

Second Sunday of Advent

Entrance Antiphon: People of Zion, the Lord will come to save all nations, and your hearts will exult to hear his majestic voice.

1st Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-5 9-11

Psalm 22 Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R)

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R)

3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R)

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3: 8-14

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark. 13:33-37

Communion Antiphon: Rise up, Jerusalem, stand on the heights, and see the joy that is coming to you from God.

QUOTE "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing."

Edmund Burke (possibly)



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2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT QUOTES:

The immense step from the babe at Bethlehem to the living, reigning triumphant Lord Jesus, returning to earth for his own people – that is the glorious truth proclaimed throughout Scripture. As the bells ring out the joys of Christmas, may we also be alert for the final trumpet that will announce his return, when we shall always be with him. *(Alan Redpath)*

(From Fr Charles) President Trump has gone against the advice of most of the world's nations and the UN, to support the Israeli campaign to make Jerusalem their capital city, ignoring the people of Palestine's West Bank. This is typical arrogance from this frightening leader, arrogance which will cost lives of many poor defenceless people. Anne Farr of Pax Christi, the international Catholic peace group, urges us to write to our MP's and AM's to resist UK support for this action. He is violating international law. This must be resisted.



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10th December 2017

(reading cycle B, the year of Mark's gospel)

SUNDAY	10.00 am - Mass for the People
MONDAY	- no service -
TUESDAY	9.30 am - Ros and Ruben Jones
WEDNESDAY	9.30 am - Noel Bolger RIP
THURSDAY	9.30 am - Deceased members Williams family
FRIDAY	9.30 am - Ricardo Cediel RIP
SATURDAY	10.30 - 11.30 Holy Hour with morning prayer of the church and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	MASS 4.00 pm ?
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

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Parish Finances: The church collection for Sunday, 3rd December, amounted to £503.79p of which £261.29p was 'loose' and £242.50p was Gift Aid.

Hospital Chaplains on call:
Glan Clwyd: Mrs. Sheila Johnson, 01745 354311 /07717182557 Llandudno Hospital: Fr Moses Amune 01492 877353 Ysbty Gwynedd; Bay Hospital: Fr Frank 01492 532670

There's a practice for **Christmas Eve Nativity Mass** this Sunday 10th Dec after Mass (about 11.15) for all children who'd like to be involved in the 5.00pm Christmas Eve Mass. We need readers, singers, (you don't have to be Taylor Swift or Ed Sheeran!) offertory procession as well as angels, shepherds, and a donkey. Food Bank contributions or gifts for homeless people can be brought marked "man" or "woman" to the Christmas Eve Mass, for the procession of the gifts. (Offertory) Many thanks.

Best wishes from children's liturgy group.

Christmas Day Party Thanks to those who have put their names down to donate food for the **Christmas Day party for homeless people**. This needs to be bought on the day or on the day before, if perishable. A big **Thank you** to the **SPAR**, Coast Rd, part of the national business run by the Blakemore family since 1917, with its excellent socially conscious approach to business. (Google AF Blakemore) They are helping with food for the homeless as are **Aldi's** who will allow us to select from all leftover food on Christmas Eve. These are surely businesses worth supporting? The party organising group meets Thursday, 14th Dec, in the parish house at 10am -11am. Volunteers are welcome.

We do need food for the FOOD BANK at Christmas, however. This will be very well appreciated.

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.

Christmas Masses:
24th December (4th Sunday of Advent) Sunday Mass 10.00am

Christmas Eve Masses
5.00pm and
9.00pm

Christmas Day
10.00am

Christmas party for homeless people 11.15am Christmas Day



Scarborough Developments, working with **4thcommunity** are offering consultation time for the Rhyl community, especially in the West End, on Thursday 14th December from 4pm through to 8pm in the church centre. With Aldi's, the Range, and other businesses about to build at the Marina site, things look good. This is a chance to argue for community-responsible business practices (like Blakemore - see opposite) and to ensure the sourcing of local people for employment, to argue for contributions to the local community who will supply much of the profits and for policies friendly to the Clwyd Valley environment, alertness to human trafficking etc. Please come and add your voice.

Weekly Guide to Daily Prayer

This week we ask ourselves what are the key first steps to entering into Advent?

We can all slow down. We can all breathe more deeply. We can all begin to trust that this will be a blessed time. Then, when we let ourselves be who we are, and hear the Scriptures, we can begin to quietly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus". We might expand that prayer, in quiet moments of our days ahead, "Come into my life. I trust you don't mind if it is still messy. I believe you love me, because I need your love. I don't fear you can't find the way to my heart. Come and fill me with peace and the love only you can give". Some of us will want to open our hands on our laps or hold up our arms in the privacy of our rooms and say out loud, "Come, Lord Jesus, come into this house, into my family, into our struggles. Come and heal us, and let us join again. Come and unite us and let us experience, each in our own way, a bit of the joy you are offering us now".

One of the best ways to prepare for the very special season of Advent is to "get in touch with ourselves". I may sound odd, but one symptom of our contemporary lives is that we can often be quite "out of touch" with what is going on in our own hearts. We are about to begin our Advent, right at the time our Western culture begins Christmas preparations. It is a busy time, and our heads are filled with details to remember. And, it is a time of emotional complexity that is part of this season—with all the expectations and challenges of family and relationships: who we want to be with and who we struggle to be with. So, our hearts are a bit tender, if not completely defended from experiencing anything deeply.

We are about to hear some very powerful and stirring readings from Isaiah, the Prophet. We will re-enter the ancient tradition of people longing for the coming

of a Saviour. We may remember the days of our childhood when we longed for Christmas to come, because it was a magical time of receiving gifts. As adults, we have to ask ourselves, "What is it I long for now?" The answer won't come easily. The more we walk around with that question, and let it penetrate through the layers of distraction and self-protection, the more powerfully we will experience Advent.

Taken from the "Praying Advent" on the Creighton University's Online Ministries website

QUOTE "Never give up prayer, and should you find dryness and difficulty, persevere in it for this very reason. God often desires to see what love your soul has, and love is not tried by ease and satisfaction."

St John of the Cross (Feast Day next Thursday 14th Dec)

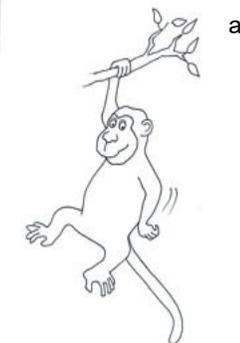
christmas humour for the young

What d'you get if you cross a snowman with a shark? Frostbite

Who hides in the bakery at Christmas? A mince spy

What do monkeys sing at Christmas?

Jungle bells
jungle bells,
jungle all the way,
swinging on the christmas tree,
feel the branches sway.....



Why do rappers like Christmas so much?
Because of all the wrapping....