

2nd Sunday of Lent

Entrance Antiphon: Remember your mercies, Lord, your tenderness from ages past. Do not let our enemies triumph over us.; O God, deliver Israel from all her distress.

1st Reading: Genesis 22:1 –2.9-13.15-18.

Psalms 115

Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

1. I trusted even when I said:
"I am sorely afflicted."

O precious in the eyes of the Lord, is the death of his faithful. (R)

2. Your servant Lord, your servant am I;
You have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name. (R)

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
Before all his faithful,
In the courts of the house of the Lord
In your midst O Jerusalem. (R)

2nd Reading: Proverbs 8:31-34

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 9: 2 –10

Communion Antiphon: This is my Son, the beloved, in whom is my delight: listen to him.

Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

A. God drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.

LENT ALMSGIVING, FASTING, PRAYER and CAFOD If you give £1 the UK Government will add a £1. That £2 can buy seeds for two families to grow beans. £10 becomes £20 for one family to grow vegetables for two years! £33 becomes £66 supplying two families with safe water. £85 helps two communities build toilets with hand washing facilities. Can you join the GIVE UP campaign this LENT? Give up what?

Your phone for one day so someone can have clean water?

Beef burgers, so communities can grow veggie gardens?.....etc

A Prayer Service for Prisoners of Conscience in

The Catholic Church, Coleshill St., Flint today, Sunday February 25th at 3pm. A Justice and Peace Stations of the Cross, with a time for Private Prayer followed by Benediction. Then we invite people to sign greetings cards for Prisoners of Conscience. All welcome.



Women's World Day of Prayer will be hosted this year by the women of Sussex Street Christian Centre on March 2nd Friday 2pm—3.30pm. Prayer will focus on the small country of Suriname in South America, whose women have prepared the actual service. Refreshments. Parking reserved for blue Badge holders.



Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church

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25h February 2018

(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 Doreen Patterson RIP 11.00am - Funeral Service for Georgina Wright
WEDNESDAY	9.30 am Joe Roache RIP
THURSDAY	9.30 am - Feast of St David Edna Allen RIP
FRIDAY	9.30 am - Tony Corbett RIP
SATURDAY	10.00 am First Communion Preparation meeting No Holy Hour

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays 10.30am-11.15am and on call.
Open Office Day Thursdays 9.00am—4.00pm

For all enquiries or sacraments see as below For **Baptism** tel 01745 354311

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, amounted to £590.90p of which £310.40p was 'loose' and £280.50p was Gift Aid.

second collection next Sunday is for your Family Fast Day donations. Many thanks on behalf of CAFOD.

If you are a UK taxpayer, please remember to fill in the Gift Aid declaration as this enables CAFOD to claim an extra 25% on your donations. Donations made between 13 February (Shrove Tuesday) and 12 May will be matched by the UK Government, up to a total value of £5m. If we can all prepare for Family Fast Day many who are hungry or desolate will be helped. Pope Francis has asked that we make this a Day of Fasting and Prayer for Peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan and all the World.

Hospital Chaplains on call:

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

The next **First Communion Preparation meeting** is on **Saturday, 24th February**, for parents/grandparents **AND** children, in the Church Hall at 10.00 am.

Q. Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?

A. Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.

STORY A woman got on a bus with seven children. The bus conductor asked: 'Are these all yours lady? Or is it a picnic?' 'They're all mine,' she replied. 'And it's no picnic!'

Ministers of the Word and Communion

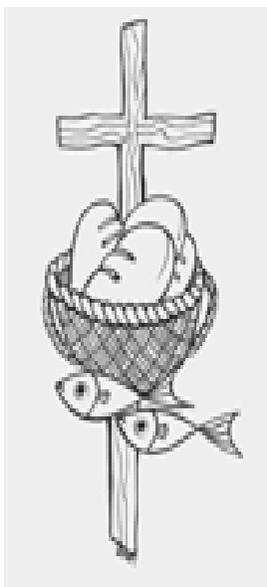
On May 12th there will be a retreat day at St. Augustine's House of Prayer, Old Colwyn. This is part of our commitment as Ministers that we need spend at least one day in the year in reflection of our Ministry. The retreat will be led by Ged Johnson, Spiritual Director at St. Beuno's, Tremeirchion. More details to follow at a later date.

On Sunday, 1st July, the recommissioning of the Ministers of the Eucharist and Word will take place during the 10.00 am Mass.

The Sacrament of Confirmation programme **Faith in Action** begins on Sunday 25th February 6.00pm – 7.00pm in church.

Thanks to help from the Knights of St Columba the young people taking part will also have a chance to complete the John Paul 11 award, which, like the Princes Trust award, adds to your CV, but more important, helps to develop in you the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Thanks to Roy of the KSC and young teachers, Victoria and Chris who are helping to lead the programme.

Situations Vacant. At 4th community we need someone to enter invoices and payments, to keep our accounts in good order, for probably an hour a week. If you can help please see Fr Charles.



Weekly Guide to Daily Prayer

As I reflected on today's readings, the stories commonly known as the Testing of Abraham and from the Gospel of Mark the Transfiguration of Jesus, I was very curious about what would surface and what I could possibly have to share about these well know scriptures. As tends to happen, I was surprised.

First I reflected how Abraham's story has been a troubling story for prayer recently for some on retreat. People question how God could put Isaac through that, let alone Abraham and does God really test us? Sometimes the conversation comes around to me asking "What if God isn't testing Abraham because God needs to know of his devotion but because Abraham needs to understand how devoted he (Abraham) is to God?" Could it be the testing was for Abraham?

Then I reflected on the Transfiguration and a similar idea occurred to me. Sure, Jesus' transfiguration was witnessed by the disciples but I wonder if Jesus somehow "needed" this validation, the affirmation from God to bolster his courage for what was to come? Some may think this idea is crazy, I don't know. But if Jesus was fully human, could he not have had doubts and questions along the way? I think so. How wonderful of the Father to reach out and affirm him.

Next, I was reminded how important it is for us to share our faith stories with one another. I often tell participants on a group retreat that sometimes we need to share our stories for ourselves. We need to hear ourselves and we need others to validate our experiences of God. Other times though, others may need to hear our experiences to see God from a different perspective or catch a different image of God. What a gift it is to share our experiences and images of who God is. It can only help in our understanding of the mystery that is the Divine. Suddenly my reflection was about the invitation and grace of seeing different perspectives. Lastly, I realized that this idea of sharing not to relate what they had seen to anyone. . . ." That caught my attention and I

stories was in contradiction to the scripture when Jesus "charged them started to pause until I read on ". . . . except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead." There is an implication here that the Resurrection would give/does give meaning to the stories. The Resurrection would add to the depth and understanding of the stories. I think that was true then, and it is true now. So my questions for reflection today are: When have we found fruit in sharing our stories with another or listening to the stories on another? How does the Resurrection give meaning or invite a different perspective to our life stories?

Let us pray:

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.

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".

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Stations of the Cross—Lent

Stations of the Cross will be said through Lent on Friday evenings, at 6.30 pm, as follows:

Friday, 2nd March	Altar Servers
Friday, 9th March	Altar Servers
Friday, 16th March	U.C.M
Friday, 23rd March	Confirmation Group