

### Family Heroes

The word "saint" has taken on an ambiguous meaning in our times. We tend to think of saints as having achieved something that's virtually unattainable. We're quick to protest, "I'm no saint..." and sometimes even to mock others by giving them the name.

Of course, in the New Testament it was common to refer to ordinary believers as the saints. In fact, even today, in some Pentecostal Holiness congregations the members call each other the saints. Paul writes to the saints in his letters, (see Eph 4:12) encouraging them to persevere in their faith. And at our baptism we were called to become saints by sharing the holiness that is God's life. For the word saint comes from the Latin for "holy".

Our creed professes a faith in the communion of saints, in that link between those of us still here on earth and those who have gone to God marked with the sign of faith. In this sense the saints are heroes and heroines of our Christian family who persevered in faith and are now our "role models" as we try to follow Christ into his Kingdom.

### Canonised Saints

Originally a person needed no official process to be declared a saint. It was usually by popular agreement that someone was hailed a saint. This acclamation (vox populi) lasted until about the 13th century when the Church began to take control and draw up an official list of those who were publicly acknowledged as saints. The process underwent changes over the centuries. Today there is a three-stage process leading to canonisation (having your name written in the canon or list of saints). First a person is declared Venerable, then Blessed and finally Saint. This usually takes many years.

The purpose of declaring someone to be a saint is to put them forward as someone worthy of imitation. They are recognised as having "heroic virtue". Pope John Paul, who has canonised more saints than any of his predecessors, has presided over ceremonies that honour people who have a particular message of selflessness for our own age: missionaries, married people, those who gave their lives in concentration camps, those who were martyred by political regimes etc.

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## Sunday 3rd April 2011 4th 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**

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

£490-34

(including £144-24 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**

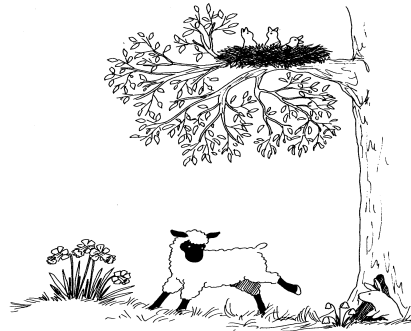
**NOTICE BOARD**

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.



**April**

**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**

**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.

**Foodshare**

Many thanks to all who are helping with the foodshare project. At the moment they are in need of tinned/packet goods, potato, coffee, jam, rice pudding, custard and nappies. They have plenty of soup and beans at the moment.

**Church Cleaning**

A big thanks to all the Church cleaners. A good job done by all. It was a pleasure to welcome new helpers.

**Prayer for the Royal Wedding**

"Heavenly Father,

We ask your blessing

Upon his Royal Highness, Prince William and Catherine

As they pledge their love for each other in marriage.

May your love unite them through their lives.

Grant them the strength to serve you,

Our country and the Commonwealth

With integrity and faithfulness.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen"