

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH COLWYN BAY

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Sunday 6th February 2011 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

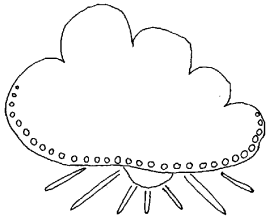
Monday 12.00 noon Mass

Tuesday 7-30pm Mass

Wednesday and Thursday 9-30am Mass

Friday 12-00 noon Mass

FAITH IN FOCUS: EVERY SILVER LINING HAS A CLOUD!

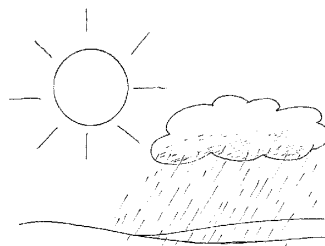


The worst thing you can do to someone who's depressed is to tell them to pull themselves together. They simply can't, because they don't see things the way we do and from their point of view all the positives seem to have vanished.

That's the mood that Job is in today in our scripture reading. He's suffering a restlessness: when it's night he longs for the dawn but when the new day comes he wishes it was night again. He's hopeless and helpless. It's easy to jump on the bandwagon of depression, although most of us just like a good moan and we occasionally end up feeling sorry for ourselves. We complain about the rise in food prices in the economic downturn but then we still spend our money on things that we don't really need or that don't do us any good. But imagine if you really did lose all hope and the future seemed bleak. Where would you turn? What would be the compass points of your existence that would guide you through the dark days?

In today's gospel we hear that Jesus cured many people of mental illness who were brought to him by their family and friends. When everything else seemed to have failed they knew that he wouldn't let them down. "Casting out devils" meant healing mental disturbance and this was a large part of the healing ministry of Christ.

Just because we believe in Jesus does not mean that we will never suffer from depression; in fact, depression is sometimes the only way a person can survive an awful experience. It's the mind's way of defending itself for a while. And it's not the case that Christians look at the world with rose-coloured glasses. We don't just see a wonderful world; we go through the same troughs as every other person. But faith gives a purpose to our suffering. It teaches us that whatever we undergo we are not alone. Besides any medical treatment that we might receive, we also know that Jesus himself has already taken on the deepest suffering possible and has overcome it. Being a Christian means being part of a community that cares, a community that sees the hurt of one person as affecting the whole Body of Christ, the Church. Look around you.



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

Edna Hallam (2006), Margaret (Peggy) Hallahan (2007), Walter Doyle, Des Mulholland.

Recently Deceased

Mary Gartside, Ninian Davies, George Porter, John William George Seaman.

May Marron.

Last Week's Offertory Collection

Was

£654-84

(including £253-84 loose)

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

Held over last weekend
the 29th/30th January on behalf of the
White Flower Appeal raised

£297-83

**REPOSITORY
SALE**

All Calendars and Diaries are now at
reduced prices.
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

Winners for December / January
Pat Edwards & Mary Murphy

Next meeting 6-00pm
Thursday 24th February.

Conwy Food Share

We would like to encourage you to please
continue donating food items for the
Conwy Food Share . After the first week
of Operating as Conwy Food Share a total
of 16 food parcels were delivered to needy
families.

Thank you all for your kind donations.

Parish Talents

Do you have a talent that could be use-
ful to the Parish or to someone in the
Parish? The Communications Group
have been asked to compile a list of
talents that we have within the parish.

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 be held on the 24th February. For more information please contact Simon Fuller on 01492 545540.

Parish Holiday to Somerset 11th April 2011

There are only 6 seats remaining for our Parish holiday to Somerset on the 11th April 2011.

Accommodation is limited so don't delay. Join us on this bargain break for a cost of **£165-00**.

Please contact **John Williams (organist) or phone 517035**

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 Pastoral Council

Next meeting Monday 21st February at 7-30pm in the Presbytery.

Parish Finance Committee (PFC)

Next meeting Wednesday 23rd February at 7-30pm in the Presbytery. Please return all 'completed' Gift Aid and S/O forms by Sunday 20th February. Thank you again for your help at this time of Difficulty.

Giving stimulates the Soul!

Parish Social Committee

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