

20th Sunday of the Year

Entrance Antiphon: God, our protector, keep us in mind; always give strength to your people. For if we can be with you even one day, it is better than a thousand without you.

First Reading: Proverbs 9: 1-6

Psalm 33

Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips. In the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. (R)

2. Revere the Lord, you his saints. They lack nothing, those who revere him. Strong lions suffer want and go hungry but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. (R)

3. Come, children, and hear me that I may teach you the fear of the Lord. Who is he who longs for life and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? (R)

4. Then keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn aside from evil and do good; seek and strive after peace. (R)

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5: 15-20

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6: 51-58

Communion Antiphon: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Please note: Office day next week will be Friday, 24th instead of Thursday.

Please pray for the repose of the souls

of: Mary Tovey, Edna Allen, Elaine Roberts, Teresa Nevitt, Doreen Patterson, Dennis McLaughlin, Susan Duck Margaret Owen, Philip O'Dwyer, Dolores Ann Brownley, Margaret Jones, Georgina Wright, Viv Greener, Wendy Hargreaves, Simon Farrell, Patricia Joan Davies, John Michael Brown, Kathleen Bride, Pamela Ramsay, Jennie Armstrongk, Marie McMonnies, Maria Cerefice, Susan McCarney and John Joseph Higgins.

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, Mantova family, Fabian Clancy, John, Margaret and Anthony, Simon Johnson 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).

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Captain Brian McManus who sadly died this week. Funeral details to follow.



Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church

119 WELLINGTON ROAD, RHYL
DENBIGHSHIRE

20th Sunday of the Year
Sunday 19th August
(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	6.30 am - Thomas O'Connell
THURSDAY	6.30 am - Derek Ainscough
FRIDAY	9.30 am - Maria Cerefice RIP
SATURDAY	10.30 am Holy Hour with morning prayer of the Church Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at this time.
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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Parish Finances: The church collection for Sunday 12th August amounted to £436.18p of which £288.00p was 'loose' and £151.00p was Gift Aid.

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



Jokes for children

Did you hear about the Italian chef that died?
He pasta way.

Parallel lines have so much in common.
It's a shame they'll never meet.

My wife accused me of being immature.
I told her to get out of my fort.

Where do you find a cow with no legs?
Right where you left it.

St Mary's Presbytery Update

Last week's two meetings, attended by about 8—10 parishioners each, reflected a unanimous approval of the proposal to sell our parish house and build a new bungalow for the priest adjacent to the church and an extension meeting room in between. In discussion we looked at alternatives allowing us to retain the part of the grassed area, but it was generally felt that few would buy the house without car park space. Every effort has been made to retain the house, especially with a usage in harmony with the parish ethos, but without success.

Parishioners looked at a draft programme of works to be submitted to the Diocesan Trustees. Firstly extending the porch (and thus also making the main entry safer) then selling the house and building the new bungalow, followed by new LED lighting for the church and finally a new office space. Ideas for the latter were discussed too and we project another look at this idea and where the office could be situated..

Wider community groups using the parish house and church were also consulted. This evoked some new ideas about the extension building. Could it be adjacent to a garden area? (Craft Group) Does it not need toilets? These ideas were seen as good and agreed and incorporated into the plan. Groups like Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics anonymous and the recovery from addiction groups run by the NHS and Betsy Cadwalryd expressed great appreciation at the hospitality and welcome they experience from our parish. (Indeed a number of members are parishioners.) Some referred to the house as a "safe" place where the judgemental and condemnatory attitudes they often experience are absent. More work is to be done on how to design this extension room, make it unique and welcoming.

Weekly Guide to Daily Prayer

Matthew's Gospel this week includes some favourite parables, like the rich young man and introduces the counter-cultural idea that riches may make it more difficult to be saved. Those are followed by stories of the Master of the vineyard who leaves us with the phrase "The last will be first and the first, last". Jesus tells us "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, but whoever humbles himself will be exalted

We pray through our everyday life this week, with the image in the background of our consciousness: Jesus offers us intimacy with him and gives us life, as shown in our relationship with him in the gospels.

Throughout the week I might be thinking of what it would mean for me to sell what I have, give it to the poor, and really follow Jesus. What is preventing me from following the Lord more completely? Are there "riches" that I know are barriers to my surrendering to God's will more freely? What seems to possess me? Recognizing our lack of freedom in this area or that is the first step in being able to ask our Lord for the grace of freedom in that area.

We might also ask the Lord to show us what he desires that we be "free for". "Freedom from" is the first part of our relationship. Then, we are free to be sent. What am I being freed for? What loving am I being freed for? What new generosity, what type of self-giving? What neighbour, in my family, or the poor of the world, am I being called to notice and serve? We might ask the Lord to reveal to us this week how we are called to be servant.

We will still do what is on our schedule, respond to all our commitments. The

difference will be that we will do it more in touch with the Lord. Staying focused and connecting with our Lord throughout the day is at the heart of prayer. "Raising our minds and hearts to God." And, at the end of each day, we give thanks for his gifted presence.

Let us pray:

O God, who has prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain Amen.

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY QUOTES

Faith is a bird that feels dawn breaking and sings while it is still dark.
(Rabindranath Tagore)

Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.
(St Augustine)

I do not pray for success; I ask for faithfulness.
(Mother Teresa)

Making an address to the Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus in June of 1972, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen said something most relevant to our times: Who is going to save our Church? Not our bishops, not our priests and religious. It is up to you, the people. You have the minds, the eyes, and the ears to save the Church. Your mission is to see that your priests act like priests, your bishops act like bishops, and your religious act like religious