

### 3rd Sunday of the Year

**Entrance Antiphon:** Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**1st Reading:** Malachi 3: 1-4

**Psalm 23**

**Response:** Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.

1. O gates, lift up your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory! (R)

2. Who is the king of glory?  
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,  
the Lord, the valiant in war. (R)

3. O gates, lift high your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory! (R)

4. Who is he, the king of glory?  
He, the Lord of armies,  
he is the king of glory. (R)

**2nd Reading:** Hebrews 2: 14-18

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
The light to enlighten the Gentiles and give  
glory to Israel, your people. Alleluia!

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

**Communion Antiphon:** My eyes have  
seen your salvation, which you prepared in  
the sight of all the peoples.

#### **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 regis-  
ter your details.

#### **Please pray for the repose of the souls of:**

Gwen Kenny, Peter Crossley, John Mul-  
doon, 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, Elaine Roberts, Teresa  
Mevitt, Doreen Patterson, Dennis  
McLoughlin, Susan Duck and Margaret  
Owen.

*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 Cot-  
tington, Josephine Brady, James War-  
burton, Arthur Jones, Aileen Bull, Marion  
Roberts, Norrie and Bill Jones, Lisa Gawn,  
Brian Harris, Mrs. Whitely, Thomas Nel-  
son, 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, Mar-  
garet Jones, Pamela Ramsay, Wendy Har-  
greaves 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).*

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

#### **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 Septem-  
ber. Please contact the school for an appli-  
cation form on 01745 350762



## Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church

119 WELLINGTON ROAD, RHYL  
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### 3rd Sunday of the Year

21st January 2018

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

#### Mass time

#### Mass Intention

SUNDAY  
MONDAY  
TUESDAY  
WEDNESDAY  
THURSDAY  
FRIDAY  
SATURDAY

Feast of the Presentation 10.00 am - Mass for the People  
**10.30 am Funeral service for Susan Duck**  
9.30 am - Ruth Ann Parker RIP  
9.30 am - Nellie Emmison and Sheila Jones RIP  
9.30 am - Tony Corbett RIP  
9.30 am - Emily Faulds  
10.30—11.30 am Holy Hour with morning prayer of the  
Church (Sacrament of Reconciliation is available during this time)

**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  
01745354311

For **Baptism** tel

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 heal-  
ing

**Priest: Fr Charles Ramsay**

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**Parish Finances:** The church collection for Sunday, 14th January, amounted to £480.99 p 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.

**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.

**UCM Lenten Retreat**  
The UCM are organising a Lenten Retreat at Noddfa Retreat Centre, Penmaenmaw, on Saturday, 17th February, cost £20.00. If any parishioners would like to join them, please contact Ellen Aspinall Tel. 332753, or any member of the UCM.

Candidates for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** and their parents are invited to an information evening on Sunday 11th February at 6pm in the parish house. Candidates must be over the age of 12 and under 16 to take part. Your help in alerting pupils at non-Catholic Schools would be greatly appreciated. (Anyone over the age of 16 will obviously require a more developed approach to this preparation and Fr Charles will be glad to help with this.)

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.

**Consultation** (Fr Charles) I am exploring a suggestion that the parish office, currently in the parish house, be moved to the church. By combining the storage room at the end of the tea bar with the adjacent porch, a reasonably sized office could be available by removing part of the adjoining wall. The parish house is very busy and office work could be done with much less distraction. There is already a lockable cupboard inside the storage room where confidential documents can be kept. It wouldn't cost too much and *4thecommunity* would be happy to cover the cost fully or partially. Finally, through having phone and internet access in church internet access would be more efficient and our technical problems accessing live streaming would be solved much more easily. Today, and after Mass next week, Fr Charles and Mr Tony Murphy will be available at the bar area to explain and discuss this move. Your ideas and comments will be most welcome as always.

**Young People interested in a trip to Lourdes**, in the South of France to the international Catholic pilgrimage centre there are welcome to chat to Fr Charles after Mass or come to a meeting next Sunday in the parish house at 6pm. You'd be travelling with other youth from around here and with other youth from the Catholic Diocese of Shrewsbury and would be working alongside the sick, and in the hospital. The pilgrimage usually takes place during the last week of July into August and lasts for 1 week.

The Shrewsbury pilgrimage is a very large one. They take their own doctors and many sick pilgrims. The Youth Team assist wherever they are needed and work as Brancardiers (pushing wheelchairs and befriending the disabled person) and Handmaidens for the week. Young people must be over 16 years of age at the date of travel and physically fit. It is estimated the cost will be between £500 and £600 each and it is envisaged that this will be raised by fundraising with the aid of the

## *Weekly Guide to Daily Prayer*

This is a week when Jesus speaks of seeds being planted and of growing. We are still at the beginning of a new year, and this is a good time to answer the call in our hearts to spend more time with Jesus, in prayer.

"I'm not very good at prayer," we might say, or "I don't have time to pray". Jesus is not waiting for us to be perfect before we talk to him - he is simply waiting, right now, for us to come to him in our own humanity. This week we are invited to uncover the light of our faith, the light that warms the longing we feel in our souls for something different or deeper in our relationship with God. At this beginning of the year, we might step back and examine the ways we talk with Jesus - and the ways we hold him at arm's length.

We are being called into a relationship, a friendship, with someone who delights in us and waits for us to release our fears and come out of hiding. Where do we start? With the desire.

It can be so simple to take the empty moments of our day and just tell the same Jesus who healed and loved on earth, what is in our hearts. In the early morning moments we can stop and open our hearts. "Jesus, you know what is in my hearts. You know what my needs are. Help me to be more open to the way you are calling me in my life".

Our prayer can be as simple as opening our hands on our lap for a moment and saying in our own words, "Show me how to come out of hiding. Give me the courage to let go of my fears and bring myself to you in honesty. Let me drop the many defences I carry that keep me from feeling how deeply you love and accept me".

There is no right or wrong way to approach Jesus - the only right thing is that we come with an open heart and our own

desire for something deeper. Each evening as we end our day we can say thank you for the day's blessings. We can reflect on the many ways we felt the love of God in our lives that day. What tiny seed was planted in my life to bloom? Where did I shine the light of my own faith on someone?

*Let us pray:*

*Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honour you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart..*

*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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The **Rev'd James Brendan Keegan (Fr Jack)**, my predecessor as parish priest here at St Mary's died peacefully late evening of Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2018 in the midst of his family in the hospital at Mullingar, Co. Westmeath following a week of acute illness. Fr Jack served this community for four years with great dedication, humour and thoughtfulness, his considerable mathematical skills enabling him to put parish accounts and finance on to a much better basis. I was pleased to benefit from this and from other changes Fr Jack made, such as our Saturday morning Holy Hour of prayer with confessions, still going after 20 years .

The Funeral arrangements are: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 5.00pm Reception, Repose and Mass (7.00pm) in the chapel of S.Camillus Nursing Centre, Killucan where Fr.Jack had spent the last few years of his life, followed by Funeral Mass at the church of S.Michael, Castletown-Geoghagan on Thursday, 18th January, at 12.00 noon.

**May he rest in peace**