



### FAITH IN FOCUS: DIAL-A-DISCIPLE

Have you noticed how as a society we are becoming less “hands-on”? We seem to do things at a distance or get others to do things for us that previously we would have sorted out ourselves. I know someone who has never done her own cleaning, washing and ironing for years because she has a woman who comes in and “does” for her. Recently it has become popular to go on the internet and get the supermarket to deliver the groceries to your front door. You never have to leave home or enter a store again! On a more serious level we have for years handed over the care of our loved ones to “professionals” claiming that we cannot cope with them at home. And at the drop of a hat we invite people into our homes, from decorators to funeral directors, on the grounds that if we pay them they will do the job for us.

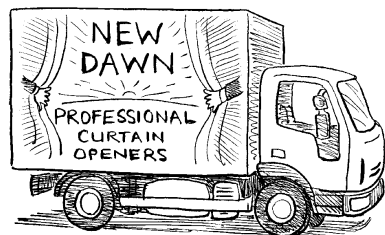
In today’s gospel Jesus summons the twelve apostles together and sends them out in pairs to teach people all that he himself has been teaching them since they met him. They are to be disciples, people who learn at the feet of their master and then in turn become devotees of his teaching and witnesses to its power in their own lives.

The call to be a disciple is one that Jesus continues to make in our day. If we agree to be Christians then we are signing on the dotted line to being disciples who pass on the message of eternal life.

But how exactly are we doing this? Do we make a conscious effort to be mouthpieces of the gospel in our neighbourhood, on the streets where we live and in the places where we work? Are we active apostles, bold believers or just closet Christians? If people wanted to have some idea of what it meant to follow Christ would they pick up any clues from the way we live and behave?

It would be understandable, but sad, if we fell into the trap of “distance discipleship” and “hands-off” Christianity given the way that today we put a premium on convenience rather than involvement. Yet no one else can do what Jesus asks of us. There is no person who can come in and “do” for us, no website that can absolve us from preaching Christ on the front line, no professional clergy or teachers who can make life easier for us.

There’s no such thing as an armchair Christian; being a disciple is a “hands-on” job.



# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH COLWYN BAY

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## Sunday 10th July 2011

### Prayer for the Parish

O God our Father and Creator

Where two or more are gathered together in your name  
you are there in their midst.

We bring to you our parish of St Joseph's to ask your blessing  
as we meet the challenges of our mission of witness and discipleship.

Give us courage and enthusiasm.

Give us spirit of initiative and originality of thought.

Give us charity and unity

and make us aware of each other as we work towards the renewal of our  
parish.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

St Joseph pray for us.

### MASSES

Saturday 5-30pm

Sunday 9-30am/11-00am

### WEEKDAYS

Monday 12noon

Tuesday 7-30pm

Wednesday 9-30am (School Mass)

Thursday 9-30am Mass

\*Friday 9-30am Mass School Leavers

### SATURDAY CONFESSIONS

11-00am to 11-30am

5-00pm to 5-30pm

### EXPOSITION, ROSARY AND QUIET PRAYER

Saturday 11-00am to 12-00noon

**MASSES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE IF A FUNERAL OCCURS**

**PLEASE REMEMBER** in your prayers all those who are sick, especially :

Basil Sanders, Mary Derrick, Peggy Porter, Edward Burke, Bridget McLaughlin, Fr Colm O'Riain OMI, Wendy Swinton, , Mary O'Leary, Fr Chris Dunne OMI, Eddie Mann, Neil Hogan, Mike Tobin, John Lyon, Rose Bostock., Gay Merrick, Francis Shaw, William Richardson, Mary Bushell, Betty McCarthy, Peter Smith, Nancy Bowden, Anthony, Josie Canning, Eddie Hosker, Stacey Usher, Anne Boyle, Claire Carlson, Ernie Speakman, Derek Hughes, Annie Quinn, Annie O'Neill, Heather Hillis Maxwell.

**All whose Anniversaries occur around this time including**

Mary Peddar (1984), Thomas Pedder (1983), Tom Morgan-Jones.

**Recently Deceased**

Drina Watts.

Last Week's Offertory Collection

Was

£683-28

(including £262-28 loose)

**REPOSITORY**

The Repository is open after both the Saturday and Sunday Masses And also from 12-30pm till 1-00pm weekdays.

**NOTICE BOARD**

**Information or notices for the parish notice board should be given to Sr Clare in advance**

**Apostleship of the sea**

There will be a 2nd collection taking place over this weekend 9th/10th July on behalf of the Apostleship of the Sea.

Flower Collection

There will be a second collection taking place over next weekend 16th/17th July for the Church Flowers.

These collection are only made twice a year So please give generously.



The Lord is a gnawesome God

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**PARISH NEWS**

**Parish Holiday**

The next parish holiday will be to Bideford. Departing 16th April 2012. Cost will be £165-00. Additional accommodation has been obtained. See John (Organist) or Tel: 517038.

**Choir at the 9-30am Mass**

Further to a recent parish meeting if anyone is interested in taking the matter the matter further please contact John at the organ.

**Christmas Market**

Now booking for a day trip to the Christmas market held in Manchester on Saturday 26th November. Seats are £10-50 each. Please see John (Organist).

**Special Donations for Essential Maintenance**

The Parish is urgently in need of additional donations to fund the renewal or renovation of the Church gutters and downspouts and other external repairs and decoration. The present income covers the day to day running of the Parish but there are no reserves. The Parish Finance Committee will be ensuring that additional donations will be held in a special account for this maintenance work. It is appreciated that these are difficult times but, if you can contribute what you can, please place your donation in the post box in the Church Porch in the envelope provided. If you Gift Aid at present, mark the envelope with your name and Gift Aid envelope number so that the Parish can recover the Tax on your donation. Your contribution to this essential work will be greatly appreciated. The Parish Finance Committee.

**Foodshare**

Urgently needed are coffee, biscuits or muesli bars, tins of cold meat preferably with ring pulls and tins of fruit, custard, rice pudding all with ring pulls for people who are homeless. Also if anyone is interested in delivering parcels one afternoon a week, for about an hour please contact Fr Declan or Anne-Marie Furse on 07971 526733. Foodshare don't deliver parcels directly to people in need, but to drop off points such as social services. Many Thanks.

**Confirmation**

As this year's programme of Confirmation nears its completion, we would like to ask the Parish of St Joseph's to pray for the young people preparing to celebrate this Sacrament and to invite you all to the service on Friday 15th July at 7-30pm as the children receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**S.P.U.C. Little Feet Club**

June draw winner is Pat McPartland—Next meeting will be held at 7-00pm on the 28th July in the Presbytery.