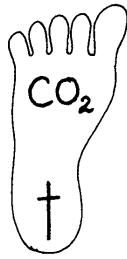


# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH COLWYN BAY

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## Sunday 5th September 2010 23rd Sunday of the Year



### FAITH IN FOCUS: CHRISTIAN FOOTPRINT

It's become very fashionable these days to talk about having a carbon footprint. It makes us realise that each of us uses up energy in many different ways and when we least suspect it. So it's not only flying all over the world or driving a as-guzzling car that leaves its carbon deposit in our atmosphere, but also little things like leaving the TV on standby overnight or forgetting to switch the light off when

we no longer need it. Of course, keeping the fridge door wide open doesn't help either!

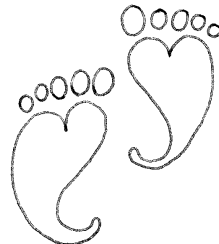
In theory it's possible to monitor people's carbon footprints so that at the end of a week, month or year you can tell what sort of a mark they've made on our environment.

But just imagine keeping a record of a different type of footprint, something positive rather than negative. Let's call it your charity footprint. St Paul tells us today that we should avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. And he goes on to say that love is the benchmark of our faith, for love is the one thing that cannot hurt our neighbour. That's why it's the answer to every one of the commandments.

At the end of our lives what sort of charity footprint will we each have? Will we have lived for ourselves or for others? Will the computers show that on balance we have left more good behind us than bad?

Everyone's against global warming just like everyone's against cheating. Everyone's in favour of feeding the hungry just like everyone's against murder or robbery. The secret is to find practical ways of stopping global warming and practical ways of loving our neighbour. Most of us will not invent a wonder drug, discover a brand new source of energy or win a Nobel Prize. In the same way when it comes to practical charity it won't be the grand gesture but the small acts of kindness, the thoughtfulness and the consideration that will count in the end.

Think globally and act locally, they say. The same could be written about our attempts at Christian charity. Think celestially and act personally. God calls us to leave a charity footprint in very simple ways that don't grab the headlines. But just as switching off one light bulb can begin to make a difference, so too can one simple act of charity. And over a lifetime it all adds up.



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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 to Tuesday 12.00 noon 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.

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

Brenda Braithwaite, Alec Harrison.

**Recently Deceased**

Anthony Lloyd, Margaret McLouglin, Nigel Jones.

Last Week's Offertory Collection

Was

£515-97

(including £222-63 loose)

**REPOSITORY**

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

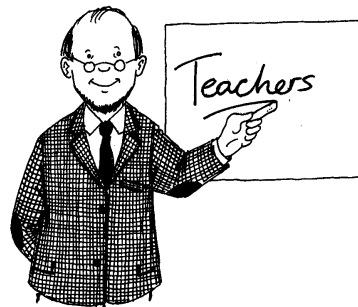
**S.P.U.C.**

**Little Feet Club**

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

**BLESSING OF TEACHERS (New School Year)**

Lord God, you enlighten our minds with the light of your truth and you sent your Son Jesus to learn from his parents, and then teach by his own life and example. Bless our teachers. May they share their knowledge and talents with patience, generosity and kindness. Grant them the skill to bring wisdom to eager minds and to encourage those who are flagging. May their reward be to know Christ, their own teacher, as the way, the truth and the life, for ever and ever. Amen.



**PARISH NEWS**

**Baptism volunteers required**

Are you interested in helping with the preparing families for the Baptism of the child. We urgently need a group of helpers to give a bit of their time to this important ministry in the Parish. Training will be given. Please contact Anne-Marie Furse for further information on 07971 526733.

**Photo's and drawings**

If we have any budding creative parishioners we wish to capture drawings and pictures of the church and events for the bulletin, and the website. Please either drop them in to the parish office or e-mail them to the Communications group on: [sjp01comms@gmail.com](mailto:sjp01comms@gmail.com)

**Parish Web Site**

Please visit the website and see what the communications group is building. [www.catholicchurchcolwynbay.co.uk](http://www.catholicchurchcolwynbay.co.uk)

**Social Committee**

The coffee morning has been moved to Saturday 11th September from 10am—12noon. Please can the Social Committee meet in the Presbytery on Monday 6th September at 7-30pm to discuss the coffee morning and other events to be held through the Autumn.

**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.

**Baptism's**

We welcome in to the Church the following children who will be baptised this weekend.  
Louis Joseph Ward, Amelia Chantelled Boyd Kelly, Charlie Lewis Jones and Eliza Jane McGlade.

**Mass Times**

Please note that as from this week Wednesday mass has moved to 9-30am.

**Collection for the Poor Mission and Church Extension Fund**

The second collection that took place over last weekend raised £196-89.