

Second Sunday of the Year

Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

1st Reading: Samuel 3: 3-10 19

Psalm 39 Response: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. (R)

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. (R)

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. (R)

4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. (R)

2nd Reading: Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. . Alleluia!

Gospel: John 1: 35-42

Communion Antiphon: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

YSGOL MAIR NURSERY PLACES

If your child will be three years old on or before 31st August, 2018, you are invited to apply for a nursery place for next September. Please contact the school for an application form on 01745 350762

The next Parish Finance team meeting will be on Tuesday 23rd January at 10am

Just to remind our **Parish Catechists** (faith formation for children and adults) we meet on Tuesday 16th January next at 7.00pm in the community house, for a shared simple meal and to take another look at **"Whole Community Catechesis"** (There will be spiced lentil soup but each can bring a little food if this is easy to do)

The whole drive and energy of a parish comes from the quality of faith and spiritual life led by each parishioner and all together working harmoniously. The future of the parish, in these challenging times for faith, depends primarily on how we nurture and develop that faith and on how we welcome and integrate people coming to visit and search. We are therefore looking at a new way of doing this, where the whole parish can be involved in formation of children and parents for baptism, first communion, confirmation as well as other adult faith processes.

Whole Community catechesis involves everybody, partly through an open question each week at the end of the sermon, and partly through attractive faith gatherings for all ages involving food, music, sharing of gifts of children and adults plus 15 minutes of faith teaching. These events would be lifelong, replacing more formal teaching programmes which often end with the disappearance of the candidates.

Premier Inn the (impressive) manager of the new Rhyl Hotel asked 4thecommunity if he could bring 20 of his staff to do some voluntary work in the community. On Friday 2nd February, Sat 3rd and Mon 5th they are going to paint the moveable dividing panels in church, finish the car park white lines and a few other tasks. They will also host a fundraising Fun Day for children at Alder Hey Hospital. We feel all this comes from genuine and perceptive interest in the community this Hotel will serve and express our deep gratitude to their manager and staff.



Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church

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Second Sunday of the Year Peace Sunday

14th January 2018

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

Mass time

Mass Intention

SUNDAY	10.00 am - Mass for the People
MONDAY	1.00 pm Funeral service for Dennis McLoughlin
TUESDAY	9.30 am - Eileen Richards RIP
WEDNESDAY	9.30 am - John Howard
THURSDAY	9.30 am - Maurice Fagan RIP
FRIDAY	9.30 am - Ian Yates RIP
SATURDAY	10.30—11.30 am Holy Hour with morning prayer of the Church (Sacrament of Reconciliation is available during this time)

SUNDAY 10.00AM Feast of the Presentation (Candlelight procession before Mass.)

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, 7th January, amounted to £480.99p of which £290.59p was 'loose' and £190.40p 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.

Baptism Course:
For those parents wishing to have their child baptised, the next Baptism course starts on Friday, February 2nd. Please ring Sheila Johnson on 01745 354311 to register your details.

The Parish St Vincent De Paul Group announces today, with some sadness, that it will close for six months. Over the last few years, deaths and illness as well as parish changes have meant that lack of numbers has been a problem, despite many recruiting efforts and despite much goodwill from parishioners.

The SVP is an international lay organisation. Groups meet weekly to share their work and to pray together so that all work springs from God's love. They represent the parish so that we can live out the gospel mandate to help people who are poor, lonely or abandoned, by sharing our money in the collection after Sunday Mass, and our prayers. While people can practice this gospel mandate in various ways, the SVP's unique method of quiet, prayerful, sensitive and confidential one-to-one personal relationships, is arguably essential. The group intend to review the situation in six months time. I suggest we pray with them over this six months for insight and self-reflection, to seek God's light and wisdom. In many parishes incomers from the Philippines Poland, India and other countries, have begun to help renew such Catholic groups

Rest in Peace Please pray for Denis McLoughlin, Susie Duck and Margaret (Peggy) Owen, who died recently. Dennis' Funeral Service will take place tomorrow Monday at 1pm. Susie's service will be on Monday 22nd January at 10.30am. Peggy Owen's service will be on Monday 29th January at 10.30am. All are in St Mary's.



Mindfulness Eluned Gold of Bangor University's psychology department is giving a general introductory workshop on Mindfulness in the parish centre on Wednesday 17th January, from 6pm to 8.30pm. This has been organised by Rt Hon Chris Ruane MP for the local labour party but is open to all.

Feast of the Presentation, which occurs next Friday, is moved to Sunday due to the Premier Inn project.

A **Barn Dance** with food, and dancing led by music group Barleycorn Hope, will be held on Sat 10th February at 7.00pm. Tickets £10, to raise funds for the British Heart Foundation. Barn Dancing is so easy, with a caller shouting out all the moves, so come along and enjoy a great evening.

Weekly Guide to Daily Prayer

Ordinary Time is the longest season of the Church year. These weeks between the Christmas season and Lent are an important time to continue to work on our habit of focusing our desires early in the day and talking with the Lord throughout the day.

We can ask ourselves: is there more to this world than what our eyes see? Of course there is, but it takes work and practice to see. If we were asked to say what is most important in our lives, most of us would probably list things that no one can see - the love of a spouse, the joy of being with a close friend, the compassion of a neighbour, or most importantly, God's daily presence in our lives.

All of these things are invisible to the naked eye, they can only be felt in the heart. These invisible things probably bring us our greatest contentment and joy.

We remember the words of the Lord to Samuel about a man dressed not in rags but in fine silks, when the Lord said, "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. "Not as a man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart."

So how do we learn to not only see with our eyes but also with our hearts? How do we let the invisible shine through and take centre stage? We can focus on how to become better at letting our eyes see the invisible. We can be sceptical and not let our biases skew our impressions of someone we do not know, or our need to acquire a new and shiny possession.

Instead, we can focus on the value of the invisible: love, friendship, trust, compassion and God's everlasting presence in our lives. We can make more room in our hearts for them and we can learn to first

look inside the book before we judge the cover.

Let us pray:

Almighty, ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son, we may abound in good works.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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2ND SUNDAY QUOTES;

You are the way you are because that's the way you want to be. If you really wanted to be any different, you would be in the process of changing right now.
(Fred Smith)

Honesty before God requires the most fundamental risk of faith we can take; the risk that God is good, that God does love us unconditionally. It is in taking that risk that we rediscover our dignity. To bring the truth of ourselves, just as we are, to God, just as God is, is the most dignified thing we can do in this life. *Gerald May*

A quote from Pope Francis:
"Peace firstly means there are no wars ... but it also means that there is friendship between all, that every day a step ahead is made for justice, so that there are no more children who are hungry, that there are no more sick children who do not have the possibility of receiving healthcare. Doing all of this means making peace. Peace involves work, it is not about staying calm and doing nothing. No! True peace means working so that everyone has a solution to the problems, to the needs, that they have in their land, in their homeland, in their family, in their society."
-- Audience with children of the Peace Factory, May 12, 2015