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The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 26th September 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 (26th September) **Saturday** (St. John Kemble) 4-00p.m. Parish & People; (St. Joseph's) 6-00p.m. SVP Members & Deceased Members; **Sunday** 8-00a.m. Ann Moruzzi (RIP) (Remo); 10-30a.m. Edna McAteer (RIP) (Agnes Collins).

Weekday Mass Intentions Tuesday (28th) 6-30p.m. Norman Evans (RIP) (Jean Evans); Wednesday (29th September) **St. Joseph's** 9-30a.m. Breege Birmingham (RIP) (Brendan O'Grady); **St. John Kemble** 11-00a.m. Frank Nedza (RIP.) (Nancy); Thursday (30th September) 9-30a.m. Ann Moruzzi (RIP) (Angela Healey).

Friday 1st October (St. Therese of Lisieux) CAFOD Fast Day - and Congratulations to Aidie and Tim on their Wedding Day.

Mass Intentions next Sunday (3rd October) HARVEST WEEKEND **Saturday** (St John Kemble) 4-00 p.m. Parish & People;. (St. Joseph's) 6-00p.m. Edna McAteer (RIP) (Kathleen & family); **Sunday** 8-00 a.m. Tess Court (RIP) (John & Fiona Ludlow & family); 10-30a.m. Mary Burke (RIP) (Robert & Brenda).

This Saturday – Vigil Mass 6-00 p.m. – SVP Celebration – A warm welcome to our SVP Guests from around the Diocese. After the Mass (and Presentation by Mr Gustavo Vas Falcan – Central Council President, Menevia) there will be refreshments in the Parish Hall to celebrate and give thanks for our SVP Group. **All welcome.**

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Michael Walsh (2009); Alfred Stanley (2006); Claire Rudden (2014); Patricia Evans (2007); Alice McCabe (2007); Laurence O'Neil (2008); *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Kevin Widlake (RIP) Please remember Kevin in your prayers and the family at this time. Kevin's Funeral Mass will take place here in St. Joseph's on Monday 4th October at 9-45a.m. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen*

Candles: Our Lady – Tess Court (RIP); The Sacred Heart.– Peter Healey (RIP); St. Joseph – All subjugated people worldwide.

Readers: **This Sunday** (26th) 6-00p.m. SVP; 8-00a.m. Gregory Page; 10-30a.m. Sheila Williams. **Next Sunday** (3rd October) 6-00p.m. Sian Loynes; 8-00a.m. Gregory Page; 10-30a.m. Tommy Parel.

Cleaning Teams. **This Sunday** (26th September) 6-00p.m. Sian & Mary; 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30a.m. Volunteers please. **Next Sunday** (3rd October) 6-00p.m. Maralyn & Nora; 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30a.m. Joan & Anne.

First Holy Communion Classes Please keep in your prayers as they prepare for their First Holy Communion Ronan Abell, Lucy Owen, Jack Challenger, Ava Mallows, Julia Karczynska, John Grabczewski, Amelia Tristram, Julia Kuligowska, Efan and Bodi Lewis, Drake and Juris Pascual, Shuyalini Sivarupan, Joseph Owen, Brendan Fitchett, Lowrie Smitham, Ivy Walters. **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.

Wedding Bells! Congratulations to Adrienne Hendry and Tim Giddings who will be married here in St. Joseph's this Friday 1st October.

Second Collections This weekend (26th) Our Parish SVP Group. **Next Sunday 3rd October** CAFOD Harvest Collection. Many thanks for the collections last weekend – St. Joseph's £363-33 (plus extra donation of £100) and £103-39 (Home Missions); St. John Kemble £25-00 and £10 (Education Sunday) and £11 (Home Missions)

Harvest Sunday – 3rd October (CAFOD Harvest Collection) **Donations to the Food Bank gratefully received.** Please look out next Sunday for ways to pray, act and give to our brothers and sisters most in need. Please also take the small gift on offer from the basket!

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Climate Crisis Appeal Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. This Family Fast Day you can donate in the parish using a CAFOD envelope or online through the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis) and help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. You can also add your voice to our online petition calling for the Prime Minister to take the lead in tackling the climate crisis, cafod.org.uk/climate And thank you for your generosity for our emergency appeals to support our sisters and brothers in crisis in Afghanistan and Haiti. You can read more about CAFOD's response at cafod.org.uk/emergencies.

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

The Sacrament of Confession 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). During the four weeks of **Advent** (provided pandemic restrictions are not re-imposed) there will be four **Holy Hours with the Sacrament of Confession** to enable those who have felt unable to attend the Sacrament of Confession during the pandemic to return to the Sacrament.

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. **Tuesdays 6-30p.m. – 8-30p.m. September 21st, 28th; October 5th, 12th** " The Happy Life: St. Thomas Aquinas on Happiness and Virtue".

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

PRAYER AT THE BEGINNING OF THE DAY

Lord, as I step out into this day in all the frailties and imperfections of my nature, I do not know what this day will bring. I do not know if You will bring me to the end of this day. I thank You for the life You have given me thus far, and I ask Your forgiveness that I have presumed upon, abused and violated Your many graces and mercies to me.

As I step out into this day, grant me, I pray, the grace of a deeper and deeper surrender to Your Will, a letting-go of the world, and to see Jesus always in front of me as the ultimate Goal beyond all the events of today. Grant me the grace to rest securely and serenely in Your Presence, and not to be overthrown and confused by the sudden changes of life. I am a frail earthen vessel, a phial of blood, a clod of earth. Help me toward a greater respect for my fragility – that I "hang like a drop of dew upon a blade of grass" entirely dependent upon Your Will and Favour.

Help me to live from each heart-beat and not to presume beyond it. Help me not to "grab" at what surrounds me and yet always to work harder in doing good, and with a greater commitment. May my walk today be, in every step, a pilgrimage in Thee. I do not know what storms may break upon this day or how troubled a sea it may be. Bless the source and the spring of this day, and bring me safely into the harbour at the eve of the day – that I may safely anchor in the haven with Thee. Glory to Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

