

### 33rd Sunday of the Year

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord says: my plans for you are peace and not disaster; when you call to me, I will listen to you, and I will bring you back to the place from which I exiled you.

**1st Reading:** Proverbs 31: 10-13 19-20. 30-31.

**Psalm 127** Response: For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. (R)

2. Your wife is like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive around your table. . (R)

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. (R)

**2nd Reading:** Thessalonians 5: 1-6

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!  
Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.  
Alleluia! **Gospel:** Matthew 25: 14-30

#### Communion Antiphon:

It is good for me to be with the Lord and to put my hope in him.

*Please note: Office day next week will be Tuesday, 21st, instead of Thursday.*

**Exploring austerity** (continued)..... Universal Credit.(including fresh information about the difficulty for the Self employed.) Homelessness in Rhyl and the effect of P S P O's and the work of the private company employed by Denbigh C.C. Save our N.H.S. eg there are long waiting periods for outpatient treatment

Some **sad news**, especially for those who know the wonderful sisters at **Noddfa. Sr Pauline**, who was always smiling, died unexpectedly but peacefully on Friday night, surrounded by the other sisters. Parishioners from our meditation group, Knights of St Columba, Justice and Peace workers and others will perhaps have known and appreciated the wisdom and great warmth of this excellent religious sister. Pauline was, till the end, full of joy and energy. God bless her and the sisters.

**Altar Server's Mass** Bishop Peter invites all Altar Servers to a Mass of thanksgiving for Servers and renewal of Commitment to Serve - Followed by light refreshments - Wrexham Cathedral Saturday 30th December at 12 Noon This will be a great opportunity for you to meet other servers from the diocese and find out more about the Archconfraternity of St Stephen. Those who are interested in becoming an Altar Server are welcome to come along and find out more. Remember to bring your alb! For further information contact Deacon David Ives: dnda-ve61@gmail.com

**Exploring Austerity Rhyl Peoples Assembly**, a non-party political group are hosting an event looking at issues deriving from current economic austerity with guest Chris Ruane M.P. here in the church centre from 1.0 [p.m.to](#) 5.0 p.m Saturday 25th November including refreshments and workshops. One will explore Job Centre Sanctions. (The group has collected over 1000 signatures, and also made a film interviewing different people signing on talking of their experiences.) Community Health Councils are about to be abolished. Continued



## Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church

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19th November 2017

(reading cycle A, the year of Matthew's gospel)

SUNDAY	10.00 am - Bob Murphy RIP
MONDAY	- no service -
TUESDAY	9.30 am - Deceased members of the Keegan family
WEDNESDAY	9.30 am - Edna Allen RIP
THURSDAY	9.30 am - Maurice Fagan RIP
FRIDAY	9.30 am - Anna and Patrick Owens RIP
SATURDAY	<b>No Holy Hour</b>
SUNDAY	10.00 am - Mass for the people

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** Saturdays 10.30am-11.15am and 4.15-4.45pm  
**Open Office Day** Thursdays 9.00am—4.00pm

For all enquiries or sacraments see as below      For **Baptism** tel  
01745354311

Please let Fr Charles know of anyone who is ill or housebound  
Who would like to receive Holy Communion at home or the **Anointing of the Sick** for healing

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**Parish Finances:** The church collection for Sunday, 12th November, amounted to £501.76p of which £346.10p was 'loose' and £234.00p was Gift Aid.

**Hospital Chaplains on call:**  
Glan Clwyd: Mrs. Sheila Johnson, 01745 354311 /07717182557 Llandudno Hospital: Fr Moses Amune 01492 877353 Ysby Gwynedd; Bay Hospital: Fr Frank 0149

**Christmas Fayre, Saturday, 3rd Dec.**



Have a go at our ....  
**Christmas Hat or Jumper Competition -**

Many thanks to those who have already contributed. If anyone is able to run a stall or help man a stall on the day, this would be most appreciated. Also volunteers are needed to help set up on Friday, 1st December, at 6.30 pm. Raffle tickets will be on sale after Mass.

A day about **Alzheimer's; The Challenges Facing Us All - Including a Pastoral Approach** with Dr. Bede Smith Doctor of Clinical Neuropsychology Ph.D. On Sat 25th November 10:00am - 4:00pm. At St. Augustine's Priory, Cliff Rd. Old Colwyn. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea/Coffee provided. Suggested offering for the day £10.

**November Masses** Your envelopes with Mass and prayer requests will be placed on the altar and Mass on Sunday 26th November will be said at for all our loved ones.

**Annual Bereavement Service** for all of us to remember our loved ones who have died, especially recently. 3.00pm - this afternoon, in church. All welcome.

## DIOCESAN ADVENT

**FAMILY DAY** - This year's Diocesan Advent Family day takes place on **Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Blessed William Davies School, Bodnant Crescent Llandudno. LL30 1LL.** Children bring your parents and grandparents as all are welcome at our event that will be filled with fun and craft activities for all the family, to help everyone to understand the Advent season and start to prepare for Christmas. There will be a prize quiz, make (or refresh) your Advent Wreath, and lots more Christmas crafts and ideas for making Advent a significant season for your family. **Bring a picnic lunch and arrive from 12.30pm, tea, coffee and squash provided.** Bishop Peter will be present. The day ends with am family Advent Service plus Hot dogs and mince pies. No charge. For more contact Margaret Hinton [margaretmf1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:margaretmf1@hotmail.co.uk) tel 07842596878.

Want to help with the **Christmas Day party for homeless people**? Ask Fr Charles or come on Wed 22nd Nov, at 10am in the parish house, and find out about the different ways people can help eg with transport, cooking, serving, decorating the church social area, or tidying up at the end later on Christmas day about 3.30—4pm

## Weekly Guide to Daily Prayer

We can easily spend this week asking for the grace to use the gifts we've been given. We want to recognize that we have gifts, and that they are, in fact, gifts. We didn't earn them, we were entrusted with them. We can reflect upon the potential each gift has and how we might develop and use each gift we have more completely - in loving, in making a difference on behalf of the poor in our world.

We can all make a list of the ruts we are in. We can get very specific about the patterns which define why some of our relationships aren't very good or why we don't do very well with tensions or conflicts at work. And, if we get very reflective about it, we can make an even bigger list of what we "fail to do" - the things we know we should do but never get around to doing. It becomes very difficult to care for the poor if I don't see or have any occasion to notice.

Paul said it in his letter to the Romans, chapter 15-19 "I do not do the good I want, but do the evil I do not want".

So, what do we do? What is the path to real conversion, real change? We know that seeking grace from the Sacrament of Reconciliation can be very powerful. God's mercy can not only forgive us but also heal us. When we experience unconditional love deeply enough, we can find the desire to change coming right out of our gratitude.

When God's grace meets a place in our hearts that is ready, eager, and open to change and the patterns we find ourselves stuck in are no longer "our friends" but our real enemies, then we begin to feel a readiness to accept his grace and move forward. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we make use of our gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded. The Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts

that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbour. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

*Taken from the "weekly Guide to Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's Online Ministries web site. Used with permission.*

**World Day of the Poor** this Sunday, 19th November Pope Francis issued this invitation :

"I invite the whole Church, and men and women of good will everywhere, to turn their gaze on this day to all those who stretch out their hands and plead for our help and solidarity. They are our brothers and sisters, created and loved by the one Heavenly Father. This Day is meant, above all, to encourage believers to react against a culture of discard and waste, and to embrace the culture of encounter. At the same time, everyone, independent of religious affiliation, is invited to openness and sharing with the poor through concrete signs of solidarity and fraternity. God created the heavens and the earth for all; yet sadly some have erected barriers, walls and fences, betraying the original gift meant for all humanity, with none excluded."

**Christmas lunch** at the Bod Erw, 1.00 pm Sunday, December 10th. Anyone wishing to go, please give your names to Margaret Jones, with £10.00 deposit (non-refundable). Many thanks.

## Christmas Bingo

Wednesday, 6th December, at 7.30 pm. All welcome, monies raised will go to a local charity.