

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH COLWYN BAY

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Sunday 27th February 2011 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time



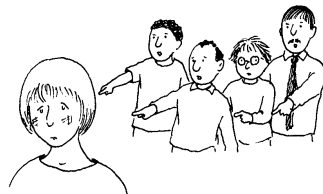
FAITH IN FOCUS: ALL A BIT TOO MUCH?
You can't help feeling sorry for Job. He's having more than a bad hair day. Everyone admits that he has always been an upright man and that he has never wavered in trying to serve God, even though he is not one of God's chosen people. And then

suddenly everything has gone wrong. He's had his family and his livelihood wiped out at a stroke. So much for that God of yours, his friends goad him. How will he respond?

Hopefully we will never experience the depths that Job sank to. But we cannot expect to go through life unscathed, and there are times when we too wonder why God allows us to undergo some troubles and to have to carry certain crosses. If God does not exist then surely the whole thing is a waste of time?

The lessons from the book of Job are many, but one of them rings out loud and clear: the things of this world can never satisfy us by themselves. We always yearn for something more; we long for a deeper experience of life than the mere day-to-day existence of getting and having. It's as if we're programmed to realise that deep down there is something missing from our lives that could make us really happy. Some people try to fill this hole with wealth. They work themselves to the bone in order to have possessions. And so they get a better car, a bigger house in a posher area, a more exotic holiday each year. Others rush about doing things in order to fill their time. Their diaries become cluttered with a round of meetings, of parties, of going here and there. The activity stops them from having to think about what they are really doing with their lives and although they may be in demand they never experience peace. Then there are those who just opt out. They do the minimum to survive but they contribute nothing to the common good because they think life is just a chore and they probably feel cheated with their share of it.

All of these people are right. There is a hole in life. And it's that sense of emptiness that God longs to fill. God offers us the chance to make sense of all that is happening to us. It is the Lord alone who can heal the broken-hearted. And God alone can raise us up, like Job, to share the hope of a future without blemish.



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 and Thursday 9-30am Mass

Friday 12-00 noon 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.

All whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Walter Doyle, Des Mulholland, Gerald Edwards, Claud Lee (1964), Norah Dillon (1994), Sr Eucharia (1999), Mary Ellwood (2009). Kathleen Farenden (2000), Ken Hall.

Recently Deceased

John William George Seaman. May Marron.

Last Week's Offertory Collection

Was
£666-53

(including £315-43 loose)

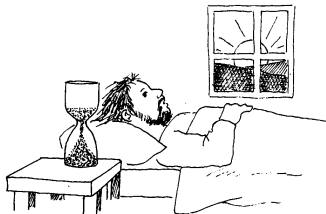
REPOSITORY

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

WORD OF GOD

Lying in bed I wonder, "When will it be day?" Risen I think, "How slowly evening comes!" Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.

(Job 7: 4)



NOTICE BOARD

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

WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Womens World Day of Prayer will be held at 2pm on Friday 4th March at Rhos Methodist Church, Rhos Road. This is the only World Day of Prayer held in our area.

Please come and show your support.

Catholic Education Sunday

The second collection that took place over last weekend the 19th/ 20th February on behalf of the Catholic Education Service raised £251-47

**Baptisms are on the First Saturday of each month at 12-30pm
Please see Fr. Declan**

PARISH NEWS

Visits to the sick and hospital visits

If somebody is in hospital they will be visited by the hospital Chaplain. This is Fr Charles Ramsay for Glan Clwyd, Fr John Toole for Colwyn Bay and Fr Anthony Jones in Llandudno hospital. If you or a relative wish to see Fr Declan you need to let the office know and they will make an appointment.

Communication Group

Next meeting will now be held on the 3rd March 2011. For more information please contact Sergio Solera on 01492 532673.

Will your child be either 3 or 4 years of age before 31st August 2011?

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School is currently reviewing admission applications for entry in to school in September 2011.

If you would like your child to receive a Catholic education but your child does not already attend St Joseph's, please contact the school on 01492 532394 for an admission application form.

Pupils may attend St Joseph's Nursery part time from the September after their third birthday and Reception class full time from the September after their fourth birthday. If you would like to view the school prior to making a decision, please contact the school to make an appointment with the Headteacher Mrs S Williams.

The final date for applications to be considered this year is 28th February 2011.

Parish Social Committee

Next meeting Monday 28th February at 7-30pm in the Presbytery.

Sacrament of Reconciliation & Holy Communion

An information meeting will be held for the parents of children within the parish wishing to prepare to receive the Sacraments of reconciliation and First Holy Communion this year. The meeting will take place on Tuesday 1st March at 6pm in St Joseph's School Hall.

Adult Faith Group

On the 26th March 2011 the Adult Faith Group, will again hold a parish retreat, hosted by Fr Martin and Sr Catherine from the Oblate Retreat Centre. The theme this time will be "Sharing Christ's suffering & looking forward with hope". Further information will be available, and registration commences at the start of March. In addition, to advise their work, the AFG would like to extend this program of parish development and run a series of evening sessions spread throughout the year. A range of topics are being considered, and to help us choose, it is proposed we will conduct a survey during all masses, the weekend of Sunday 6th March.