



### FAITH IN FOCUS: LUCY AND ETHEL

Lucy, a little girl, wanted to meet God. She knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so she packed her bag with some Kit-Kats and a six-pack of Coke and she started her journey. She went to the park and met an elderly woman, Ethel, who was just sitting there feeding some pigeons.

Lucy sat down next to her and opened her bag. She was about to take a drink of Coke when she noticed that Ethel looked hungry, so she offered her a Kit-Kat which she gratefully accepted as she smiled at Lucy. Her smile was so pleasant that Lucy wanted to see it again, so she offered her a Coke. Again, Ethel smiled at her. Lucy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word. As it grew dark, the girl got up to leave, but before she had gone more than a few steps, she turned around, ran back to Ethel, and gave her a hug. The woman gave her the biggest smile ever. When Lucy opened the door to her own house a short time later, her mother was surprised by the look of joy on her face. She asked her, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" "I had lunch with God." But before her mother could respond she added, "You know what? God 's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the elderly Ethel, also radiant with joy, returned to her home. Her son was stunned by the look of peace on her face and he asked what had happened to make her so happy. She replied, "I ate Kit-Kat in the park with God." However, before her son responded, she added, "You know, she 's much younger than I expected."

God promises to come to meet us on each of our forty days of Lent. Will we recognise him (or her?) in the disguises he wears? And will others get a chance to meet him (or her) through us?



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## Sunday 27th March 2011 3rd Sunday of Lent

### 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 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, Ernie Speakman, Derek Hughes, Annie Quinn, Annie O'Neill.

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

Ken Hall, Robert John Williams (1992), Michael Murphy (1999), Mary Lee (1987).

**Recently Deceased**

Grace Smedley, Jim Firth, Maurice Dunne, Tony Kirby.

Last Week's Offertory Collection

Was

£650-65

(including £248-25 loose)

**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.

**REPOSITORY**

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

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

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Winner of the Little Feet draw

Joan Little

Next SPUC meeting 7-00pm  
31st March 2011.

**CAFOD Lent Fast Day**

**Friday 18th March**

£532-82 was collected over last weekend the 19th/20th March 2011 for CAFOD Fast Day. Many Thanks.

**Parish Holiday to Somerset 11th April**

.....Late availability we have 2 singles and one twin room which must be sold!!

Please see

**John (Organist) ASAP**  
**01492 517038**

**NOTICE BOARD**

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

**Stations of The Cross**

Will take place during the Holy Hour between 11am/12pm on Saturday Mornings.

"Walk with me" books are out at the back of Church for a small donation.

**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 01745 353395, Fr John Toole for Colwyn Bay 01492 515091 and Fr Anthony Jones in Llandudno hospital 01492 860546 If you or a relative wish to see Fr Declan you need to let the office know and they will make an appointment.

**Vision Aid—Our Lenten Project**

Last week we launched our Parish's Lenten Project for Vision Aid. Many of you took the Envelopes and we hope you have successfully made up your money box. If anyone did not get a Vision Aid envelope, they are still available at the back of Church. Please take one it is not too late to get started.

**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**. Seat numbers are allocated on booking.

**WORD FOR TODAY**

What rules our lives? Are we motivated by what the world considers success or do we take as our measure the wisdom of a crucified prisoner that seems sheer foolishness to those who do not believe? Lent is a time for making choices.

