

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH COLWYN BAY

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Sunday 6th March 2011
9th Sunday in Ordinary Time



A Seasonal Event

Lent is one of the Church's four main seasons. Advent precedes Christmastide and Lent comes before Eastertide. The rest of the year is known simply as Ordinary Time. If you count the number of days from the start of Lent to Easter and then take out the days when there's no

fasting (such as the Sundays), you end up with a round figure of forty. Incidentally, forty is a recurring number in the bible and is not meant to be taken literally but symbolically. The Hebrews wandered in the desert for forty years, Christ spent forty days fasting in the desert, the time between the resurrection and the ascension is forty days...and so it continues. The figure is meant to signify that this period is something noteworthy.

The Shape of Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and actually finishes on Maundy Thursday although most people think of Easter Sunday as being the end point. It's the Church's season of preparation for Easter and it has two focuses. One is penitential: people take on certain penances (doing without things or doing extra things) in order to remind them of their need to follow in the footsteps of Christ through self-denial in order to celebrate the glory of his resurrection. The second focus is to do with baptism: those of us who are already baptised try to rededicate ourselves to our commitment, while others who want to be baptised or received into the Church spend Lent in a period of final examination and preparation for their Easter reception.

But within the season of Lent there are certain milestones. And some of these milestones change as the liturgy celebrates a three-year cycle that uses different scripture readings to draw us into the mystery of the season. The easiest way to understand Lent is to see that it comprises three distinct but related sections: the first two weeks, the middle three weeks and the final week. The middle three weeks are the ones that are nuanced differently over the three-year cycles of A, B and C.

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

Ash Wednesday 9-30am and 7-30pm 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.

All whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

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

£736-60

(including £282-60 loose)

REPOSITORY

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

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

NOTICE BOARD

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

LENTEN RESOLUTIONS

Ash Wednesday is the start of Lent and the day on which people often "give up" something for forty days to prepare for Easter.

There's nothing wrong with giving things up but sometimes it can be a good idea to do "something extra", something that you can continue doing even when Lent is over. A recent survey among Christians showed that the top ten activities to undertake during Lent were:

1. Extra prayer.
2. Acts of kindness to others.
3. Forgiving someone who has wronged you.
4. Participating at church by volunteering
5. Taking part more attentively at liturgy and Eucharist.
6. Giving our time in service.
7. Using the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
8. Acts of service and charity
9. Giving money to people who are hungry or in need abroad.
1. Giving personal possessions to local people in need: clothes, books, shoes etc.

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.

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.

Ash Wednesday

There will be Masses said at 9-30am and 7-30pm with blessing and distribution of ashes at both Masses.

Lenten Penitential Service

Prayer and Confession with Priests from our Deanery and our Bishop Edwin Regan

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in Llandudno Wednesday 23rd March at 7-30pm

CAFOD Lent Fast Day Friday 18th March

Envelopes are now at the back of Church for the CAFOD Lent Fast Day on Friday 18th March 2011. Envelopes will be collected over the weekend of 19th/20th March 2011.

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.