Live-streamed Mass. All St Mary's services are now available livestream on youtube . Just google Youtube and enter *stmarysrhyllivemass*.

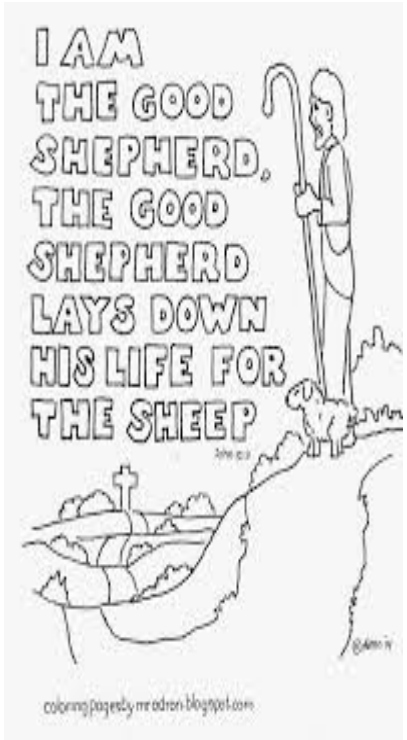
"**Tuesday 27th April, is the 53rd anniversary** of the **abortion act** coming in to effect. Since then, over 9 million babies have been aborted in the United Kingdom. Please join us that day in praying and fasting for the end of abortion in this Country. [As we are in the Easter Season please limit your fasting to something small.

www.GoodCounselNetwork.com"

'Making Active Non Violence a Way of Life' although the intro session was last week you can still take part in this short course about commitment to truth-speaking and campaigning without violence. Please email Fr Charles for a link to the first meeting with Pat Gaffney, former General Secretary of Pax Christi UK. Pat worked for Pax Christi for 29 years and is currently, amongst many other things, a member of the Women in Black network - a world-wide network of women committed to peace with justice and actively opposed to injustice, war, militarism and other forms of violence.

Tuesday April 27th - Cultivating Nonviolence
Tuesday May 4th - Seeing Violence in our World Today
Tuesday 11th May - Discerning and Judging *based on the Good News of Jesus*
Tuesday 18th May - Acting with a force more powerful than violence
Tuesday 25th May - Invitation to take up "active nonviolence

"Preach the Truth as if you had a million voices. It is silence that kills the world."
-- St. Catherine of Sienna



"Start being brave about everything. Drive out darkness and spread light. Don' look at your weaknesses. Realize instead that in Christ crucified you can do everything."

-- St. Catherine of Siena , Patron of Europe (Feast day this Thursday)

First Communion preparation.

7.30 pm, Tuesday, 27th April. Parent's discussion.

Climate change action group meets on May 4th at 3.30pm on Zoom. Details available from Fr Charles.

Scriptures for the 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4: 8-12.
Psalm 118:1 8-9 21-23 26,28,29
John 10 : 11-18

In this season of Easter, the messages are about hope and new life, joy and living in Jesus. But how do we live a life of joy and hope when our own lives aren't all we want them to be? Even the best family goes through challenging times and the happiest of marriages has ups and downs. Illnesses strike those we love and watching them suffer is a terrible weight to bear. For many of us life is full of burdens and disappointment.

What are our lives really about? where is the meaning in them? Our marriage might be dull and lifeless, or worse, filled with anger and resentment. Our children lead lives that can seem to have no values. Family members create conflict with every encounter. Where is the Easter joy?

Stop. Take a deep breath. Pause from life. *Abide in me as I will abide in you.*

Each one of us has an invitation from Jesus to live in him, to settle our lives firmly in his presence and love. We are called to be in the care of this loving healer and friend and to carry that love with us as we live out our lives.

The first step for finding hope in this Easter season is to stop and reflect on the love that is being offered to us every second of our lives. We need to become aware of it again. When we feel overwhelmed and fearful, we can take just a few minutes break and remind ourselves that Jesus is with us, right now, in our pain. Become aware of Jesus loving us and calling our names. *You who are heavily burdened, I will give you rest.*

We hear each word of that and remember his warm and endless love for us. We hear Jesus call us by name. Now we can tell Jesus our friend, about our lives and the hardships we find in them. Given new courage and strength from Jesus, we look with new light and hope on our problems.

One of the most helpful things in dealing with the challenges of other people is to remember that I can't change the other person, I can only change myself. For those in our lives we find personally unpleasant and spiteful, we pray for the grace to deal with them in a more loving manner;. We ask Jesus for the ability to see their pain, the pain that causes them to strike out.

If we pray for the grace to be compassionate and see the difficult person as one who feels powerless, diminished, fearful or insecure, we can begin to see that behaviour as a way of compensating. Slowly I might begin to see in the bad behaviour of another person, the anxiety and fear and I might be blessed with the compassionate mercy which each of us receives from God. Then I can be healing, soothing and comforting.

This is the hope of Easter, that we can take our joy and belief and ask Jesus for healing for ourselves, so that we are better able to cope with the worries we find in our everyday lives.

(*Used with permission from the Creighton online ministries webpage., which we highly recommend for prayer and reflection.)*

Church Finances:

For contributing to St. Mary's the best way is by Standing Order, or Direct Debit. This gives the parish a more regular income. It seems to be becoming the preferred method. It also makes church income easier to assess and control. Standing Order seems to be the easiest and flexible for you, the contributor. You can start or stop it any time, whereas direct debit is more formalised.

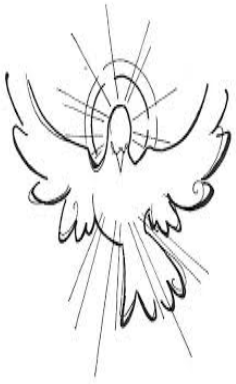
For Standing Order the parish account is **Rhyl Catholic Church The account Number is 08121087. The Sort Code 55-81-42**

Hospital Chaplains on call:
Glan Clwyd: Mrs. Sheila Johnson. 01745 354311\07717182557 Llandudno hospital: Fr Frederick 01492 877353. Ysbty Gwynedd, Colwyn Bay Hospital Fr Frank Ryan 01492 532670

Spread the Love Remember Bernie and May (the charity founder) spoke to us about the clothes, toys, and other goods they send to children in poverty in the Philippines ? You can bring in goods you want to contribute and place them in the big box you see as you come into church. Tha nks to those who've already helped with this including Christ the Word school.

"Every step of the way to heaven is heaven."
-- St. Catherine of Siena

"Out of darkness is born the light."
-- St. Catherine of Siena



From Fr Charles. Dear friends in St Mary's, Bishop Peter has asked a number of priests to move parish, for the good of the Church. Sadly, I am one of these and will be very sorry to leave Rhyl. On the other hand, I'm happy to follow my pathway as a priest and to take up the post of parish priest in Dolgellau and Bala, serving also the Carmelite convent in Dolgellau. The moves will take place between the Feasts of Pentecost and Holy Trinity.

Fr Anthony Nnamah MSP (Missionary of St Paul) is coming to serve here in St Mary's. He is an experienced missionary priest, having worked in Nigeria, Germany, England and, latterly, in Ruabon and Chirk in our own Diocese of Wrexham. He will have to take over a hopefully nearly complete building programme— a challenge in itself.

I've been at St Mary's for twenty years, as well as four between 1982 and 1986, when I was an assistant priest. I see this period as one of the great blessings in my life. St Mary's as well as the town of Rhyl will always have a special place in my heart. It's a big change for all concerned and a time for special prayer, as we adjust to the Lord's call, the Lord who makes all things new. Despite the pandemic restraints I'll try to be as available as possible to speak to people in this period.

Bishops especially, but also clergy and people face great challenges currently, not only because of continued reduction in mass attendance and the pandemic, but churches have been hit badly in terms of finance as well. Hence your understanding and help in these times is greatly appreciated.

Next week we begin **Our Lady's month,** the month of May, this year on the 5th Sunday of Easter when we will celebrate Our Lady specially at this Mass. The rosary as always will be prayed before each daily mass.

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church

119 Wellington Road,
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25th April 2021

4th Sunday of Easter

Reading Cycle B - The Year of Mark's Gospel		
Mass Times and Intentions		
SUNDAY	10.00 am	Mass 4th Sunday of Easter For the Parish
MONDAY		No service
TUESDAY	11.00 am	Private intention
WEDNESDAY		Mass Livestream
THURSDAY	11.00 am	Mass - Private intention
FRIDAY		Mass Livestream
SATURDAY	5.00 pm	Mass - Simon Johnson RIP
SUNDAY	10.00 am	Mass For the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Please call to discuss this

Anointing of the Sick
Ring for emergencies please.

All welcome to ring as below for a chat.

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