

Parish Finances: Church collection for Sunday, 1st September amounted to £477.61p of which £282.61p was 'loose' and £195.00p was Gift Aid.

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PARISH UPDATE :

May I just remind everybody that in march 2018 the parish needed to explore selling the parish house, as we had been unable to acquire government funding to re-establish it as an independent community hub to address needs for community growth in West Rhyl. This meant the departure of the larger *4thcommunity* groups and activities, which have since then become independent and found new premises. By August 2018 I had set up a representative parish team to look at

- (1)future parish building needs and
- (2) Parish governance and the need to involve the whole parish in future needs and priorities, especially young people.

Another reason this process was needed was because Bishop Peter's *Into the Future* plan would also be affecting parishes. Within this overall plan, each parish needs to work to determine its own future. The parish team reflected at length on developing a process. Early on they unanimously decided that as parish councils had not really worked well in the past, we would experiment instead by continuing the parish team model, without a parish council

This has worked well and the team has also conducted its own learning and prayer. A main agenda given to the team in any case, is to facilitate a conversation whereby the whole parish has a say in its future leadership and direction.

Over this last year therefore, the parish team has:

- 1 Reflected on the variety of issues at stake if we are to help the parish continue to develop and form its faith life.
- 2 Overseen the plans to build a presbytery and new meeting rooms, working with the parish finance team. They have also developed an excellent build-ings team.
3. We looked for an outside facilitator with the requisite gifts and relationship to advance these agendas. About a month ago we commissioned Rob Walsh to undertake this task. Rob is a professional community development worker who has worked closely with Fr Charles and the parish as Chair of 4thcommunity for four years. Rob has provided guidance and ideas and the parish team have now sketched out a process to take things forward.

With a decision imminent from Bishop Peter to take building plans forward, the parish team are also now ready to begin the process of parish self-determination. Regular updates will take place from September onwards as we work towards the first major discussion/consultation event on the First Sunday of Advent.

Weekly Guide to Daily Prayer

God's loving mercy and forgiveness to us is the central message in Luke's Gospel. When we place Jesus at the centre of our lives as Paul calls the Colossians to do, two marvellous graces are given to us. We experience God's love for us in the mercy and forgiveness of Jesus. As grateful sinners, we then are able to forgive others.

As we begin each day this week, we can let these two graces be part of our reflection. We can ask our Lord to show us his love. We can fearlessly ask to understand who we are as sinners, in the concrete ways each of us falls short, gets distracted, becomes uncentered and makes very unfree choices. We can ask to be forgiven and healed. We can beg for the grace to forgive others. This journey each day might take us into specific patterns, habits, ruts we are in. We may prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week, in preparation for celebrating the upcoming Sunday's readings.

We can choose to focus carefully this week on those people we ask for the grace to forgive. Whose faults do I pay most attention to? Whom do I judge harshly? From whom do I withhold forgiveness? If we begin each day asking our Lord to reveal the answers to these questions, throughout our day, this week will show us deeper places where the Lord can forgive us and where we can share that mercy.

From the beginning of the week, we might ask Mary to gently guide us to trust her Son's love and to be more tender in loving those people her Son invites us to forgive and be a source of healing.

Throughout this week, we can also give thanks for the ways we are called to be Jesus' followers - not because we are extremely talented or because we are perfect but because he saw in us

something that he could heal and then send us to heal others. We can be especially attentive to the ways we are blessed in our poverty and in the ways we sometimes experience rejection as his disciples. Jesus says

Let us pray:

O God , by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God for ever and ever, Amen.

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The annual retreat for **Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharist** is on Saturday, 21st September, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm at Noddfa Retreat Centre, Conway Old Road, Penmaenmawr, LL34 6YF. The cost will be £18.00(to include lunch), to be paid on the day, please.

Please meet in the church car park at 9.15 am, to arrange lifts.

The **re-commissioning of Ministers** will be held the following day - 22nd September, during the 10.00 am Mass.

23RD SUNDAY QUOTES:

Human love is a straight line, the union of two points in the space of the creature. Charity is a triangle.

(Carlo Carretto)

Charity that is always beginning at home stays there.

Austin O'Malley)

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon: Lord, you are just, and the judgements you make are right. Show mercy when you judge me, your servant.

First Reading: Wisdom 9: 13-18

Psalm 89

Response: O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

1. You turn men back into dust and say: "Go back sons of men." To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. (R)

2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. (R)

3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity on your servants. (R)

4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us. Give success to the work of our hands.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12. 1-4

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 14: 25-33

Communion Antiphon: Like the deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God. My soul is thirsting for the living God.



In our Sunday Masses this September we will celebrate the Creation and reflect on Pope Francis' Document LAUDATO SI.

Prayers of Petition

O Lord, grant us the grace to respect and care for Your creation.
Lord, hear our prayer.

O Lord, bless all of your creatures as a sign of Your wondrous love.
Lord, hear our prayer.

O Lord, help us to end the suffering of the poor and bring healing to all of your creation.
Lord, hear our prayer.

O Lord, help us to use our technological inventiveness to undo the damage we have done to Your creation and to sustain Your gift of nature.
Lord, hear our prayer.

May we remember always that God speaks to us through the beauty of his creation, and we will try our best to answer God's call to reverence all that he has created.
Lord, hear our prayer.



Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church

119 Wellington Road,
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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8th September 2019

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Reading Cycle C - The Year of Luke's Gospel		
Mass Times and Intentions		
Sunday	10.00am	Mass for the People
Monday	No Service	
Tuesday	9.30 am	Teresa Ball
Wednesday	9.30 am	Simon Johnson RIP
Thursday	9.30 am 3.00 pm	Geoff and Pat Butters family Service of Healing
Friday	9.30 am	Maria Harrington RIP
Saturday	10.30- 11.30am	Holy Hour with morning prayer of the Church. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday	10.00am	Mass for the People

Sacrament of Reconciliation

After Mass daily and also Saturdays 10:30am—11:15am also on call

Open Office Day

Thursdays 9.00am - 4.00pm

Baptism

Contact Tel. No. 01745 354311

Communion for the Housebound - Anointing of the Sick

Please contact Fr Charles if you know anyone who is ill or housebound, especially those who would like to receive Holy Communion at home or anointing for healing.

For all enquiries or sacraments contact details below

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