

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH COLWYN BAY

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Sunday 7th November 2010 32nd Sunday



FAITH IN FOCUS: GETTING
ROUND TO IT

You can't live without food but
you can seemingly get through
the day without being a Christian.

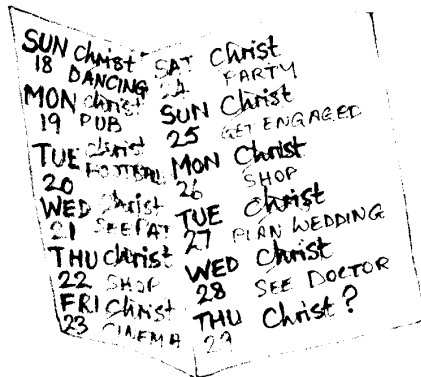
So even Christians themselves sometimes never quite get round to putting their baptismal promises into action.

Young people usually think that after they get older, after they've had some fun and sowed their wild oats, they'll get round to it. They get older and then get married and the wild oats have been sown. Then their jobs and families take priority. They want the nice houses and the nice cars. They are so busy with the kids that they don't have time to accept Christ in their lives. Then the kids grow up, and the marriage is unstable because they have focused so much time into every thing else that their marriage is on the rocks, so instead of accepting Jesus, they work on their marriage or they get a divorce and start a new life. They get old and set in their ways and think it's too late to accept Christ, their heart hardens to the point where they just don't care anymore. But if you were to ask them their intentions along the way, they had good intentions, they never intended to reject Christ.

And if we're honest, it's a bit like that with most of us. We may go to church, we may even be known by our neighbours as Christians. But in our heart of hearts we know that there's a lot we could and should be doing about our faith that we never quite get round to. Perhaps it's praying more, reading scripture more often or giving a bit more of our time and talent to help others less fortunate.

The foolish bridesmaids in today's gospel were just as aware as the wise ones that the groom was on his way. But they hadn't quite got round to buying the oil for their lamps so that they could go out and meet him in the middle of the night. They knew what they ought to do but they became distracted with other seemingly more important things. And by the time they realised it was their turn to meet the groom, it was too late.

What's stopping us from being ready?
And can any of us honestly say that we know the time when the groom will call out to us?



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 12.00 noon Mass

Tuesday 7-30pm Mass

Wednesday and 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, Brenda Jones, Norman Graham, Josie Canning, Cathy Murphy, Eddie and Sheila Hosker.

All whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Paul Anthony Smith (2004), Dorothy Hodgetts (2006), Veronica Branagan (2004).

Recently Deceased

John Edwards, Maureen Fitzsimons.

Fr Damien's Prayer Group has resumed again at 8-00pm on Tuesday Evenings

Last Week's Offertory Collection
Was
£619-85
(including £240-65 loose)

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

October Raffle Winner
Gay Merrick
Next Meeting will be on
Thursday November 25th

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

WORD FOR TODAY

As we begin the last few weeks of the Church's calendar year we are reminded to stay alert for the ultimate fulfilment of our Christian faith. What is it that we hope to get from our faith and what is it that could easily blind us to what is on offer? The gift of wisdom can be elusive.



WORD OF GOD

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. (Wisdom 6:12)

PARISH NEWS

Sacraments

At a meeting of the sacraments group it was agreed that the sacrament of baptism will be deferred until further notice. This will enable the volunteer catechists to receive training in baptism instruction and also to look at different baptismal programmes. Any baptisms booked in will take place as arranged with Maureen Morgan—Jones.

St Joseph's Social Group

A Christmas Market shopping trip to Manchester on Saturday 27th November. Cost £10-00. Pick up points at Rhos/Colwyn Bay/Old Colwyn. Depart approx 8-20am/Retruning by approx 7-00pm. Names to **John Williams (organist)**

Parish Retreat 20th November 2010

Many people have signed up for this retreat, to be run by Fr Martin and Sr Catherine, from the OMI Retreat Centre in Crewe. Could we ask anyone else who wishes to attend to fill in the form at the back of church by Sunday 7th November 2010. All ages welcome. **Sergio Solera—On behalf of the Adult Formation Group**

St Beuno's Outreach Prayer Group

St Beuno's Outreach Prayer Group will meet here at the Presbytery each Monday at 10-45am. All are welcome to come and pray with us.
Sister Mary Childs (Loreto)

Junior Readers Required

We are looking for children to read in the 9-30am Mass. Please see Anne-Marie Furse or Paul Braid if you are interested. Training will take place shortly.

Advent Family Day

Advance notice—A family day will be held in PantAsaph on 28th November from 11-45am / 4-15pm. There will be various Christmas craft activities, Christingle singing and Mass with the Bishop followed by hotpot.

Social Group Meeting

There will be a Social Group meeting on Monday 15th November in the Presbytery, at 7-00pm. This is to discuss plans for the coffee morning and quiz night before Christmas. All are welcome to attend.