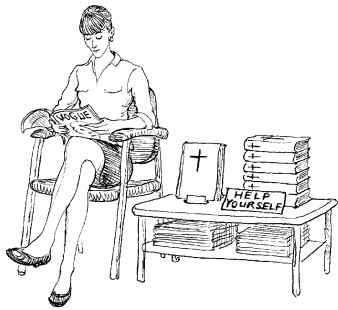


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## Sunday 1st May 2011 2nd Sunday of Easter



### FAITH IN FOCUS: BACK TO THE FUTURE

When we achieve something momentous or finish a task that has taken a lot of effort, we usually want to sit back and admire what we have done, to take stock and rest on our laurels for a while. So after the events of Easter you'd expect the Church

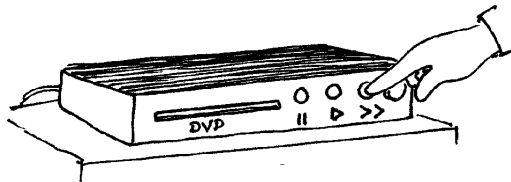
to sit back and bask in the glory of it all. But you'd be wrong!

Today, just one week after the climax of Easter we're told that we have to be on the move, witnessing to our faith in Christ. In fact, that's hardly surprising since in today's scripture we meet the risen Christ on that first Easter Sunday in John's gospel. He goes to the disciples and tells them that just as the Father sent him, so now he is sending them out to be witnesses of his resurrection. There's no time to laze around.

A lot of us have a problem witnessing to our faith. Perhaps we feel awkward or embarrassed about the prospect of talking to others about our beliefs. Maybe we are put off by the thought of being tarred with the same brush as those who knock on people's doors or stand ranting against the world on high streets or markets in many of our towns and cities. It could be that we think witnessing to our faith is the job of the clergy and is best left to them. Whatever the reason it's certainly the case that there's a lot less of it now than there used to be.

Of course, faith is good to have but not good to hold on to. It's intended to be passed on and it's the job of every baptised Christian to share in that task of letting others know about Jesus Christ and the promises he has made in his Father's name. But witnessing to this doesn't mean that we have to stand on a soapbox in some public place. They say that faith is caught not taught. Most of us catch it from our parents or some person who means a lot to us.

We can witness to Christ by the example of our lives, by the way we treat others, by the way we simply stand up for those less fortunate than ourselves, by the way we encourage our own children in their faith and by the way we are ready to be the first to lend a hand. So as the alleluias of the resurrection begin to sound more distant, this is not the time to press the re-wind button. It's time for the fast-forward!



### 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.

### 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 7-30pm Mass

Wednesday 9-30am Mass

Thursday 9-30am Mass

Friday 12noon Mass

**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., Drina Watts, Gay Merrick, Francis Shaw, William Richardson, Mary Bushell, Betty McCarthy, Peter Smith, Nancy Bowden, Anthony, Norman Graham, Josie Canning, Cathy Murphy, Eddie Hosker, Stacey Usher, Anne Boyle, Claire Carlson, Eva Rose Callaghan, Ernie Speakman, Derek Hughes, Annie Quinn, Annie O'Neill, Heather Hillis Maxwell.

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

Paddy Dunne, Davis Jones (Husband of Maria), Hazel Mary Shearer, Irene Parton.

**Recently Deceased**

Tony Kirby, Josephine Shaw, Fred Smith, James French.

Last Week's Offertory Collection

Was

£303-50

**Our grateful thanks**

**REPOSITORY**

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

**NOTICE BOARD**

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

**Parish Bulletin**

Please note there is a box in the Presbytery hall for all items to be included in the Bulletin. The cut off point is Wednesday evening. Thank you.

**WORD FOR TODAY**

It's good to have faith; but it's not good to keep it to ourselves. If our faith is the most important thing in our lives, if it makes sense of our lives, then we have to pass it on to others so that they too can enjoy God's gift



**BEDDING PLANTS**

The Church is looking for donations of bedding plants to help brighten up the Gardens. If anyone has any surplus to their requirements, we can give them a home!

**Many Thanks**

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

April Draw Winner

**Sr. Clare**

**Next meeting Thursday 26th May 7pm in the Presbytery**

**PARISH NEWS**

**Social Committee**

The Social Committee have arranged a coach day trip to the Lake District on Saturday 4th June 2011. The cost will be £12-00 per person with pick up points in Rhos/Colwyn Bay/Old Colwyn/Abergele.

Book with **John Williams (Organist)** or tel **01492 517038**. Selling fast not many seats left.

**Singing at Masses**

With the intention of increasing further the interest in music content at Masses, I would like to invite parishioners to ask that a particular hymn be sung at a Mass. This could be a hymn which holds a fond memory or other particular remembrance. The choir and myself will do our utmost to include the request in the Mass setting subject to suitable liturgical needs. I would like to commence his trial at the beginning of May.

Please contact me if you would like to choose a hymn. **John Williams (Organist)**

**Parish Assembly**

We will be holding our annual Parish Assembly on the afternoon of Sunday 5th June. Please keep this day free in your diaries. Thank You.

**Adult Faith Group**

The AFG are pleased to announce we have secured the services of Fr. Hughes SJ from Oxford. Fr Hughes taught Philosophy at Heythrop College, University of London from 1970 until 1998, and then was Master of Campion Hall, the Jesuit College in the University of Oxford, until his term of office expired in 2006. He tutors in the university, and has recently written books on the problem of evil, and on religious fundamentalism.

Saturday 28th May from 2-00pm / 5-00pm.

**Confirmation Friday 6th May 2011, 7-00pm in the Parish Centre**

We would like to invite the young people who wish to commence with the Sacrament of Confirmation to an informal meeting, with their parents.

Those seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation should be in year 9, or above. This is very important.

**The Laity of the Future—The Call and The Mission**

**This Seminar Workshop with Fr Mariathas Selvaratnam OMI will address the following questions: What is the Call? Who is Calling? Calling for what? The day will include input, sharing, discussion and celebrating of the Eucharist at 5-30pm. Saturday 14th May 10-00am start.**