

2nd Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice to the full in the glory that is yours, and give thanks to God who called you to his kingdom, alleluia.

1st Reading: Acts 4: 32-35

Psalm 117

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. .

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
"His love has no end."
Let the sons of Aaron say:
"His love has no end".
Let those who fear the Lord 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. I was punished,
I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die. (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.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R)

2nd Reading John 5: 1-6.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus said: "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe". Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20: 19-31

Communion Antiphon:

Jesus spoke to Thomas: Put your hand here, and see the place of the nails. Doubt no longer, but believe. alleluia.

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, Susan Duck,. Dennis McLaughlin, Margaret Owen, Philip O'Dwyer, Dolores Ann Brownley, Margaret Jones, Georgina Wright, Viv Greener, Wendy Hargreaves and Patricia Joan Davies.

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 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).*

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



Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church

119 WELLINGTON ROAD, RHYL
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2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

8th April 2018

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

Mass time

Mass Intention

SUNDAY	10.00 am - Mass for the People
MONDAY	9.30am Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord (John Mahon RIP)
TUESDAY	12.00 noon - Funeral Mass for Wendy Hargreaves
WEDNESDAY	9.30 am - Margaret Clarke
THURSDAY	9.30 am - Patricia Mary Seal 7.30pm (with KSC installation of officers.)
FRIDAY	9.30 am - Dafydd Sherrington RIP
SATURDAY	10.30 - Holy Hour with morning prayer of the church

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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Parish Finances: The church collection for Sunday 1st April amounted to, £647.60p of which £472.08p was 'loose' and £175.52p Gift Aid. Easter offerings were £190.00p and the collection for the Holy Places totalled £226.51p

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.

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 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 for more.

RIP Your prayers are asked for Patricia Joan Davies (funeral service on Thur 26th April 11.30am) and Simon Farrell (funeral service on Wed 18th April at 2pm) who have died, and for their families. May they have joy in God's Kingdom of love.

Quote What is commonly called "falling in [love](#)" is in most cases an intensification of egoic wanting and needing. You become addicted to another person, or rather to your image of that person. It has nothing to do with true love, which contains no wanting whatsoever.

Eckhart Tolle

Donations to Syrian relief When Fr Ghassan SJ was with us, the St Vincent De Paul group organised a collection to help with the troubles in Syria and we raised £207. A cheque was sent to Fr Ghassan but we have learned that the cheque hasn't been cashed and is out of date. The SVP have also discovered that there is no obvious way to send the money through Fr Ghassan SJ, to channel it to Syria. This means we must either return the £207 to each of you who donated it or find another way to route the money to Syrian relief. Fr Charles and the SVP are suggesting that we send the money to *Aid to the Church in Need*, who are currently raising funds to help Syrian Christians. This would, we believe, respect the original intentions of those who donated the money. Nonetheless if anyone has any objection to this way forward, and/or an alternative suggestion, we would be very glad to hear from you.

Amnesty Colwyn Bay are showing a film at Theatr Colwyn on 26th April next at 7.30pm; **Syria's disappeared—The case against Assad**, followed by a discussion Tickets £3 from the theatre.

A Day Conference. **Looking at the issues surrounding End of Life Decisions and Dying Well**

There is to be a day conference on these issues at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Buckley, on April 27th from 10.00 am to 4.30 pm. To book a place or for more information please contact Margaret Hinton at margaretmfi@hotmail.co.uk or 07842596878 or by post c/o Bishop's House. See noticeboard for more.

Weekly Guide to Daily Prayer

On the second Sunday of Easter as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, we get a picture into how the early church community lived their life of faith by sharing everything in common. In John's gospel, Jesus appears to the Apostles, hiding in fear, and gives them the gift of his Spirit, calling them to forgive sins. We are reminded that the gospel is written that we might come to believe in our Lord and have life in his name.

This is a wonderful week to pray in joy at God's merciful love for us, and for the unending forgiveness we are offered. We know we have done nothing to deserve that forgiveness and that we cannot earn it, and yet it is ours if only we can accept it.

Over and over this week, we are invited to place our trust in God. The ever-human disciples didn't always put aside their fears, and neither do we. We can imagine the terrified followers of Jesus hiding behind locked doors until he appears in their midst, inviting them not to be afraid.

This might be a good week to spend time with Jesus looking at the fears in our own lives which keep us locked up away from others. We can ask Jesus for the courage to trust in him. What would it cost us to let go of the fears that smother our lives? What would it mean for our lives and for the relationships in our lives if we were willing to let go of "the way we have always done things" and to beg Jesus for help? Our lives can change. We have a standing offer from our Lord to fall into his forgiving embrace.

This week we begin that deepening realization of the meaning of the gift of life we

have received in God's raising Jesus from the dead so that we might have eternal life.

This is the week to place our trust in the one who is now alive, so that we can live forever. We can ask for the gifts of hope renewed these days. In giving thanks, we can ask that our hearts be opened even more to receive the gift of his Spirit.

We pray:

Dear Lord,

Give me the courage to feel it in my heart when you say, "Don't be afraid" or "Peace be with you". Help me to believe in you, to drive away the doubts and unbelief that harden my heart.

I know my life can change, if only I can say with all my heart, "I trust in you, Lord. I believe in your mercy and I know that with your help, my life can be healed.

Amen.

.(From the Creighton universities website - used with permission)

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER QUOTE

Someone has written to the effect that the next best thing to feeling God's presence is sensing God's absence...Feeling God's presence in our lives is a remarkable spiritual blessing, and we wish that it were always so. That is, we wish that the strong, palpable, guiding presence of God was always on us. Sometimes it is! And these moments and occasions stand out in our faith pilgrimage and memory as "mountain top" experiences. By their preciousness these kinds of experiences challenge and contradict the more normal ones, in which we sense or feel almost nothing at all. The sense of the utter nearness of God teaches us what the absence of God feels like.

(John R Tyson)