

## Feast of the Holy Family

**Entrance Antiphon:** The shepherds went in haste and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

**1st Reading:** Genesis 15: 1-6 21: 1-3

### Psalm 104

**Response:** He is the Lord, our God, he remembers his covenant for ever.

1. Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. O sing to him, sing his praise; tell all his wonderful works! (R)

2. Be proud of his holy name, let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice. Consider the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face. . (R)

3. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, the judgements he spoke. O children of Abraham, his servant, O sons of the Jacob he chose. (R)

4. He remembers his covenant for ever, his promise for a thousand generations, the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac. (R)

**2nd Reading:** Hebrews 11:8. 11-12. 17-19

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets, but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 2: 22-40

**Communion Antiphon:** Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

## NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

Stop living as if the purpose of life is to arrive safely at death.

1. Keep asking questions. Keep making mistakes. Keep seeking God.

2. Stop pointing out problems and become part of the solution. Stop repeating the past and start creating the future that Christ has promised you. Stop playing it safe and start taking risks.

3. Expand your horizons. Consider the lilies. Seek God's Spirit and enjoy the journey. Find every excuse you can to celebrate everything you can. Live like today is the first and last day of your life.

4. Don't let what's wrong with you keep you from worshipping what's right with God. Burn sinful bridges. Criticise by creating. Worry less about what people think and more about what God thinks. Don't try to be who you're not. Laugh at yourself.

BAR JOKES A priest, a rabbi and a vicar walk into a bar. The barman says, "Is this some kind of joke?"

A sandwich walks into a bar. The barman says : "Sorry we don't serve food in here"



## Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church

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**Feast of the Holy Family**  
31st December 2017  
(reading cycle B, year of Mark's gospel)

### Mass time

### Mass Intention

SUNDAY	10.00 am - Mass for the People
MONDAY	- No service -
TUESDAY	9.30 am - Maurice Fagan and Deceased family members
WEDNESDAY	9.30 am - Anthony and Tony Tuohy
THURSDAY	9.30 am - Alan Coyne RIP
FRIDAY	9.30 am - Eilish Kemp RIP
SATURDAY	10.30 - 11.30 am Holy Hour with Morning prayer of the church and Sacrament of Reconciliation
<b>SUNDAY Feast of the Epiphany</b>	
	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, 24th December, and Christmas masses amounted to £1,480.05p of which £887.45p was 'loose' and £592.60 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.

**THANKS** to so many who helped with Christmas services, church cleaning, sacristy, altar serving, decorating, altar linen, music, collectors, welcomers, hospitality after Mass, ministers of Word and Sacrament and many individuals too. Also thanks for your assistance to so many needy people, with food bank food, items for Christmas presents for homeless people.

Two volunteers, a young lady and an older man heard from me about a fairly frail young single parent with four children and newly born baby whose electric panel had broken down before Christmas. You might say there was "no room at the Inn", since the landlady told her there would be no repair until 24th January, so no hot water or heat!! The older volunteer immediately offered to donate an oil burning heater and the two visited this family also with freshly cooked turkey dinner from the homeless party and quickly scrambled together Christmas presents for the children. Candles truly burn brightest in the dark.

The party went very efficiently, with lots of excellent volunteers, although numbers were down to 23 or 24. On Boxing Day all extra food donated was cooked into lovely soups and veggie curries for use at the Sunday Souper Sunday, near the Dewi Sant Homeless Shelter.

Finally, thanks from me, Fr Charles for your good wishes, prayers, gifts and cards over Christmas. It is a joy and great privilege to serve here at St Mary's.

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. We already have one diamond wedding couple going.

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**3rd Annual Weekend Peace Festival** Hosted by RHYL PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY  
Fri 12th - Sun 14th January 2018, in St Mary's Parish Centre.

**Friday 7pm—9pm Film Ladybird**  
Director Ken Loach

**Saturday 1pm—4.30pm**  
Peace songs—Talking - Short Films - Refreshments  
Speakers : Duncan Rees, Vice Chair CND Cymru  
Dr David Webb National chair CND  
Chris Bough Asst Gen Sec PCS  
Also Speakers on Palestine, Wylfa B Renewal project and Campaign against the Arms Trade.

**Peace Sunday Mass 10am**  
Guest Speaker: Dr David Webb, Chair of CND.

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JOKE "I've just been on a once-in-a-lifetime holiday. I'll tell you what, never again."

### *Weekly Guide to Daily Prayer*

Christmas is not the end of Advent. It is a real season of the Church year. Special Feasts begin the season and we continue the story so that we enter more deeply into the story of Jesus' coming to be one with our life, but also that we might enter more deeply into how Jesus comes this year to bless each of us.

So often Christmas day seems to come and go very quickly and the spirit of the Christmas season can be lost in the process of cleaning up, finishing left-overs, travelling or returning gifts. There is a religious value to these days after Christmas which we can give ourselves to with simply a little focus. Having prayed that our Lord might come to us, we can let the reality of his coming enter more deeply into our daily experience.

Sometimes we go through Christmas eve and Christmas day, as well as the days after, with little or no time for formal prayer at all. Every moment, it seems, is filled with activity but with some thought we can let many very ordinary parts of our days become prayerful and rich with grace, if we take a brief moment to turn to God in thanksgiving and with a prayer. Any activity can become a ritual, if we let it have meaning: turning on the Christmas tree lights, ("Lord, let your light brighten our house this day), opening the door to guests, ("Lord, we open our house and our hearts to the gifts you bring us"), sitting down after a big meal, ("Lord, I have been filled in so many ways, thank you").

This year, let's try to really celebrate Christmas and the days that follow. Let's enter a new Season, which has its own spirit and desires and graces.

*Let us pray:*  
*You came into the world heralding a new age foretold by the prophets - give your holy people the gift of renewal in every generation.*

*You once took on the weakness of our human condition - be light now for those who do not see, strength for the wavering and comfort for the troubled of heart.*

*You were born into poverty and lowliness - look with favour on the poor and comfort them.*

*You came to earth to lead everyone into the kingdom - share your life of glory with those who have died.*

*God our Father, every year we rejoice as we look forward to this feast of our salvation. May we welcome Christ as our Redeemer, and meet him with confidence when he comes to be our judge - who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

Amen.

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*January 1st - Feast of Mary, Mother of God*

Grace-filled, unspotted, God-bearing virgin, holy is your womb: Emmanuel lay in it.

You fed at your breast the food of the world.

What praise can reach you, what glory touch you?

Hail, God's mother, delight of the angels;

Hail, full of grace, foretold by prophets' preaching.

The Lord is with you.

The child you bore has saved the world.

*(Very early Christian prayer)*