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Sunday, 2nd May 2021

This week at the Cathedral

- Sunday 2nd** **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
17:30 Saturday **Vigil Mass: John Bradley (RIP)**
08:00 Mass: Sr. Mary Winifred (RIP)
10:00 Mass: Sean Lacey's Intention
- Monday 3rd** **Weekday, 5th Week of Eastertide**
10:00 Mass: Carol Harris (RIP)
- Tuesday 4th** **Weekday, 5th Week of Eastertide.**
09:15 Mass: Sr. Anne Coster
- Wednesday 5th** **Weekday, 5th Week of Eastertide.**
10:30 Requiem Mass for Rev. Canon Richard Byron
- Thursday 6th** **Weekday, 5th Week of Eastertide**
09:15 Mass: Wounded Shepherds
- Friday 7th** **Weekday, 5th Week of Eastertide.**
09:15 Mass: Brian Gabriel (RIP)
- Saturday 8th** **Weekday, 5th Week of Eastertide**
NO MORNING MASS
- Saturday** **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
17:30 **Vigil Mass: Richard & Rosemary Jones (RIP)**
- Sunday 9th**
08:00 Mass: Freddie Selby (RIP)
10:00 Mass: Conway Family

The Holy Father's General Intention for May: We pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

WELSH ELECTIONS: Attached to this newsletter are two documents concerning the Welsh election from Archbishop George Stack and the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Please read the documents they will help you make an informed decision as a Catholic in the forthcoming election.

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH:

*Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph,
whose power makes the impossible possible,
come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty.
Take under your protection
the serious and troubling situations that I commend to
you,
that they may have a happy outcome.
My beloved father, all my trust is in you.
Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain,
and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary,
show me that your goodness is as great as your power.
Amen.*



Pray for them

Let us remember the sick in our homes & hospitals:

Canon Seamus Cunnane, Deacon Tony Lawrence, Teresa Williams, Ian Williams, Jean Davies, Christopher Browne, Lee Ellery, Dixie Hale, Taylor Mai, Jeffery Jones, Heather Mitchell, Neil Andrew Francis, Nathan Jones, Gary Lewis, Bernard Kenealy, Tom Bright, Maralyn Brain, Margaret Williams, Geoffrey Collins, Benjamin Imaredon; Christopher Browne; Helena Hughes, Joan Welsh and all the sick. May the Lord lay his healing hands upon them.

PLEASE PRAY FOR all those affected by Covid-19 and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ronald George Bevan; Salvatore Di-Iulio; Anthony Lisk; David Gordon Richards; Ronald James Parker; Mary Josephine Richards; Joan Valerie Holsgrove.



**Sanctuary Lights: In
memory: Carol Anne
Harris**



NOTICES

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE: Please note the changes to the weekday Mass schedule this week. Public Masses will be celebrated at 10:00 on Monday and at 9:15 on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday of this week. There will be no public Mass on Wednesday.

THE FUNERAL OF CANON RICHARD BYRON will take place here in the cathedral at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday 5th May. Archbishop George Stack will be Chief Celebrant at the Requiem Mass. Unfortunately, as you are all aware, in line with funeral protocol under current COVID restrictions, due to the limits imposed on numbers, only invited mourners may attend this Mass. It will not be open to parishioners and/or others wishing to attend. Thank you for your understanding. Of your charity, please pray for the repose of Canon Byron's soul and for the consolation of his family and friends.

MAY DEVOTIONS: There will be recitation of the Holy Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament each Friday, after morning Mass, throughout the month of May.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: (Dead) Brian Gabriel^{X2}; Freddie Selby^{X2}; Peggy Ireland.

MASS INTENTION RECEIVED: (Other): Joan Welsh (Sick); Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Sanctuary Lamp Requests:

EASING OF COVID RESTRICTIONS: Wales is approximately two weeks behind England in easing restrictions. At the moment the Welsh Government has no plans to relax rules on social distancing, thus enabling us to increase capacity. Likewise, congregational singing is still not allowed, although this is currently being reinvestigated. We should hear something more regarding this after 7th May.

For further updates, please keep watching the newsletter which is published weekly on the Parish website.

VOLUNTEER STEWARDS NEEDED: We are desperately in need of more Volunteer Stewards to adequately marshal ALL the areas of concern at the weekend Masses, particularly at the 5:30 and the 10:00 Masses

REMINDER TO STEWARDS: Please ensure you arrive 30 minutes before the start of Mass so that queues forming at the entrance may be avoided. NB: Special attention should be paid to ensuring parishioners observe social distancing particularly when exiting after Mass. It has been noticed that people are still gathering in the porch area; the side aisles; and the area in front of the Sanctuary. Stewards, please be vigilant and when necessary, remind people of the rules and move them along.

A REMINDER ABOUT SOCIAL DISTANCING: I would like to remind all parishioners of the need to maintain the safety protocols in place. Especially please note that there is to be **no congregating in the porch** either before or after Mass. If you have to waiting for transport, please wait outside. Please, also **do not congregate or even stop to hold conversations in the centre or side-aisles, or in front of the Sanctuary**. I would also remind people sitting in the side aisles, not to take a short-cut between the benches in the centre aisles when they going to Communion. Instead, please proceed to the Sanctuary down the side aisles. As

long as COVID-19 is still very prevalent, it is vital that we do not "drop our guard". We must all remain vigilant.

HOLY COMMUNION - IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO AVOID ACCIDENTS - Please either unloop your face covering or lower it before you step forward to receive Holy Communion. Extend your arms/hands fully and consume immediately. Then replace your face covering.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: For those parishioners who are still using envelopes for their weekly donations, sets of envelopes for this year are now available from Pat Smith, Joyce Eynon or Geraldine Jones. As an alternative to using envelopes, I would encourage you to set up a monthly bank standing order, as indicated below.

DONATIONS/OFFERINGS: Sincere thanks for your continued financial support over recent months and especially, thanks you to all who responded to appeals to set up monthly bank standing orders. In case there is anyone who still hasn't got around to doing this but would like to, the process is very simple. The information needed to instruct your bank is as follows:

Sort Code: 55-61-20

Account Number: 01678442

Account Name: Diocese of Menevia Cathedral.

Once again, please be reassured that your donations/offerings greatly assist the Cathedral financially - especially during these most challenging of times. THANK YOU.

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH: The year 2020 marks the 150th anniversary of Pope Pius IX proclaiming St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, as the Patron of the Universal Church. "*Quemadmodum Deus*" was promulgated in 1870. To mark this anniversary, Pope Francis through the Apostolic Letter "*Patris corde*" has proclaimed the "Year of St Joseph" to run from Tuesday, 8th December 2020, through to 8th December 2021.

Here in the Cathedral, we began the 'Year of St. Joseph' with the veneration of the statue of St. Joseph on the feast of the Holy Family.

Throughout the year we will strive to honour St. Joseph as the guardian and protector of the Church and her faithful, with heartfelt prayer and devotion - encouraging all to take his virtuous life as our model for fulfilling our personal vocation to holiness.

After the lockdown, we shall take the opportunity of lining-up some events to take place in the Cathedral, to mark this special year. Meanwhile, you will find on the Parish website, resources for the year of St. Joseph as well as information on how you may gain a Plenary Indulgence during this year.

We ask St. Joseph to intercede for us and to obtain God's blessing upon us as we make our way in life during this year.