

DAY	FEAST	MASS	INTENTION	DEVOTIONS AND ACTIVITIES
SAT 31st	Feria	12 noon 530pm	John Walters Martin and Mayer Ainsworth	Monthly Confessional Service 10am Confessions 4.15 –5.15 pm; after both Masses
SUN	All Saints	930am	For the Parish	
MON	All Souls	10am 12noon 630pm	Holy Souls Holy Souls Holy Souls	Mass for deceased Parishioners of last 2 years
TUE	St Winefride	12 noon	Bill Scraggs RIP	Catechumenate, 730pm, Stella Maris
WED 4th	St Charles Borromeo	12 noon	Monica Cockshott MM	SVP 730pm, Stella Maris Eucharistic Adoration. 8pm-9pm
THU 5th	Feria	12 noon 930am (Sch)	Sick Clergy Mike Bolger RIP	Rosary, 1130am Open House, 2-4pm, Stella Maris
FRI 6th	Feria	12 noon	Merry Widows (SJ)	Exposition of Bl. Sacrament from 1230—415pm 3pm Holy Hour; 4pm Benediction
SAT 7th	Dedication of Cathedral	12 noon 530pm	Adrian and Bridget Cooper Special Intention	Young People's Adoration. 10am Confessions: 415pm-515pm; after both Masses
SUN	Sunday 32B	9.30am	For the Parish	Remembrance Sunday

Thank you for Last Sunday's Collection: £772 (of which £231 was gift-aided = £65 tax refund to Parish)
Thank you for Feed my Lambs: £219 (feeding some 275 starving Sudanese children for a week) Well done!

School Mass on Thursday. You are always welcome to attend School or Class Masses

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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA
LLANDUDNO**

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SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2009
All saints

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

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Dear Parishioner,

Today we celebrate the joyful feast of All Saints, a feast which reminds us that the roll of saints is not confined to those canonised by Rome, but also includes those whom we have loved and who strove to do the Lord's will while they lived. It is a Feast that reminds us all of our ultimate destiny.

But, as Our Lord has clearly taught, there is no way in which we will enter into the presence of the all-holy God with sin still clinging to us. Purgatory is the final expression of God's graciousness and long-suffering attitude towards us. Even after our death, he is prepared to continue his loving purification of us. The ancient tradition of the Church, and of the Jewish custom before us, is to pray for these souls in purgatory. One day a year is given over to this in a special way, the day we call All Souls, which this year falls on Monday.

As I mentioned in my Letter last week, we will be introducing a new feature to our All Souls Day this

year. The evening Mass, at 630pm, will specially remember all those parishioners who have died during the last couple of years. During this Mass, their names will be read out, with the congregation praying individually for each one, while members of the families concerned will light a candle and place it below the altar, an opportunity for the families to express their on-going love for the deceased member and also their gratitude to God for having given them life in the first place and eternal life now.

Now that the half term break is over and the children are well settled into their new classes and schools, it is time for us to resume our Catechism Lessons for those pupils in Years 7 and 8. They will resume on Tuesday 3 November from 4 to 5pm at Stella Maris and will be ongoing throughout term time until the end of the academic year

Before going on to tell you about the changes we are introducing this year to our usual procedures,

let me first of all thank Mrs Dorothy Oaks, who is retiring from her role as Catechist, for all the generous time and effort she has put into this work over the years. As a Parish Family, we are extremely grateful to her.

That same gratitude we express to Mrs Margaret Hunt and Mrs Fleur Williams, our current Catechists.

The classes are intended for all Catholic children in Years 7 and 8. I needn't stress how important these lessons are and I hope that parents will cooperate fully in ensuring that the young people attend.

The Lessons will be on Tuesdays for both Years. After refreshments and prayer together with me, the group will split into two classes. Each Year will have its own teacher who will stay with the class throughout the two year course, thus enabling better continuity and better bonding between catechist and pupil.

The Curriculum has also changed. Year 7 will concentrate on the Creed while Year 8 will study the Sacraments. The Creed will give the young people a firm under-

standing of what the Church believes and studying the Sacraments will enable them to understand what the Church does and how she brings God's love and salvation into our lives. Special focus will be given to the meaning and relevance of the Mass.

Last week, I spoke to you in this Letter about the need to instil into our children a sense of personal relationship with God, that relationship which is at the heart of all religion, without which religion is meaningless. I said that this can only be achieved by prayer, and I suggested a big effort on the part of parents and grandparents to pray with their children at home and to bring them regularly to Sunday Mass and to the Saturday Morning Prayers.

If we can do this, and if the children attend carefully these sessions in Years 8 and 9, then I think their Confirmation will be very different. Instead of children shedding their faith after Confirmation as they usually do, like a snake shedding its skin, they will instead be putting on afresh that baptismal shawl, that sign of Christ, and will wear it with pride.

God bless you,

Fr Antony