

## 23rd Sunday of Lent

**Entrance Antiphon:** My eyes are ever fixed on the Lord, for he releases my feet from the snare. O look at me and be merciful, for I am wretched and alone

**1st Reading:** Exodus 20: 1-17

**Psalms 18 Response:** You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R)

2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.  
the command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. . (R)

3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. . (R)

4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold  
and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. (R)

**2nd Reading** 1 Corinthians 1: 22-25

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die. Alleluia! **Gospel:** John 2: 13-15

**Communion Antiphon:** The sparrow even finds a home, the swallow finds a nest wherein to place her young, near to your altars, Lord of hosts, my King, my God! How happy they who dwell in your house! For ever they are praising you.

The next session for Parents/Grandparents of children preparing for First Holy Communion is next Tuesday, 6th March, at 7.00 pm in the Parish House.

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

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, Elaine Roberts, Teresa Nevitt, Doreen Patterson, Dennis McLaughlin, Susan Duck Margaret Owen, Philip O'Dwyer, Dolores Ann Brownley, Margaret Jones and Georgina Wright

*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, Jack Doyle, Mary Peters, John, Corinna Edwards, John Burke, Frank and Kathleen Fox, members of the Mantova family John, Margaret and Anthony, Pamela Ramsay, Wendy Hargreaves 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).*

### Ministers of the Word

For those Ministers of the Word who will be available to take part in the readings for Easter services, please give your name to Sheila a.s.a.p. Many thanks.



## Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church

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### 3rd Sunday of Lent

4th March 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	- Eileen Price
WEDNESDAY	9.30 am	- Emily Faulds
THURSDAY	9.30 am	- Sr Anne Flynn intentions
FRIDAY	9.30 am	- Margaret Jones RIP
SATURDAY	10.00 am	Hour of prayer (feel free to drop in for even five minutes) and also the Sacrament of Reconciliation

**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, 18th February amounted to £590.90p of which £310.40p was 'loose' and £280.50p was Gift Aid, and for Sunday 25th February, £478.72, £230.72 'loose' and £248.00 Gift Aid. The CAFOD collection totalled £344.26p. Many thanks.

#### **Hospital Chaplains on call:**

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

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#### **Dates for your Diary:**

#### **Ministers of the Word and Communion**

Retreat at St. Augustine's, Old Colwyn, Saturday, May 12th

Sunday, 1st July - Recommissioning of Ministers during the 10.00 am Mass.

**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.

#### **Stations of the Cross—Lent**

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

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

**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.

Our special congratulations can go to **Bishop Peter**, who this year celebrates **40 years of priesthood**. He has served in our Diocese of Wrexham as parish priest, hospital chaplain, university chaplain and is even currently helping in the new Wrexham Prison chaplaincy. The priests of the diocese hope to mark this occasion in a special way. However, I intend to send a card and gift to the Bishop from the parish and to celebrate a Mass in his honour. The card will be available for signing shortly.

The next **Sacrament of Confirmation** programme meeting is this Sunday 6.00pm – 7.00pm.

#### **St Frances of Rome Feast day this week March 9th.**

Born in 1384 in Rome. Married in 1396 Mother of six children Died March 9, 1440 . Canonized May 29, 1608. Five out of her six children did not survive childhood. Two died during the plague of 1410.

During a war between the Papal States and Naples, her surviving child, Battista, was taken hostage, and her husband suffered a serious stab wound. Also during this war, St. Frances' husband's ancestral palace burnt to the ground. Her son Battista married an arrogant woman who deliberately insulted and offended her mother-in-law. St. Frances eventually won her over through patience and humility. Despite her high birth, St. Frances dressed simply and modestly. She was known to travel the streets of Rome in shabby attire, collecting alms and firewood for the poor. Stories relate that St. Frances enjoyed mystical experiences, in which she would talk with Jesus, Mary, and her own guardian angel. As a lay woman taking up ministry she anticipated the Second Vatican Council.

#### **Weekly Guide to Daily Prayer**

This is a pivotal week of Lent. We can solidify the patterns we have begun or we can make a new start, if we haven't been able to get started yet. If we have begun to recognize what needs realigning in our lives and have begun to fast and abstain from some things that get in the way of our relationship with the Lord,

We are deeply aware that there is a struggle going on in us. We turn to God that we might not become discouraged. We rely on God's compassion and his love for us. We acknowledge who we are - sinners who experience the consequences of our selfishness, but we know we are loved and we desire to be filled with hope.

This is all preparing us for a deeper conversion, a readiness for reconciliation with God and the graces that will allow us to be a source of reconciliation with others. This is the time when we begin to see and experience how much God loves us at a new and more personal level. These graces prepare us to keep our eyes focused on Jesus in the weeks ahead - to learn from him, to fall in love with him more deeply and to be drawn to imitate him more completely. If we are just getting started with our Lenten journey, renewing our desires for these graces will be all we need to begin with a renewed openness. God does not need a lot of time to convince us of his love for us.

This is a week about God's love for us and our call to love others in the same way. It is a week to keep our daily focus on naming a desire each morning. The day ahead will shape what we ask for. Pausing to thank the Lord for this day and to ask for the grace to let our mind and heart be renewed in the concrete circumstances, relationships and obligations of our day. Our request for the Lord's help is always there and our consciousness of it will help us make the choice we desire to make, to let go of what we need to let go of, to add what we need to add. This will

take us deeper and deeper into self-awareness and our sense of a need for a Saviour, who is right there to embrace us and give us the graces we ask for. We go into this week renewed in our desire to continue our prayer, fasting and generosity toward others.

*Let us pray: "Loving Father, So many times I turn away from you and always you welcome me back. Your mercy and love gives me confidence. Thank you for the invitation to share, fast and pray so that you can form a new heart within me.*

*May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life. Amen".*

*(From the Creighton Universities website, used with permission).*

**JOKE** During the wedding rehearsal, the groom approaches the pastor with an unusual offer. "Look, I'll give you £100 if you'll change the wedding vows. When you get to the part where I'm supposed to promise to 'love, honor, and obey' and 'be faithful to her forever,' I'd appreciate it if you'd just leave that out." He passes the minister a £100 and walks away satisfied. On the day of the wedding, when it comes time for the groom's vows, the pastor looks the young man in the eye and says, "Will you promise to prostrate yourself before her, obey her every command and wish, serve her breakfast in bed every morning of your life, and swear eternally before God and your lovely wife that you will not ever even look at another woman, as long as you both shall live?" The groom gulps, looks around, and says in a tiny voice, "Yes," then leans toward the pastor and hisses, "I thought we had a deal." The pastor puts a \$100 bill into the groom's hand and whispers, "She made me a better offer."