

### 3rd Sunday of Easter

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let all the earth cry out to God with joy; praise the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise;. Alleluia.

**1st Reading:** Acts 3: 13-15 17-19

#### Psalm 4

**Response:** Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! (R)

2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R)

3 "What can bring us happiness?" many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R)

4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R)

**2nd Reading** John 2: 1-5

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 24: 35-48

#### Communion Antiphon:

Christ had to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day. In his name penance for the remission of sins is to be preached to all nations. 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

"Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in Love in a quite absolute, final way.

What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, who you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude.

Fall in Love, stay in love, and it will decide everything."  
- Fr. Pedro Arrupe, S.J.

#### YOUNG PERSON'S PRAYER

Lord, I want to spread your message.  
Open my eyes, so that they no longer see black, yellow or white children but just children of the world.  
Open my ears:  
so that they no longer hear English, Chinese or French but just the language of friendship.  
Open my mouth:  
so that my words may no longer be violent, sad or threatening but just words of love.  
Open my hands:  
so that they no longer touch only my family and friends but also those who across the frontiers speak to me about you.  
Open my heart:  
so that it may listen to my brother and sister wherever they may be, for through them, Lord, it is you who are waiting for me.  
Open my mind:  
to your word so that my life may pass on your message to all people I meet.  
*(Based on a Swiss Prayer)*



## Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church

119 WELLINGTON ROAD, RHYL  
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15th 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	9.30 am - John Muldoon RIP
WEDNESDAY	9.30 am - Danny Ward RIP <b>2.00 pm - Funeral service for Simon Farrell</b>
THURSDAY	9.30 am - Rosemary Butler
FRIDAY	9.30 am - Jim Firth RIP
SATURDAY	10.30 - Holy Hour with morning prayer of the Church and Sacrament of Reconciliation
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

**Priest: Fr Charles Ramsay**

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( Webmasters: Ernest Jones & Shane Owen  
( webmaster@catholicchurchrhyll.co.uk )

**Parish Finances:** The church collection for Sunday 8th April amounted to, £479.72p of which £280.22p was 'loose' and £199.50p Gift Aid. There is a **second collection** next week for the Church Students' Fund.

**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.

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**Red Boxes** Assailed by so much bad news, here is just one example of hidden Good News. The parish has again topped the list for the Diocese, with contributions totalling £3,556.52 in 2017. Many thanks yet again to Bob Johnson for organising, and to all our collectors and contributors. The Parish can be proud of its many contributions to the spreading of the Good News across the world.

**Afternoon Tea**  
Many thanks from Emma to those who supported the fund-raising event last week, which raised £600 for Endometriosis Research - well done! Thanks also to the UCM for the delicious refreshments.

**Rosary on the Coast** is a national initiative of prayer whereby parishes around the UK will gather on a given day and time to pray the Rosary together outdoors, thus giving witness to our faith. For our parish the Knights of St Columba are organising the event, on Sunday, 29th April, meeting at the Nova Car park, Prestatyn at 2.30 pm. Please come along and join in. It should be fun. And interesting.

The Day Retreat for **Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharist** will be held on Saturday, 12th May at St. Augustine's House of Prayer, Old Colwyn, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. Please give your names to Jean Taggart. The cost will be £18.00 including coffee, lunch and afternoon tea - to be paid on the day please. Should anyone require a special diet, or need any further information, please let me - Sheila, know as soon as possible. Thanks.

### **From Pope Francis' new document on holiness.**

"If I encounter a person sleeping outdoors on a cold night, I can view him or her as an annoyance, an idler, an obstacle in my path, a troubling sight, a problem for politicians to sort out, or even a piece of refuse cluttering a public space. Or I can respond with faith and charity, and see in this person a human being with a dignity identical to my own, a creature infinitely loved by the Father, an image of God, a brother or sister redeemed by Jesus Christ. That is what it is to be a Christian! Can holiness somehow be understood apart from this lively recognition of the dignity of each human being?"

For Christians, this involves a constant and healthy unease. Even if helping one person alone could justify all our efforts, it would not be enough. The bishops of Canada made this clear when they noted, for example, that the biblical understanding of the jubilee year was about more than simply performing certain good works. It also meant seeking social change: "For later generations to also be released, clearly the goal had to be the restoration of just social and economic systems, so there could no longer be exclusion"

*From Gaudete et Exultate*

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

This can be a very good week to grow in a sense of and practice with the notion of being a "contemplative in the midst of action". We have practically a whole week of gospels about Jesus' gift of himself to us as the "Bread of Life". This gives us the opportunity to let that mystery be in the background of our consciousness every day this week, as we go about our everyday tasks.

We can begin by reflecting upon how often we "work for food that perishes". The pay-off, the success, the accomplishment, the reward we receive for what we do is often quite passing and unsatisfying. It would be important to be able to sense anything that appears to be food that doesn't last and name it as such this week. The real food, the life-giving nourishment that our Lord offers us is himself.

If we can't celebrate the Eucharist daily this week, we can make what we used to call a "spiritual communion" simply by opening our hearts and desiring to receive our Lord, so that he remains in us and we remain in him. We can practice consciously choosing union with Jesus, our Risen Lord and only Saviour, and experiencing how that would affect the choices we need to make throughout our day.

Jesus tells us that if we come to him, we will never hunger or thirst again. He urges us to "feed" on him. The image is that of sheep who graze on a pasture. He is inviting us to allow him to be what nourishes and sustains us.

Too often we try to have it both ways. We want to be connected with Jesus and we also want a steady diet of the things of

this world. Jesus is the only food which will really satisfy us. He knows that we can live in this world, have a job in this world, support our families, and do all the many non-sinful things we do in this world, as long as those things don't become what we really work for and look to sustain our hearts and souls. Jesus alone can be a life giving and sustaining source of our identity and our nourishment. He offers us the "food that endures for eternal life".



Let's ask for this renewed hunger to be nourished by Jesus, to be in communion with him. From that grace will come the deep and lasting desire to gratefully share what we have received. The One who is bread broken and given for us will help us to be bread which is broken and given for others who need us.

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

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**JOKE** Donald Trump visits Algeria. As part of his program, he delivers a speech to the Algerian people: "You know, I regret that I have to give this speech in English. I would very much prefer to talk to you in your own language. But unfortunately, I was never good at algebra..."

**JOKE Q:** How many ears does Mr. Spock have?  
**A:** 3. A Left Ear, a Right Ear, and a Final Front Ear!