

## Easter Sunday

### Entrance Antiphon:

I have risen; I am with you once more; you placed your hand on me to keep me safe. How great is the depth of your wisdom, alleluia!

**1st Reading:** Acts 10:34 37-43

### Psalm 117

**Response:** This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

1. Alleluia!

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end .

Let the sons of Israel say, his love has no end. (R)

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (R)

3 The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R)

**2nd Reading** Colossians 3: 1-4

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia! **Gospel:** John 20: 1-9

### Communion Antiphon:

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, alleluia.

### 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

**EASTER JOKE** A Catholic Priest and a Rabbi were chatting one day when the conversation turned to a discussion of job descriptions and promotion. "What do you have to look forward to in way of a promotion in your job?" asked the Rabbi. "Well, I'm next in line for the Monsignor's job." replied the Priest. "Yes, and then what?" asked the Rabbi. "Well, next I can become Arch-Bishop." said the Priest.

"Yes, and then?" asked the Rabbi. "If I work real hard and do a good job as Arch-Bishop, it's possible for me to become a full Bishop." said the Priest. "O.K., then what?" asked the Rabbi.

The Priest, beginning to get a bit exasperated replied, "With some luck and real hard work, maybe I can become a Cardinal. "And then?" asked the Rabbi. The Priest is really starting to get mad now and replies, "With lots and lots of luck and some real difficult work and if I'm in the right places at the right times and play my political games just right, maybe, just maybe, I can get elected Pope. "Yes, and then what?" asked the Rabbi. "Good grief!" shouted the Priest. "What do you expect me to become, GOD?" "Well," said the Rabbi, "One of our boys made it!"

Fr Charles is in Scotland this week. For emergencies please ring 854304 (Canon Carr) or 833249 (Canon Morgan)

**Easter Quote** "Easter was when Hope in person surprised the whole world by coming forward from the future into the present." - N.T. Wright



## Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church

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### EASTER SUNDAY

1st April 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	- No service -
WEDNESDAY	- No service -
THURSDAY	- No service -
FRIDAY	- No service -
SATURDAY	<b>No Holy Hour</b>
SUNDAY	10.00 am - Mass for the People

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** After Mass daily and also 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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A very Happy and Holy Easter to all in the parish and to all our visitors. May the Lorde bless you with the new life of Eastertime.

**Parish Finances:** The church collection for Sunday 25th March amounted to, £541.35p of which £277.35p was 'loose' and £264.00p Gift Aid.

**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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**Invitation to Afternoon Tea** on Saturday, 7th April, 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm.

This event is in aid of Endometriosis-UK, and in support of Emma (Maria Howes' daughter), who has organised this including Raffle and sales of Calendar, to raise awareness of this chronic condition. Emma and her brother Stephen served on the altar here in Rhyl for 11 years.

Tickets are limited and will be on sale after Mass on Sunday, 25th March, cost £5.00.

**Walk with me** booklets for the Easter Season are on sale today priced at £1.

### **Day on end of life decisions**

*The Diocese is holding a day conference looking at the issues surrounding end of life decisions and dying well on April 27th in Buckley church, with five very good speakers. For anyone working in the Health Care field. Information is available at the back of church.*

**Musicians for homeless** An enterprising group of musicians have made a CD of poems and music by different groups related to homelessness. The CD is on sale today for five pounds and all proceeds will go to the North Wales Homelessness Fund the coalition of people and agencies who help homeless people and undertake the Christmas Day meal. The fund will be administered from the parish here. See [www.facebook.com/musiciansforhomeless](http://www.facebook.com/musiciansforhomeless) for more.



**Easter Story** One cold evening during the holiday season, a little boy about six or seven was standing out in front of a shop window. The little child had no shoes on and his clothes were mere rags. A young woman passing by saw the little boy and could read the longing in his pale blue eyes. She took the child by the hand and led him into the shop. There she bought him new shoes and a complete suit of warm clothing. They came back outside into the street and the woman said to the child, "Now you can go home and have a very happy holiday." The little boy looked up at her and asked, "are you God, Ma'am?" She smiled down at him and replied, "No son, I'm just one of His children."

The little boy then said, "I knew you had to be some relation."

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

We More than just a day, the Church gives us a seven-week Easter season to celebrate. Yet sometimes our everyday lives feel so heavy that celebration is not a part of them. Critical illness in the family, loss of a job, disappointment in a relationship and the burdens of everyday life can make it a challenge to feel particularly joyful - even in the Easter season.

But the joy we are being invited into this season is beyond what we see in our everyday lives. It's true that Jesus says "Come to me and bring me your burdens" but we usually can't believe it. Maybe we don't want to believe it. If I really allow Jesus to come into my heart the way he wants to, will he ask me to change my life in ways that are too hard? How do I share the chaos of my life with Jesus? If I keep him at arm's length, my life might be difficult, but at least my problems are familiar. What would it cost me to let go and change my life?

We know our own faults and failings so well. Too well. We begin to believe that Jesus loves the way we love - with all of our human limits. How could Jesus love us and accept us the way we are right now? Maybe when we fix a few things about our lives, love our spouse a little better, stop being so critical of family members, love a little more ... when we are perfect, then Jesus will love us.

If we can overcome our fears, the real power of letting Jesus into our hearts is how free our hearts will become. Suddenly we are not afraid, not burdened and simply ready to serve with Jesus.

Jesus loves us - right now. At this moment, Jesus holds each one of us in his warm and loving gaze and loves us so freely at a depth that our human minds can't take in. Whether we comprehend this or not, Jesus loves us endlessly and waits for us with his arms open, ready to hold and support us.

As we receive his embrace and feel the peace and joy of Easter wash over us, we can look over his shoulder and see beyond, to those in need who now wait for us. That's when we realize that the real joy in our lives is putting aside our own faults, challenges and difficulties for a while and entering into the lives of others.

Pope Francis said at Easter, we leave ourselves behind and encounter others by "being close to those crushed by life's troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the outcast".

We are being missioned as Easter People. We find peace in Jesus' love for us and now we share it with others. We find ourselves standing side by side with Jesus, looking together at those we are being sent to love.

That is where the real joy of Easter waits for us.

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The **4thcommunity Youth Club** (ages 6—16) PS4, virtual reality games, pool, wii, board games, free food and drink and lots more. In church centre weekly Friday from 4pm - 6pm. All welcome.