

## **FIFTH SUNDAY ( Ordinary Time ) – 8th FEBRUARY 2026**

“ 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 regn of our Divine Saviour, the reign of truth and justice, the reign of love ad peace. Come, Holy Spirit in Your Power and might to renew the face of the earth” ( Pope St. John XXIII ).

**Mass Intentions this Sunday** ( Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February ) Saturday ( St. John Kemble ) 4-00 p.m. Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. ( St. Joseph's ) Denis Doyle ( RIP ); 10-30 a.m. Rosy Williams (RIP) ( Karen ).

**Weekday Mass Times** Wednesday ( 11<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady of Lourdes ) 9-30 a.m. **SCHOOL MASS** Siobhan Fitchett ( Sp.Int. ) ( Staff & Pupils ); St. John Kemble 11-00 a.m. Phylis Walker ( nee Doherty ) (RIP) ( The family ).

**Mass Intentions next Sunday** ( Sunday 15th February ) Saturday 4-00 p.m. St John Kemble - Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. St. Joseph's – Kevin Halloran (RIP) ( M & J Boland ). 10-30 a.m. Roger Fluck (RIP) ( Peter & Isabel ).

**Fifth Sunday - Psalm Response** “ A light rises in the darkness for the upright” ( Sunday - Year A; Daily Mass Readings – Year II; Daily Office - Week 1 )

**Readers:** (8<sup>th</sup> February) 6-00 p.m. Sian Loynes; 10-30 a.m. Bethan Lee. **Next Sunday** (15<sup>th</sup>) 6-00 p.m. Maureen McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Tommy Parel.

**Candles:** Sacred Heart – The May Family ( Sp.Int. ); Our Lady – Deacon Jim Sp. Int. ); St. Joseph – Luke Saunders. ( Sp.Int. ).

**Anniversaries** Joan Linciano ( 2019 ); Hugh Tanner ( 2016 ); Ruth Potter ( 2007 ). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**Parish Guild** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March **Evening of Cawl & Welsh Cakes** 7-00 p.m. (prompt) in the Parish Hall Tickets £7=50 for parish funds.

**Holy Baptism** Please keep in your prayers Maddie Jones who will be baptised into the Church next Saturday morning.

**Catechesis** - will resume later on in the year.

**Lenten Reflections.** Archbishop Mark is publishing six Lenten/Easter Reflections. Our Parish Faith Group will discuss one each Friday from 2-00 p.m. to 3-00 p.m. in the Parish Hall starting on February 20<sup>th</sup>. You don't need to attend all, please come when you can.

**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 and Luke, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna and Joe O'Brien, Margaret Jeffrey, Marion Brocksopp., Marlene John, Pat Day, Daniel John, Adrian Macpherson-Jones, Roger Horton, Kath Davies, David Vaudin, Agnes Collins, Angela Healey., Mark Thomas, Siobhan Fitchett, John & Jane Smith, Donie O'Connell, Dennis Huxtable, Colin Mulligan, Sheila Morgan, Mary Bowen. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

**Last Sunday's Collection:** St. Joseph's £306-68 ( plus Direct Debits ); St. John Kemble £85-00. Many thanks.

**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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