

Ein Harglwyddes Seren y Môr *Our Lady Star of the Sea*

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*Dear
Parishioner*

After a fairly long but necessary period of preparation, work is about to start converting Sr Jennifer's House into three flats for retired priests.

Let me remind you of how this has developed. Sister Jennifer bought the property, known to us all as Seren y Mor, out of her teacher's salary. For many years she put it to several charitable uses, the last being a retreat centre for nuns. Very many sisters from across the United Kingdom and Ireland, and often from further afield, have had reason to bless Sr Jennifer for the opportunity she gave them to relax and find respite from their daily toils, in a spirit of tranquillity and peace. But thanks to our old friends, the Health and Safety

People, it became financially impossible for Sr Jennifer to carry on her work there. She had already, some years before, handed the property over to the ownership of the Diocese. The Bishop, over the moon with the magnificently generous gift Sr Jennifer had made to the Diocese, decided, once the visiting nuns were no more, to convert the property into three flats for retired priests.

The work was put into the hands of John Dennison and myself. So far, John has done 99% of the work, negotiating planning permission, dealing with architects and surveyors, putting the work out to tender, and the rest. And now, work is about to start. The Diocese and Parish are immeasurably indebted to John for the totally professional work he has done.

Sr Jennifer will move back to the ground floor flat at Seren y Mor once the work is complete, in about six month's time. In the meantime she will be resident here at the Presbytery. This means that her old telephone number, so easy to remember, will not be in use for the time being, with her mobile number being used instead. This will be on my answer phone and is already on the heading of this Newsletter. Apart from her base, Sr Jennifer's life will go on exactly as before.

IT WAS A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME last Tuesday to receive into the Church and confirm Mrs Janice Lockwood. Janice is handicapped and unable to get to Church, so the Church went to her. As a Doctor of Theology herself, she didn't need much instructing! With her husband and son beside her, she was received into full communion with the Catholic Church in her own home, which was the first house in the parish to be blessed in our new campaign of blessing and to receive the newly created Certificate. We welcome her warmly into our parish family and into the world-wide family of our holy Catholic Church. As is always the case with those who are received into the Church, Janice was filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit.

*May we know Christ more clearly, love Him more dearly
and follow Him more nearly*

I HAVE CHANGED MY METHOD of getting around the sick of the parish with the Sacraments. My practice so far has been to visit a quarter of the sick and house-bound people of the parish every Friday, thus getting to see everyone in the course of the calendar month. This is now proving impossible. There are so many people for me to visit each Friday that my visits are literally flying ones.

So I have decided simply to work through the list systematically, still aiming to get to see everyone once a month, but visiting a few every day, instead of concentrating on the Fridays. Would Special Ministers please note this? It means that they now take Holy Communion to those sick and housebound parishioners allotted to them *every* week, not just the weeks when I am not visiting.

THREE IMPORTANT EVENTS are coming up in the next fortnight:

FIRST, THE UCMW ARE HOLDING A CAROL CONCERT on Friday evening at 730pm in the church. As last year, it will be given by the *Conwy Valley Singers* and will be followed by seasonal refreshments at Stella Maris. The proceeds will be donated to *Ty Gobaith*, the

Children's Hospice. A very enjoyable and charitable way to spend a dark December evening, while at the same time getting yourself truly into the Christmas spirit.

SECOND, LET ME REMIND YOU OF THE DEANERY PENITENTIAL WEEK NEXT WEEK. Every weekday evening, beginning Monday 10 December, there will be a Penitential Service in one or other of the Churches of the Deanery at 730pm. All the priests will be available at each of them, giving you plenty of choice for confession, and the opportunity of speaking to any priest personally, should you so choose. Friday 14 December will be our turn here at Our Lady's, with Mgr Fealy leading the service.

THIRD. We will be taking time off the Penitential Week on Thursday, 13th, when the BISHOP WILL BE COMING TO THE PARISH TO PRESENT MR IAN MAWDSLEY WITH HIS PAPAL AWARD *PRO ECCLESIA ET PONTIFICE*, at a special Mass at 7pm. It will be followed by a reception at the school, to which you are all most warmly welcome.

God bless you, Fr Antony Jones

SUNDAY
MASSES:

(2 December 07) First Sunday of Advent A

Vigil Mass 12 Noon **Sat** (Welsh)
Vigil Mass 530pm **Sat** Sun: 930am

MON: Advent Feria Holy Mass 12 noon
TUES: Advent Feria No Mass today
WED: Advent Feria Holy Mass 12 noon
THUR: Advent Feria No Mass today
FRI: Advent Feria Holy Mass 12 noon
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass.
Holy Hour 3pm. Benediction & Evening Prayer 4pm.

SAT: **Immaculate Conception of BVM**
Vigil Mass 12 noon (Welsh)
Vigil Mass 530pm

Young People's Prayers before the Bl. Sacrament 10am
Sacrament of Reconciliation Service of Reconciliation 10.30am Saturday
Confessions after both Saturday Masses
And on call.

Mass Intentions

Saturday: 12 noon: For the Parish 530pm: John Wright
Sunday: Special Intention
Monday: David Jones RIP
Wednesday: Jackie Davis RIP
Friday: Maria Benedikt
Saturday: 12 noon: For the Parish 530pm: Sick Clergy
Sunday: Harry Jones RIP

UCM: Afternoon Tea at Deganwy Quay, Monday;
No Catechumenate;
SVP Wednesday. 730pm Stella Maris;
Carol Concert, Friday, 730pm, in the church;
Last Week's Collection: £692 (gift-aided £262 = £65 refund).
Feed my Lambs: £143 (feeding 213 starving children for a week) Well done!

WANTED URGENTLY

MORE GAS MEMBERS FOR THE VISITATION OF THE HOSPITAL

See priest