

Parish Newsletter

St. Joseph's Church

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Mass Times: **Saturday** (vigil) 6.00pm **Sunday:** 11.00am. **Weekdays:** 12.00pm.

Confessions: Saturday 11-11.30am and 5.30 - 6pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Saturdays: 11.00-12pm,

Baptisms and Marriages by appointment.

Parish Council: Chair: Leanne Bell.

Parish Safe-Guarding Representative: Sr Clare Morley 01492 530698.

Hospital Chaplains on call: Glan Clwyd: Mrs Sheila Johnson: 07717182557.

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01248 370421. Colwyn Bay Hospital & Glan Clwyd: Fr Mike and Fr Frank.

Brightlights youth group: get in touch on: brightlightsyouthgroup@outlook.com

Liturgy group: can be contacted at: stjosephlitcommittee@gmail.com

We welcome parishioners and visitors to our parish Masses this weekend,
as we celebrate the Mass of the 17th Sunday in ordinary time

Collection: Church collection for last week: £573.01 (Gift Aid £241.20, Loose plate: £331.81)
Many thanks.

Message from Fr Mike: Next week I shall be on holiday during the month of August, and I look forward to being on a campsite in France not too far from a beach - with some sunshine thrown in for good measure!

Fr Frank Ryan will be looking after the parish, together with Fr Frank Gormley.

From September onwards the Provincial suggested I take a sabbatical.

This was unexpected, but on reflection it may be a good thing to step out of the busyness and stress of parish ministry for a period of time, and return refreshed at a later date.

My last sabbatical was 20 years ago in 1997 and was for 9 months - a semester in Hawkstone Hall in England (now closed) and a semester in America.

A sabbatical is holistic in design, focussing on personal growth and spiritual renewal, addressing the needs of body, mind and spirit.

On any sabbatical programme there is usually an international mix of priests, religious women and lay ministers - some in transition preparing for new ministries or winding down into semi-retirement. It consists of a selection of mini-courses, and conferences on general theological updating and sessions on contemporary spirituality and psychology.

I shall still have my base here in the presbytery to return to from time to time, but won't have any direct parish responsibilities. The sabbatical is meant free you up from all that.

Fr Frank Ryan will be parish priest and please give him all the help and support you have given me over the past 4 years. He comes to us after several years in the OMI Tower Hill parish in London, and he is looking forward to the challenge. You will meet him next weekend.

Into semi-retirement: Fr Denis Connor, a previous parish priest here in St Joseph's, will soon be moving in with Fr Frank in Allanson Road, having finished 4 years as parish priest in Edinburgh. Having been on sabbatical in France, Denis will be available for supplies in North Wales, so will be a welcome addition to our parish.

Oblate Mission Appeal Fr Paschal Dillon OMI will make his annual appeal on behalf of the Oblate Missions at the Masses next weekend. Please bring with you your blue oblate mission boxes if you have them, which can be exchanged for a new (empty) one.

Recent Celebrations: Two weeks ago on Sunday 16th July, **John and Daphne Williams** marked their 48th wedding anniversary and John wanted to surprise Daphne by being received into full communion in the Catholic church on the same day. Daphne was over the moon! This weekend **Michael and Hannelore Hovey** celebrate their 60th Wedding anniversary on Saturday 29th July. We wish both couples health and happiness and God's blessing!!

Our Filipino Choir are leading the singing at the Vigil Mass this weekend. They will be singing on the 2nd and last Saturday of the month. Their musical talents are much appreciated.

Recently Deceased: Please pray for **Patricia Marie Adams** (66) of Redcroft Nursing Home who died on 21st July in St David's Hospice and whose funeral service will take place at the Crematorium on Thursday next, 3rd July at 11am. May she rest in peace.

The Convent of Mercy Nursing Home: The transfer to new ownership is finally completed, and from now on it will be known as "The Old Convent Nursing Home".

FAIRTRADE ITEMS FOR SALE after the Masses this weekend, and can be purchased at your local Co-op.

Please remember our sick and housebound: Rosemary Butcher, Jim Griffiths, Mary Pearson, Fr Colm O'Riain OMI, Eve Jones, Tam Dickson, Bill and Marlene McCann, Norah Hankin, Mrs Shaw, Mavis Thomas, Margaret Quillam, Heather Maxwell, Eddie Hosker, Jenny Hamlet, Nan O'Neill, Theresa Prichard, Josie Flinn, Kitty Lees, Vera Wellings, Kathleen Hilliard, Basil Sanders, Guy Carlson, Aidan Carlson, Eugene Robinson, Teresa Morgan, Sr Ann Waugh, Gilbert Sammut, Muriel Bargutt, Joseph Dowling, Gwyneth Leigh, David Sullivan, James Dylan Taylor, Margaret Brierley, John Tobin, Marie Poynton, & Doyle Walker.

Anniversaries: Doreen Derbyshire, Donald Brewis, Patrick Doherty & Patricia Ann Davies.
May they rest in peace.

Children Liturgy: There will be no children liturgy during the school holidays. Sunday children worksheets "Look" are available at the back of the church each weekend for the children to fill in with coloured pencils and take home.

Coming up this week

Wednesday: RCIA at 8pm

Saturday 29th July: Initiation of new member (Uche Umaedi) into the KSC at the end of the vigil Mass.

Smile: One of our older parishioners is so addicted to soap operas, that when one of the characters in "Coronation Street" became ill, she put his name on the parish sick list!

