

DAY	FEAST	MASS	INTENTION	DEVOTIONS AND ACTIVITIES
SAT 7th	Dedication of Cathedral	12 noon 530pm	Adrian and Bridget Cooper Special Intention	<b>Children's Adoration 10am</b> Confessions 4.15 – 5.15 pm; after both Masses
SUN	Sunday 32B	930am	For the Parish	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>
MON 9th	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica			
TUE 10th	St Leo the Great	Exposition 12 to 1230		Finance Committee Mtg. 730pm. Stella Maris
WED 11th	St Martin of Tours	Exposition 12 to 1230		SVP 730pm, Stella Maris Eucharistic Adoration. 8pm-9pm
THU 12th	St Josaphat	12 noon 930am (Sch)	Mgr Edward Gould RIP John Edwards	Rosary, 1130am <b>Open House, 2-4pm, Stella Maris</b>
FRI 13th	Feria	12 noon	Cathy and Peter Hogg	Exposition of Bl. Sacrament from 1230—415pm 3pm Holy Hour; 4pm Benediction
SAT 14th	Feria	12 noon <b>330pm</b> 530pm	Maria Subotkiewich Nuptial Mass: Katerina and Ivan	<b>Young People's Adoration. 10am</b> Confessions: 415pm-515pm; after both Masses
SUN	Sunday 33B	9.30am	For the Parish	

2008/9 The Year of the Child in our Parish

Thank you for Last Sunday's Collection: £751 of which £300 was gift-aided = £84 tax refund to Parish  
Thank you for Feed my Lambs: £307 (feeding some 380 starving Sudanese children for a week) **Brilliant!!**

"Christ in the Universe" is reprinted from The Oxford Book of English Mystical Verse. Ed. Nicholson & Lee. Oxford: The Clarendon Press, 1917.

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

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SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2009

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

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# Dear Parishioner,

*I'M NOT THAT ANCIENT, but when I was in reception class at St Winefride's School in Holywell, we had slates and chalk as our writing materials. Now children of the same age are using computers. Doesn't that say something about the tremendous speed of technological progress, once it really gets started? And at this rate, what will it be like in a hundred years time, a thousand years time?*

*And just say there is developed life on another planet, and just say they started out on their technological journey a thousand years before we did, wouldn't that make them now incredibly advanced, beyond our very imagining!*

*These are real questions which the Church asks as well as the scientists. Indeed, this very week there is a seminar being held in the Vatican by the Pontifical Academy of Sciences which is asking these very questions. How did life originate on earth? How does life originate anywhere? Can we expect to find intelligent life on other planets? They call it Astrobiology.*

*The answer to the last question is Yes. Yes, we do expect to find life on other planets and probably within the next ten years. According to the astrobiologist Chris Impey, who is taking part in the Vatican seminar, there could be as many as a hundred million places in the Milky Way alone which could support life.*

*For fifty years now, we humans have been sending signals into outer space only to get no reply; but the scientists are certain that life does exist out there. Millions of dollars are being spent on the quest to find it.*

*It is already well established that life began here over four billion years ago (a heck of a time!), when Planet Earth was a very inhospitable place to be. It began as a result of chemical interaction stirred by the intense heat of the place and the electrical impulses in the lightning. Those microbes that were formed have taken four billion*

*years to turn into you and me! Happy thought!*

*This Seminar is taking place in the Vatican, and that alone assures us that evidence of extraterrestrial life is no threat to our religion or our belief in God. What it might challenge is our belief that human beings are the only intelligent beings with whom God has had contact and brought into a living and loving relationship with himself.*

*The scientific fact of evolution in no way contradicts the biblical stories of creation, for these are precisely what we call them—stories. What the stories are telling us is that God is the Creator; that all life, all being comes from Him. To my mind, the Creator who brings his handiwork to completion over four billion years is a far more interesting and wonderful Creator than one who does so at the click of a divine finger.*

*We have no problems with angels and archangels who know and serve God, so why should we have any problem with intelligent life on other planets? They will all, like ourselves and the angels, stem from the same creating and providential Hand.*

*And what kind of relationship with God will these creatures have, whom we are yet to discover and who may turn out to be far superior to ourselves and vastly more intelligent? A different relationship from ours, for sure; but a real and loving relationship, all the same. We will have to wait into eternity to find out.*

*Some years ago, I came upon the poem printed out opposite which made a deep and lasting impression on me. I recommend that you not only read it, but pray it and meditate upon it.*

## CHRIST IN THE UNIVERSE

by Alice Meynell (1847-1922)

*WITH this ambiguous earth  
His dealings have been told us. These abide:  
The signal to a maid, the human birth,  
The lesson, and the young Man crucified.*

*But not a star of all  
The innumerable host of stars has heard  
How He administered this terrestrial ball.  
Our race have kept their Lord's entrusted  
Word.*

*Of His earth-visiting feet  
None knows the secret, cherished, perilous,  
The terrible, shamefast, frightened, whispered,  
sweet,  
Heart-shattering secret of His way with us.*

*No planet knows that this  
Our wayside planet, carrying land and wave,  
Love and life multiplied, and pain and bliss,  
Bears, as chief treasure, one forsaken grave.*

*Nor, in our little day,  
May His devices with the heavens be guessed,  
His pilgrimage to thread the Milky Way  
Or His bestowals there be manifest.*

*But in the eternities,  
Doubtless we shall compare together, hear  
A million alien Gospels, in what guise  
He trod the Pleiades, the Lyre, the Bear.*

*O, be prepared, my soul!  
To read the inconceivable, to scan  
The myriad forms of God those stars unroll  
When, in our turn, we show to them a Man.*

*Fr Antony*