

DAY	FEAST	MASS	INTENTION	DEVOTIONS AND ACTIVITIES
SAT 17th	St Ignatius of Antioch	12 noon 530pm	Bill Scraggs RIP Sam Thomas	Young People's Adoration: 10am Confessions 4.15 – 5.15 pm; after both Masses
SUN	Sunday 29B	930am	For the Parish	
MON	Feria			
TUE 20th	Feria	12 noon	Bill Scraggs RIP	Catechumenate, 730pm, Stella Maris
WED 21st	Feria	12 noon	Special Intention	SVP 730pm, Stella Maris Eucharistic Adoration. 8pm-9pm
THU 22nd	Feria	12 noon	For the peace of Jerusalem	Rosary, 1130am Funeral Vigil 6pm (Margaret Perkins RIP) Open House, 2-4pm, Stella Maris
FRI 23rd	Feria	12 noon	Requiem: Mgt Perkins RIP	Exposition of Bl. Sacrament from 1230—415 3pm Holy Hour; 4pm Benediction
SAT 24th	Feria	12 noon 530pm	Thomas William Davies RIP Ines Jones RIP	Young People's Adoration. 10am Confessions: 4.15pm-5.15pm; after both Masses
SUN	Sunday 30B	9.30am	For the Parish	Baptisms: 12 noon

Thank you for Last Sunday's Collection: £768 (of which £328 was gift-aided= £91 tax refund to Parish)
 Thank you for Feed my Lambs: £240 (feeding some 300 starving Sudanese children for a week) Well done!
 Thank you for Home Mission Collection: £305

EIN HARGLWYDDES SEREN Y MÔR OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA LLANDUDNO

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SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 2009

*may we know Christ more clearly
 love him more dearly
 and follow him more nearly*

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Dear Parishioner,

Feeling a lot better these days, I have resumed my old practice of taking a regular stroll along the prom. What is so very obvious these days is the wind farm that now sits on the horizon.

The fascinating thing about it is that it seems to move further away from you the further you walk up the prom. When you see it from by the St George's, it looks quite close and directly opposite you. As you walk along the prom towards the paddling pool, it seems to walk with you at first, then strides out in front of you, until eventually hiding half of itself behind the Little Orme. Like a little child.

My elementary knowledge of physics is enough to tell me that this optical illusion is because of the curve of the prom, that the wind farm is not really taking a walk with me nor is it playing hide and seek. It is all a matter of perspective.

This new found walking companion of mine I do not find particularly unpleasant. Nor do I find him or her (its difficult to ascribe a gender to a wind farm!) particularly ugly. Though I know some people do, and perhaps this is why he/she tries to hide himself/herself behind the Little Orme at the end of the walk! Many years for the days when the Llandudno beach was all golden sand and no man-made turbines sat on the horizon, the very place where heaven and earth seem to embrace.

Personally, I think that man-made turbines are just what is needed at the place where heaven and earth meet. They are there to produce energy, obviously, but they are there too to protect and save this beautiful and fragile earth for our children and our children's children. The unbroken tradition of Judaism and Christianity sees the earth as the handwork of God and ourselves its stewards, the ones whose task

it is to cultivate it and look after it. The wind farm stands on the horizon where heaven meets earth; so must our approach to ecology be, for we are believers both in a creating God and in a beautiful world.

We hear a lot about ecology these days, saving energy and taking steps to slow down or prevent that oncoming global warming which threatens us, our children and our planet. But we seldom think of failure to be environmentally minded as sinful. But surely it is. It has to be. Not to value enough God's great gift of creation; not to be sufficiently concerned for the well-being of our future generations, this just has to be displeasing in the eyes of the Lord.

But what can we do to make a difference? We can do only what we can do; the small little things. But if everyone did the small little things, the world would be well and truly on the way to salvation.

So, like the walking wind farm, it is all a matter of perspective. We have to broaden our horizons. We have to look beyond this particular wind farm, this particular inconvenience or belt-tightening exercise, to the bigger picture, where God is recognised as Creator and man as keeper and custodian of what is so beautiful yet so fragile.

So, my advice to you is to walk with the wind farm, this one and every other enterprise that concerned individuals put into place for the benefit of the planet. And do your bit yourself. Try to be green in all that you do, tread this world softly and reverently. It bears the imprint of God.

And finally. The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is holding a coffee morning on Friday 23 October at Gloddaeth United Church, Chapel Street, from 10 to noon, to mark the 42nd anniversary of the passing of the Abortion act. Abortion is perhaps the ultimate act of disregard and irreverence for God's beautiful and fragile creation. God bless, Fr AJ