

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Entrance Antiphon:** Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

**1st Reading:**  
Samuel 7: 1-5 8-12 14.16.

### Psalm 88

**Response:** I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R)

2. I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages. (R)

3. He will say to me: 'You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me. I will keep my love for him always; for him my covenant shall endure. (R)

**2nd Reading:** Paul: 16: 25-27

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 1: 26-38

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.



**Requiem:** We ask your prayers for the repose of the souls of Theresa Nevitt and Elaine Roberts who sadly died recently. Teresa's funeral service takes place in St. Mary's on Wednesday, 10th January, at 2.30 pm. Elaine's service will be on Wed 27th January at 10.30am. Both services will be here in St Mary's

**Please pray for the repose of the souls of:** Dafydd Sherrington, Winefride Thomason, Paul Waring, Mary Everett, Pamela Ingham, Eddie and Myra O'Hara, Jean Thorley, Zenon Maciorowski, Alfred Davies, John Clark, Norma Moffatt, Theresa Screen, Jean Waring, Gwen Kenny, Peter Crossley, John Muldoon, Eddie Hughes, Dorothy Reid, Mary Tilt, Rhoda Gracey, Margaret (Peggy) Molyneux Eilien Light, Ronald Roach, Isabel Coward, Peter Curran, Maureen Roebuck, Bob Murphy, Eileen Richards, Kevin Walton, Patrick Hallissey, Mary Tovey, Edna Allen, Doreen Patterson, Elaine Roberts, Agnes Craig and Theresa Nevitt.  
*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace, AMEN.*

**For the sick:** Barbara and Frank Cottington, Josephine Brady, James Warburton, Arthur Jones, Aileen Bull, Marion Roberts, Norrie and Bill Jones, Lisa Gawn, Brian Harris, Mrs. Whitely, Thomas Nelson, Edith Lowe, Val Byrne, Georgina Wright, Jack Doyle, Mary Peters, John, Corinna Edwards, John Burke, Frank and Kathleen Fox, members of the Mantova family John, Margaret and Anthony, Margaret Jones, Pamela Ramsay, and all sick parishioners. *(Please let us know if you wish to add a name to the sick list, or let us know if people no longer need to be prayed for).*



## Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church

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### 4th Sunday of Advent 24th December 2017

SUNDAY (4th Advent) 10.00 am - Mass for the People

#### Christmas Eve

5.00 pm - Deceased members of the Bolger family  
9.00 pm - Mary Tovey RIP

#### Christmas Day

10.00 am - Mass for the People

TUESDAY

9.30 am - Barney Quinn RIP

WEDNESDAY

9.30 am - Kim and Mick Rogers RIP

**10.30 am - Funeral service for Elaine Roberts**

THURSDAY

9.30 am - Margaret McCarroll RIP

FRIDAY

9.30 am - Clerin and Sonia

SATURDAY

10.30 - 11.30 Holy Hour with morning prayer of the church and Sacrament of Reconciliation

**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, 17th December, amounted to £494.96p of which £284.96p was 'loose' and £210.00 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 group.



**STORY** A mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the engine of a car, when he spotted a well-known cardiologist in his shop, who was waiting for the service manager to take a look at his vehicle. The mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey Doc, want to take a look at this?"

The cardiologist, a bit surprised, walked over to where the mechanic was working on the engine.

The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag, and asked, "So, Doc, look at this engine. I open its heart, take the valves out, repair any damage, put them back in and, when I'm finished, it works just like new. So how come I make £40,000 a year, a pretty small salary, and you get the really big bucks, £200,000, when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The cardiologist paused, smiled and leaned over. Then he whispered to the mechanic,

"Try doing it with the engine running!"

From Fr Charles **A warm welcome** to friends and visitors joining us for Mass at this time, to people visiting relatives, students returning for Christmas, fellow parishioners who can't easily come through the year. Please feel welcome. We're delighted you've come. To all parishioners, I wish you a very happy and holy Christmas. A special big thanks to so many of you for gifts for homeless people, for supporting the Food Bank and to so many of you who make Christmas happen in church and elsewhere.

**Christmas Stars** You are invited to write down the names of your departed loved ones and place a star on the Christmas tree during our Christmas Masses. With this, we recognise they are present with us, part of the great Communion of the Saints.

**Prayer and Icon Cards** are available at the back of church as a Christmas gift to parish families from the Diocesan Family Life Commission. Please take one per household.

**ANNUAL MASS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE, 10TH FEBRUARY 2018** The annual Mass for the Celebration of Marriage will be celebrated next year at the Cathedral on Sat 10th February at 12 noon. We need the names and addresses of couples who are celebrating a significant anniversary in 2018, together with an indication of which anniversary they are celebrating, if they'd like to attend? Names and addresses to be sent to Margaret Hinton, Marriage and Family Life Coordinator at [margaretmfl@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:margaretmfl@hotmail.co.uk) so you can receive an invite.

The **Readers' List** for January is now posted on the website and there are a few paper copies at the back of church.

## *Weekly Guide to Daily Prayer*

There is a very quick transition after Sunday. Christmas is upon us. It can be difficult to stay focused on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, even though the mystery before us is so powerful. We can wake each morning with a brief prayer to remind ourselves that Our Lord came in history - for me. We can remind ourselves of our Advent prayers that he comes to us now. The nativity stories can remind us of how he comes, in poverty, in rejection, into the lowliest of places, so that I'll believe now, this year, that he can and desires to, come into my place, my heart, my life. It is a time of deep gratitude, no matter how busy we are with so many things.

The feasts take us into parts of Jesus' public life, almost completely passing over the hidden life years. It helps to recognise this and let ourselves enter this part of the mystery of the Incarnation. We are living in the flesh each day of our lives. He came to enter this life and be with us in it. After Christmas, we have these few days to let the blessings of Christmas settle in.

Each one of us can begin our post-Christmas time by staying in touch with ourselves in the flesh - as people touched by Jesus' coming. We can turn to our Lord throughout each day and have real conversations with our Saviour.

During our preparation for Christmas we were asking the Lord to open our hearts, to let us wait with patient trust, and to come to us. This week we experienced joy and the mixed challenges of Christmas. We have the opportunity to have ordinary conversations with our God who came to be with us.

*"Thank you so much, Lord, for becoming flesh for me. And thank you for being with me now, in the midst of each day's joys and sorrows. I ask you to increase my trust in you, my desire for closeness with*

*you and my commitment to turn to you all day long. Continue to be with me when I have to make difficult decisions, when I need extra patience and care when in challenging situations. Continue to let my heart experience the joy of Christmas all week, as I see signs of your presence with me. Amen."*

When these words take on our own experiences it will feel very personal. And, when we speak about our fears, our needs, when we express our gratitude and our deep desires, we are in a living and intimate relationship with the One who became flesh that we might never need feel alone again.

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

## **Knights of St. Columba**

+ Keep Christ in Christmas stickers/posters are available at the back of church and many thanks to parishioners who supported the Reverse Advent Calendar boxes for the Foryd Centre.

The National Order of the Knights of St. Columba this year raised the following sums:  
Over £3,000 for CAFOD  
£5,000 for the Grenfell Fire Fund  
£6,000 for the Italian Earthquake and our Three-yearly Action Campaign has raised over £61,000 for Missio to train teachers, priests and nurses. We have extended this for one more year.

**Thank you for your support.**

**Christmas Quote** Every gift which is given, even though it be small, is in reality great, if it is given with affection. Pindar