated the celebration of Mass during the pandemic.

Cleaning Teams. **This Sunday** (29th August) 6-00 p.m. Sian & Mary; 8-00 a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30a.m. Volunteers please. **Next Sunday** (5th September) 6-00p.m. Maralyn & Nora; 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30a.m. Joan & Ann

First Holy Communion Class The following children began classes before the pandemic – Ronan Abell, Lucy Owen, Jack Challenger, Ava Mallows, Julia Karczynska, John Grabczewski, Amelia Tristram, Alexa Jones, Julia Kuligowska, Efan and Bodi Lewis. If there are others who would now like to be included (including Shuyalini Sivarupan, Joseph Owen, Brendan Fitchett, Lowrie Smitham) 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 on Sunday 12th September.**

Many thanks - for last Sunday’s Collection (St. Joseph’s) of £380-44 (plus direct debits) and . (St. John Kemble) £30-00 .Many thanks.

Congratulations – Our prayers and all good wishes to Lorraine and Rob Jelley celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary this Monday 30th August.

Afghanistan Please keep in prayer those families with serving members of the Armed Forces in Afghanistan at this present time (including William Davies) and for the safety of all those helping in the evacuation from Kabul and for the people of Afghanistan. After many centuries of Western power dominating world affairs (from the discovery of the New World in north and south America to the establishment of European Imperial power in Africa, the Middle-East and the Far East into the twentieth century) the fall of the Government of Afghanistan to the Taleban surely marks an historic and significant turning point in our history - pointing us to the ultimate goal of history, the Return of Christ, when, " the kingdoms of this world have become the Kingdom of our God and of His Christ, and He shall reign for ever and ever" (Revelation 11 v 15). Let us pray that, whatever may lie ahead of us as a result of the present crisis in Afghanistan, we may keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and that through the difficulties and challenges of the years ahead we may come through to the Resurrection and the New Heaven and the New Earth. Come, Lord Jesus!

The Sacrament of Confession From this weekend it will be possible to use the Confessional Box that was designed and put in place just before the first lockdown in March last year. 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).

The Legion of Mary – will be celebrating the centenary of their foundation on Tuesday 7th September. There will be a special Mass of Thanksgiving at 9-30a.m. here in St.Joseph's to celebrate and give thanks for the work of our parish Legion of Mary who have faithfully supported the house-bound and those in need over many years. In the evening there will also be a Mass at the Sacred Heart, Morriston at 6-00pm. to which Legion members & friends are also invited. Please remember the Legion of Mary in your prayers.

Lost & Found - a lady's green flowered anorak left in church two weeks ago.

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.

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 end of October**. Please think several months ahead if you would like to reserve a particular date (or nearest date). Thank you

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

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT. *Holy Spirit, Lord of Light, from the clear celestial height, Thy pure beaming radiance give. Come, Thou Father of the poor, come with treasures that endure, Come Thou Light of all that live. Light Immortal, Light Divine, Visit Thou this soul of mine, Wash the stain of guilt away. Bend the stubborn heart and will, Melt the frozen, warm the chill, Guide the steps that go astray. Come, Holy Spirit!*

ANIMA CHRISTI *Soul of Christ, sanctify me, Body of Christ save me, Blood of Christ inebriate me, Water from the Side of Christ wash me. Passion of Christ strengthen me. O Good Jesus hear me. Within Thy wounds hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from Thee. From the malicious enemy defend me. In the hour of death call me, And bid me come to Thee, That with the Saints I may praise Thee, Now and forever. Amen.*