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Sunday, 20th September 2020

This week at the Cathedral.

Sunday 20th	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:00	Mass: <i>Thanksgiving (VOK)</i>
10:00	Mass: <i>Bernard Pitson & Brendan Davies (RIP)</i>
Monday 21st	St Matthew Apostle & Evangelist
09:15	Mass: <i>David Kavanagh (RIP)</i>
Tuesday 22nd	Weekday in Ordinary Time
09:15	Mass: <i>Intention of Sr. Angela Murray</i>
Wednesday 23rd	St. Pius of Pietrelcina
18:30	Mass: <i>Intention of Bernard Rees</i>
Thursday 24th	Our Lady Star of the Sea
09:15	Mass: <i>Private Intention</i>
Friday 25th	Weekday in Ordinary Time
09:15	Mass: <i>Joseph & Laura Uzoka (RIP)</i>
Saturday 26th	Sts Cosmas & Damian
09:15	No Mass:
Sunday 27th	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:00	Mass: <i>Thanksgiving</i>
10:00	Mass: <i>Conway Family.</i>

The Holy Father's General Intention for September –
That the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: *My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.*

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF THE WORD:

Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another.

Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen.

V. Your word is our path and your truth is our light.

R. This day and every day. Our Lady of the Annunciation, Pray for us; St Matthew, Pray for us; St Jerome, Pray for us.



Pray for them

Let us remember the sick in our homes & hospitals:

Canon Seamus Cunnane, Deacon Tony Lawrence, Teresa Williams, Ian Williams, Jean Davies, Brian Gabriel, Christopher Browne, Lee Ellery, Dixie Hale, Taylor Mai, Jeffery Jones, Heather Mitchell, Neil Andrew Francis, Nathan Jones, Gary Lewis, Anne Kavanagh, Bernard Kenealy, Tom Bright, Maralyn Brain, Margaret Williams, Geoffrey Collins, Joan Colclough 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; Elizabeth Thomas; Gwynne Pennock Eynon; Thomas Graham Davies; Mary Patricia O'Neil; Patricia Jones.



Sanctuary Lights:
In memory of Catherine and John Moore
Thanksgiving to God for Healing



NOTICES

A VERY WARM “WELCOME BACK!” to those who have been shielding for the last several months. It’s wonderful to see you all again . . . we’ve missed you!

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: (Dead): *Norah Screen; Ethel & John Dermody; Donald & Mary Dermody; Jack Dermody; Winnie Gregory; Bridget Lynch; Lilian & John Horgan; Margaret Sullivan; Conway Family; Mary Donovan; Bernard and Geraint Flynn.*

MASS INTENTION RECEIVED: (Other): *In honour of Our Lady.*

WEARING OF MASKS: The wearing of face-coverings/masks in church is now obligatory in Wales. Please ensure that you have a face-covering/mask with you and that you put it on before you enter the Cathedral.

HOLY COMMUNION: the communicant should unloop their face covering and extend their hands to receive Holy Communion and then immediately consume the Sacred Host and replace the face covering.

ST. JOSEPH’S SCHOOL - 90th ANNIVERSARY – 6th OCTOBER, 2020. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, all plans to celebrate this great occasion have had to be postponed indefinitely. The school has, however, put together a brief history which I’m sure you’ll find both informative and fascinating. Copies for personal use only, may be made available, on request, to anyone who would like one. - *Mary Clare.*

RESUMPTION OF MASS SCHEDULE: I am happy to note that we have, so far, adapted well to the new protocols governing the way we have to operate. We continue to monitor attendance at weekend Masses in order to ensure health & safety regulations with regard to social distancing is not being compromised.

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: I have received a number of enquiries regarding the resumption of Saturday evening Mass. I am also eager for us to return to our pre-COVID19 Mass schedule and have been looking at ways to accommodate this request. As we are working under government constraints, the only way we can safely add the 5:30 p.m. Saturday Mass back into our schedule is if enough volunteer Stewards come forward so that we can draw up a rota to enable adequate coverage. Once again, I appeal to anyone who can help, to please come forward and offer your services. Full training will be given. I am considering resumption of this Mass sometime in October. Thank you.

Please note: we are unable to open the cathedral before Mass until a Steward has arrived and is in position in the Porch. This means that there will be occasions when you might have to wait outside for the doors to be opened. We will try to ensure that no-one is left standing outside any longer than absolutely necessary. Thank you for your understanding and for your patience.

ONGOING WORKS: It is now essential to address the problem of water ingress that is clearly visible around the ribbed vaulting above the sanctuary, and in the choir loft, around the window above the pipe organ. We intend to start and complete this work before Christmas. I will update you when I have received estimated costs/quotations for the work to be done.

DONATIONS/OFFERINGS: Although I’m conscious that we’re all suffering the financial effects of the pandemic, I feel duty-bound to report that in common with most other households, having to keep up with our regular ‘outgoings’ whilst trying to manage on a much reduced income, means that our resources have been severely depleted.

Should the Welsh Government decide further quarantine measures are necessary, we will be pushed even further ‘into the red’. With this in mind, I am appealing to those of you who are able, to seriously consider setting up a monthly Bank Standing Order to enable a steady flow of income for the parish. It would be helpful, not to mention reassuring, to know that there will be sufficient funds available to meet our outgoings each month. Several parishioners have already done this.

Please, I urge ALL parishioners to consider adopting this method of giving. It is easy to do. You just need to give the following information about our Parish bank account, to your bank, in order to set it up.

Sort Code: 55-61-20

Account Number: 01678442

Account Name: Diocese of Menevia Cathedral.

Please be assured that your donations/offerings greatly assist the Cathedral financially - especially during these most challenging of times. Thank you, most sincerely.

EASY FUNDRAISING: This is a very easy and simple way to raise money for the Cathedral. Please visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk and click on “Find a Cause”. Choose “St Joseph’s Cathedral, Swansea” and then shop online as normal through the website. A percentage of what you spend goes to the Cathedral. Use it when shopping online at Amazon, Boots, M&S, Curry’s, eBay, Argos, Train Line, etc.