

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH COLWYN BAY

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Sunday 19th September 2010 25th Sunday of the Year

Tying the Knot

In medieval times the most popular month for getting married was June. This is because in those days people only took a bath once a year and they powdered themselves the rest of the time. May was the month when most people took their annual bath and so they still smelt reasonably sweet in June. However, just in case they had started to go off a bit, brides carried a bunch of flowers to perfume the air around them. And this is the origin of the bridal bouquet.

There was a time when Christians could marry with no reference to the Church. But even those who did have a Church wedding did not necessarily go inside the building. Some of them stopped under the lych-gate, that little hut structure at the gate to many old churches. Could this be the origin of the phrase "married in the sight of the church"?

The bride's family often had to pay a hefty dowry to the groom's family. In addition, some fathers tried to pass off a "less valuable" daughter in marriage. This was easy to do since the bride wore a veil that sometimes was thick enough to conceal her true identity. This is why the bride is required to remove her veil in church before the groom makes his promises to marry her.

At the reception afterwards, if bread was served then it was cut lengthways rather than from top to bottom. The lower parts, which could sometimes be a bit burnt, were given to the servants and unimportant people. The bride and groom had the middle section along with their families, while the best part, the top bits, was given to the really important guests. Hence the phrase "upper crust".



To anyone thinking about becoming a Catholic
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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 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.

EXPOSITION, ROSARY AND QUIET PRAYER

Saturday 11-00am to 12-00noon

SATURDAY CONFESSIONS

11-00am to 11-30am

5-00pm to 5-30pm

SATURDAY MASS

5-30pm

SUNDAY MASSES

9.30 a.m., 11.00 a.m.

Monday 12.00 noon Mass

Tuesday 12noon, 7-30pm Mass

Wednesday to Thursday 9-30am Mass

Friday 12-00 noon Mass

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

Basil Sanders, Mary Derrick, George Porter, May Marron, 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, Claire Carlson, Rose Bostock., Drina Watts, Gay Merrick, Francis Shaw, William Richardson, Mary Bushell, Betty McCarthy, Peter Smith, Kathleen Edwards, Nancy Bowden, Anthony, Brenda Jones.

All whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Alec Harrison, Charlie Farrugia (1994), PC Andy Parker, Julia Edwards, Margaret Ellis (2001).

Recently Deceased

Margaret McLoughlin, Nigel Jones, Alice Kingsbury.

Fr Damien's Prayer Group will be starting again at 8-00pm on Tuesday 21st September

Last Week's Offertory Collection

Was

£589-96

(including £305-16 loose)

REPOSITORY

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

S.P.U.C.

Little Feet Club

August Winner Ann Davies
The next meeting will be held on September 30th at 6pm in the Presbytery.

Social Committee Meeting

There will be a Social Committee Meeting on Monday 20th September at 7-30pm in the presbytery.

QUIZ NIGHT

The next quiz night will be held on Saturday 25th September at 7-30pm in the Parish Centre.

Prior to the quiz commencing, Monica, Dubi and Tom would like to thank everyone for their support during the fundraising for Equador, and will be making a brief presentation of their experiences whilst in Equador this summer.

The quiz it self will start at 8-00pm.
Please come and join us for an entertaining evening.
Light refreshments will be available for a small charge

PARISH NEWS

Sacraments

At a meeting of the sacraments group it was agreed that the sacrament of baptism will be deferred until further notice. This will enable the volunteer catechists to receive training in baptism instruction and also to look at different baptismal programmes. Any baptisms booked in will take place as arranged with Maureen Morgan—Jones.

Masses

At a meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council it was decided that from the first Monday in October Daily Mass will take place in the house. It was also agreed that Mass on a Tuesday will be held in the evening at 7-30pm this will enable people who are working to attend Mass. Therefore there will be no 12noon Mass on that day.

The Papal Visit

If you have a computer and an internet connection, you will be able to watch the Holy Father's visit to the UK live and in full online at www.thepapalvisit.org.uk

Signed Mass

There will be a Signed Mass here at St Joseph's Church with Monsignor Brignall and Fr Declan O'Keeffe on Sunday 26th September at 3-00pm.

Light refreshments will be available afterwards in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

Parish Holiday

There will be a parish holiday to Street (Somerset). Departing 11th April 2011 for 5 days (4 nights). Half board plus excursions for a cost of £165-00. A supplement applies for a single room. Insurance extra. Limited availability only so please don't delay. A deposit of £35-00 will secure your place. Contact **John Williams (organist) or tel 01492 517038**

St Joseph's Social Group

A Christmas Market shopping trip to Manchester on Saturday 27th November. Cost £10-00. Pick up points at Rhos/Colwyn Bay/Old Colwyn. Depart approx 8-20am/Retruning by approx 7-00pm. Names to **John Williams (organist)**

Come and join us for coffee!

Please come and join us in the parish centre for coffee after the Masses on Sunday morning