

Parish News Cont.

Saturday February 25th

11-00am A short Penitential Reflection. Ashes will be distributed for those unable to attend on Ash Wednesday. Confessions will be available from 11-15am/11-45am

Please come to the Quiz Nights

These will be held at 7-30pm in the Parish Centre on the following dates. February 25th, March 31st and April 27th.

Zimbabwe Missionary Experience Summer 2012

From 15th June to 15th July (approx), volunteers will spend time working in the Sandra Jones Children's Village with children who have been orphaned by AIDS, and have often suffered grievously at the hands of those charged to protect them. We will also spend time in local schools, educating the children on the realities of AIDS, and equipping them with the tools to make positive life choices.

Finally, we will spend time in the malnutrition ward of St Luke's Mission Hospital, witnessing to the life changing project, which is being funded by your generous donations to the recent Oblate Christmas appeal. Applicants must be at least 18 years old. Please see Fr Declan for further information.

S.P.U.C. Little Feet Club

Next meeting will take place Thursday 23rd February at 7pm in the Presbytery.

Ethiopian Hospital Ysbyty Glan Clwyd Appeal

Imagine a 200 bed, four storey hospital with no running water in the wards or in the operating theatres.

When water is available from the single standpipe in the hospital grounds for an hour or two, staff carry buckets into the operating theatres, and relatives of patients fetch water for them to wash and drink.

The sewage system is blocked through lack of water to flush through, so relatives also carry bowls of waste down the flights of stairs and out into a pit dug at the back of the hospital.

This is the desperate state of affairs faced by Hossana hospital in Southern Ethiopia, which has been twinned with Ysbyty Glan Clwyd since 2006.

Hossana hospital is the only hospital for around 1.7million Ethiopians, and has 13 Doctors, 99 Nurses, 47 support staff, lots of energy—but very little money. No NHS funds are used for this link. There will be an appeal made over the weekend of 18th/19th February.

Altar Server Meeting

Following the 11-00am Mass on Sunday February 19th to include preparation for the Holy Week Chrism Mass.

Church Retoration Fund

Now stands at £7330—Many Thanks.

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Sunday 19th February 2012

MASSES

Saturday 5-30pm

Sunday 9-30am/11-00am

WEEKDAYS

Monday 12noon

Tuesday 7-30pm

Ash Wednesday, Thursday 9-30am

Friday 12noon

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**

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.

Wedding Video/DVD Package

A Professional Wedding Videographer (a Parishioner) has kindly donated a Wedding Video/DVD Package to the Church Restoration Fund. If you are getting married in St Joseph's Church and would like to purchase a Wedding Video/DVD package, the full proceeds will go to the Church Restoration Fund.

If you would like to view the packages and demos on offer please go to www.weddingmemories.tv or please see Fr Declan or contact John Johnson direct on 01492 549990 for further information.

St David's Day Spring Fair

The school is holding a fair on Saturday 3rd march 10-30am—12-30pm. There will be stalls and refreshments. **All Welcome.** Anyone from the Parish wishing to run a stall or donate cakes for the cake stall please contact Heather or Michelle.

St Joseph's Youth Group Activities

The Youth Group **monthly meeting** will be on **Friday 24/02/12** at the Parish Hall. There will be two sessions of fun activities **from 6-7pm for Junior** school age and **7-9pm for High** school age. Come and have fun and get to know one another. There will be a monthly contribution of £1 towards refreshments. Thank you.

There will be a **craft session** on **Saturday 25/02/12** in the Parish Hall at **2-4pm.**

Diocesan **Youth Retreat for school years 6-8** at **Loreto** in Llandudno; on **25-26/02/12**, with one night sleep over at a cost of £40 per person.

Diocesan **Youth Retreat for school years 9 and above.** This is a weekend retreat (with 2 nights sleep over) at Penmeanmawr on **20-22/04/12, at a cost of £40 per person. Bishop Edwin will be in attendance.**

Know Your Faith Forum

Presentation and open discussion on the topic: Baptism and Confirmation, Saturday February 25th at 4pm.

Last Week's Offertory Collection Was £580-77 (including £130-49 loose)

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, Eddie Mann, Neil Hogan, Mike Tobin, John Lyon, Rose Bostock., Gay Merrick, William Richardson, Mary Bushell, Betty McCarthy, Peter Smith, Nancy Bowden, Anthony, Josie Canning, Eddie Hosker, Stacey Usher, Claire Carlson, Annie Quinn, Annie O'Neill, Heather Maxwell, Jim Carlson, Fr Terry Keogh OMI, Frank Shaw, Rosemary Butcher, Patrick Murtagh, Maureen Morgan Jones.

Recently Deceased

John Turton, James Burrow.

All whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Margaret (Peggy) Hallahan, Walter Doyle, Des Mulholland, Gerald Edwards, Claud Lee, Norah Dillon, Sr Eucharia.

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Flame Congress

Following on from the Pope's visit to London Cymfed, the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation, are holding a day of activities for all young people aged 14&. The event is to be held at Wembley Arena on the 24th March. A bus has been booked from Flint at a cost of £40 to cover ticket and transport. The day will include music, prayer and entertainment. For full details please check out Cymfed's website.

Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC)

The Parish Assembly in May 2011 called for the Parish Pastoral Council and Group coordinators to lead the Parish commitment to Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation.

PCC Successful : St Joseph's livesimply registration certificate now

Received signed by the Bishop Declan Lang, Bishop of Clifton and Chairman of the International Affairs Department of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

- ♦ live more simply
- ♦ live more sustainably with creation
- ♦ live in solidarity with those living in poverty

"We are right to repeat again and again: Live simply so that others may simply live and so that our planet may be cared for and not exploited".

Archbishop Vincent Nichols.

Be the Change!

On the afternoon of Sunday 26th February at St Joseph's Community Centre at 2pm, Oblate Province from Dublin will be here giving a presentation called "**Be the Change!**" - the themes are Justice, Peace, Integrity of Creation & *living* Simply. Lots of discussion breaks, coffee break (Fair Trade Tea & Coffee), some cinematic presentation will be included. All welcome—do try and come along.

First Holy Communion

We need one or two volunteers to help prepare the children for First Holy Communion. A session is taking place after school on a Tuesday and also hopefully on a Sunday morning after the 9-30am Mass. You don't need to have a child making their communion to help. An instruction course is available and help will be given. If anyone can spare an hour a week to this please contact Fr Declan. Thanks.

CD'S of the talk by Fr Gerry Hughes SJ

Jane Bowles very kindly recorded the talk and has now packaged it most professionally. Price £2-50, just to cover the cost of production. If you would like to order one please let Jane or Sr Joy know.

Conwy Food Share

Urgently need carrier bags as they are running out. They normally use about three bags per food parcel. Many Thanks.