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### **Sunday 30th August 2020 - The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Mass Intentions** – This Sunday: –**The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (30th August )**

**St. John Kemble:** Saturday 4-00p.m. Parish & People; **St. Joseph's** Saturday 6-00p.m. Pastor Clifford Thomas (RIP) (Nora and David ); Sunday 8-00a.m. John Fogarty (RIP) (Donie and Pat ); 10-30a.m. Brian Collins (RIP) (Agnes). **Next Sunday** ( 6<sup>th</sup> September ) **St. John Kemble:** Saturday 4-00p.m. MICF (RIP); **St. Joseph's:** Saturday 6-00p.m. Parish & People; Sunday 8-00 a.m. Tom Evams (RIP) (Hikary Family); 10-30 a.m. Sion Parry Evans (RIP).

**Twenty - Second Week in Ordinary Time** ( Week beginning 30th August ) Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – **St. Joseph's** 9-30a.m. Morfydd Collier (RIP) ( Marion & Linda Brocksopp ); **St. John Kemble** 11-00a.m. Meg Cooper (RIP) ( Nancy.); Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – 9-30a.m. Vocations

**The Parish S.V.P Group/St. Joseph's Community Support Group/Legion of Mary (and others)**. I have paid tribute to the amazing work ( ministry ) carried out in the parish over these last few months keeping us together and providing much needed support. We are very grateful to all those who have kept in contact by phone and helped out with shopping and in other ways, often behind the scene and unknown to others. **THANK YOU TO YOU ALL!**

**A Coronavirus Prayer.** “ Lord Jesus Christ, You travelled through towns and villages ‘ curing every disease and illness’. At Your command, the sick were made well. Come now to our aid, in the midst of this global pandemic, and send down Your blessing and healing upon us and protect our healthcare workers. Bring us through to Resurrection and a New Pentecost. For Thy Name's sake. Amen.

**Last Week's Collection:** St. Joseph's £221-30 ( plus weekly Standing Orders ); St. John Kemble £35-00. Many thanks to all who regularly contribute - and for donations – to the parish funds. Many thanks for the gift of £1,000 toward the cost of new carpeting in the church. All donations gratefully received.

**The Church Driveway** I am pleased to announce that ( after 86 years! ) we now own the driveway in front of the church and presbytery! - and I record our very grateful thanks to Councillor Mrs Sheila Penry (Mayor, Neath Town Council ) for her help and assistance in overseeing and guiding the paperwork through the NPT Legal Department on our behalf, and also to Mrs Clare Tregoning, at Gomer Williams & Co Ltd ( Karen and Doug's daughter ) for thoroughly researching and investigating our claim over many months and generously acting as our Solicitor (without costs ) to obtain the driveway for us; and to the anonymous and generous benefactor for paying the costs of the survey and purchase of the driveway and meeting the legal costs of NPT.

Having already met the challenge of raising funds for removing asbestos from the church boiler room, installing a new boiler, dismantling the chimney, repairing the sanctuary arch and redecorating and refurbishing the church ( a total cost of approx. £25,000 ), **we now have the further challenge to raise a similarly larger sum ( approx. £35,000? ) to tarmac and properly drain the driveway.....donations gratefully received!** Grateful thanks for our first donation to this special fund – further donations gratefully received.

**The Reverend Deacon Robert Davies.** Please pray for Robert ( from Port Talbot parish ) who will be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Attendance (limited) by invitation only. Fr. Robert has been appointed assistant-priest at St. David's Priory, Swansea. Canon Michael Fluck is retiring from parish ministry at the end of September, and Canon Paul Watson has been appointed as the new parish priest of St. David's. Fr. Andrezej Kuklinski ( Sacred Heart, Moriston ) has been appointed the new parish priest at Our Lady of Margam. Please continue to keep the Diocese in your prayers.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** – to all those receiving their exam results at this time. Please remember our young people and children in your prayers during this challenging time in the disruption of their studies.

**CLEANERS!** Volunteers please to help clean the church. Please have a word with Sheila.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES** Please collect your box of yearly envelopes as you leave the church. Many thanks.