

THE TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY – 4th OCTOBER 2026

(Harvest Sunday/Feast of St. Francis - 800th Anniversary of his death in 1226)

“ 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). Come, Holy Spirit!

Mass this Sunday (Sunday 4th October) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's) Eileen Cahill (RIP) (James & Glenda Cahill); Sunday 10-30 a.m. Marjorie Grant (RIP) (Robert & Brenda)

Weekday Mass Times (No weekday celebration of Mass)

Funeral Mass Dennis Gorman (RIP) Tuesday 6th October 1-00 p.m. Please remember Dennis in your prayers and the family at this time. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

Mass next Sunday (11th October) Saturday 4-00 p.m. (St. John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's) Marion O'Grady (RIP) (Brendan); 10-30 a.m. Pilar Diez Fernandez (RIP) (Isabel & Peter).

Harvest Sunday – Gifts of non-perishable items (gratefully received) for the Food Bank and the homeless. Our Second Collection this Sunday- CAFOD Harvest Collection. **HARVEST FAST DAY.** Drought has left communities in Zimbabwe struggling with food and water shortages. CAFOD's trusted Caritas partner in Zimbabwe brought in local experts to install solar-powered water systems. **We are asked to put our faith into action through our prayers, fasting and generous support of Harvest Fast Day.** Every donation helps. **CAFOD – a better world needs all of us.**

Twenty-Seventh Sunday - Psalm Response “ The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel ” (Sunday - Year A; Daily Mass Readings – Year II; Daily Office - Week 3)

Readers: This Sunday (4th) 6-00 p.m. Gerald Smith; 10-30 a.m. Eileen Morrison; **Next Sunday** (11th) 6-00 p.m. Patrick McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Bernadette Payne.

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 (!!)

Anniversaries Peter Copping (2015); Stella Edgell (2014); Angela Dimaio (2020); Ian Thompson (2023); Tony Pickrell (2015). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Candles: Sacred Heart – Ken Beechy (RIP); Our Lady – Bella Tariq (Sp.Int.) St. Joseph – Mark Evans (RIP).

Mass Intentions Please note that Mass intentions are now already reserved (weekdays & Sundays) to the beginning of December. Please think several months ahead if you wish to reserve a particular day/date.

Congratulations to Jean Evans who celebrated her 95th birthday last weekend and belated best wishes to Mary Bowen who celebrated her 90th birthday at the beginning of August. Many blessings and prayers.

Holy Baptism Please remember in your prayers Evie Jones who will be received into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism next Saturday morning.

MacMillan Coffee Morning The magnificent sum of £450 was raised – thank you all for your support – very much appreciated.

Last Sunday's Collection: St. Joseph's £340-57 (plus Direct Debits); Parish SVP £385-00. St. John Kemble £87-00; Parish SVP £60-00. All donations gratefully received. **SECOND COLLECTION** this Sunday (4th CAFOD Harvest Collection.

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The Piety Shop We are now able to open the Piety Shop with the help of a few volunteers. If you would like to order any items eg: cribs, Advent calendars, 2027 calendars, diaries etc please call in. A deposit will be required. The order will be sent off in early November.

Christmas Raffle Tickets (!) It seems very early but we need to order the Raffle Tickets in the next two weeks, on which we need to print the first ten raffle prizes – usually the more expensive prizes. Generously, the first prize of £100 has already been donated. If you are able to donate to these first ten prizes please have a word with Peter/Fr. Neil this weekend or contact Peter on 07511 756 706

Ministry of Welcome. To further develop our ministry of welcome, “meeters and greeters” will welcome and hand out our newsletters to visitors at the start of Mass. If you would like to be involved please add your name and phone number to the list at the back of the church. Thank you. (Parish Mission Study Group).

SVP Christmas Appeal This year we are once again focusing on our own local community, the Mayoress Appeal giving a gift to a child who might not receive one. If you are able to buy a gift this year for a child ages range from birth to 17. Please leave them at the back of the church unwrapped no later than the end of November. If you require further information please speak to Angela. Thank you.

An Evening of Entertainment In the Parish Hall, Monday 19th October with the “Elderly Brothers” while enjoying cheese & wine. Tickets £10 from Brenda or Mary, also from the Piety Shop.

World Youth Day 2027 To all those aged 18 to 30, join Archbishop Mark and a group from the Archdiocese heading to next summer’s World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea. With Pope Leo and a million other young Catholics, we’ll enjoy a full schedule of activities and formation in a country with a vibrant and growing Catholic community – we’ll also have the opportunity to meet up before we travel. The dates of the trip are July 28th to August 9th and the cost is £1,500 per person plus the flights (tbc – in the region of £800 - £1,200). Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. For more information contact Fr. Matt Roche-Saunders at wyd@cardiffmenevia.org

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

Relaunched Instagram Page – “ **Emmaus Catholic Youth**” for regular comments, content and updates.

Catholic (Teaching) C.D. and D.V.D. Library If you would like to borrow a C.D. or D.V.D. please write your name, the name of the CD/DVD you are borrowing and the date out/returned in the book provided (in the Lady Chapel)

On-Line Archdiocesan Newsletter Read/Sign up today <https://bit.ly/ACMSeptNewsletter>

Marriage Support Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? www.retrouaille.org.uk Tel:+44 7887 296 983 Next dates 2nd to 4th October (Tel; 0788 7296983).

Parish Safeguarding see SafeguardingatStJosephsNeath@proton.me to contact Mrs Anne Guest our Parish Safeguarding Representative – also the Diocesan Team safeguarding@rcadc.org

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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