

DAY	FEAST	MASS	INTENTION	DEVOTIONS AND ACTIVITIES
SAT 9th	Christmas Feria	12 noon 530pm	Mary Jones and Tommy John Sweeney	Confessions after both Masses and 415-515pm
SUN	The Lord's Baptism	930am	For the Parish	Little White Flower Appeal today (SPUC)
MON	Feria			
TUE 12th	Feria	12 noon <b>Requiem</b>	Teresa Cringle RIP	Catechism: Years 7 and 8, 4pm Stella Maris Catechumenate 730pm
WED 13th	Feria	12 noon	Phyllis Parry	SVP 730pm, Stella Maris Eucharistic Adoration 8-9pm
THU 14th	Feria	12 noon 930am School	Pat Wilcox Jimmy and Maggie Leonard	<b>Open House. 2-4pm</b> <b>Outreach with Sr Mary 730pm Stella Maris</b>
FRI 15th	Feria	12 noon	Vincent and Maria DeNobrega	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 1230-415pm Holy Hour 3pm. Benediction 4pm
SAT 16th	Feria	12 noon 530pm	Paul and Sue Antrobus Margaret Grundy	<b>No Young People's Adoration this week</b> <b>Confessions</b> after both Masses and 415-515pm
SUN	Sunday 2C	9.30am	For the Parish	

**FINANCIAL REPORT.** Thank you most heartily for all monies received during the week. We know the times are hard.

**Fact:** The Parish needs £1075 per week to maintain itself

**Fact:** If you "Gift-Aid" your collection you will add a further 28p to every pound you give. Ring David Price: 549880

**Fact:** £225 comes out of the collection every week to cover: Insurance, Council Tax, Electricity, Water and Grounds

**Fact:** Last week's Collection: £610. (falling £465 short of what the Parish needs to maintain itself)

**Fact:** Feed my Lambs: £199 Feeding about 240 starving Sudanese children for a week.

**Fact:** 80p feeds a Sudanese child for a week. **Fact:** Chris Evans, Radio 2 DJ, spent £5.2 million pounds on a Ferrari car.

The Car Park Code changes today. Permits are in the Sacristy. We are getting very lax in locking the gate—please do so after you come in and after you go out. Please attach the lock to the bottom link and do not wrap the chain around the bars of the gate.

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

35 LLOYD STREET. LL30 2YA

SUNDAY 10 JANUARY 2010  
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

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## Dear Parishioner,

In my sermon last Sunday, the Feast of Our Lord's Epiphany and the first Sunday of the New Year and New Decade, I made some suggestions to you as to the kind of New Year's Resolutions we should be considering. A lot of people seemed to have been encouraged by what I had to say, so maybe we should reflect a little further on the message I was trying to put over.

It was all about those Wise Men who not only found Christ in the stable, but who took that further step and entered into the place where the Child was. They didn't just stand at the stable door and admire the One whom they had found, but they entered in, they penetrated into the great mystery of God among us, the Incarnation of God, the focus of our Christmas celebrations.

I tried to remind you, and myself as well, that we are called and challenged to take that further step ourselves, to enter deeply into the mystery of Christ, to understand from the inside what Christianity really means and experience the power it holds.

Focussing on the lady who walked out of Mass just as Christ was inviting her to share his banquet of life, I made the point that, whatever her reason for leaving Mass early, she demonstrated by departing at that sacred moment that she had virtually no understanding of what the Mass really is and what it can do to our lives if we would only let

it. And that good lady is no exception; we all need to deepen our understanding of our Faith. We all desperately need to know Christ more clearly, love him more dearly and follow him more nearly. To achieve this I suggested some New Year's Resolutions.

Among other things, I suggested that you should join our Catechumenate—on line.

I hope you make good use of our website. Its address is on the front of every newsletter, but you can get it just as quickly by Googling "Llandudno Catholic Church". (Then save it). It has been the envy of every parish in the Diocese for several years now (I take no credit: it was the late Noel Walley who kindly created it). But good as it is, it has become a little bit dated and I am delighted to tell you that it is about to be completely refashioned by our new webmaster, Mike Townsend. I am really grateful to him for this. Watch it as it develops. Eventually it will be very user-friendly and will provide you with every kind of information about the Parish you could possibly wish for.

But in the context of what I am saying at the moment, I draw your attention to the fact that the Catechumenate Talks are updated on our website weekly. You can listen, week by week, to what was discussed and explained at the Tuesday session. And every session is there, from the first to the current one.

You can start at the beginning. You can listen over again to any session you found helpful or difficult. And if you don't find your answer, you can always ask me personally.

Catholics who attend the Catechumenate are amazed, utterly amazed at what they learn, and they ask why they had not been informed about these things before. They recognise how impoverished their spiritual lives had been without that deeper understanding of the Faith. So, here's your first New Year's Resolution.

What I didn't say last Sunday, because the sermon was already quite long, was the fantastic resource we have in EWTN, Eternal Word Television Network. It is a Catholic Television Station. If you have Sky then you have EWTN. It is channel 589.

Not only will EWTN give you Mass everyday, it will keep you updated with all that is going on in Rome and across the Catholic World. It will give you the opportunity of making retreats in your own home. It will provide you with countless and fascinating discussions and documentaries on the Catholic Church. It will tell you the stories of innumerable people who have "come home" to the Catholic Church after a lifetime spent elsewhere. It will entertain and spiritually educate your little ones. It will certainly be a means of getting you to "know Christ more clearly..." And you will come to love it; so many people do! So there's your

second resolution.

What I did suggest in my sermon last Sunday was that every Catholic family should get a Catholic paper. Again, this is a great means of getting to know Christ more clearly, of deepening our understanding of the Faith, for these papers not only provide Catholic news but lots of information about the Church and the saints as well. I recommend the Universe or the Catholic Herald. As I said last Sunday, the Universe is the Catholic equivalent of the Mirror, the Herald of the Telegraph. Just ask your newsagent to get it for you, and he will. As easy as that.

It was not only the Wise Men who were making their way to the Stable at Bethlehem but also the agents of Herod whose purpose was to put an end to Christ and all that He stood for. The Agents of Herod are still alive - and kicking for all their worth; they work for the BBC; they write in the daily papers; they live among us. We must "arm ourselves", as St Paul says, to resist them; we must have the kind of knowledge of our Faith that can withstand their attacks and prove them empty. But we never will nor ever can unless we know what the Church really teaches. We must not be content to stand at the stable door. We must enter more deeply into Christ's mystery, striving to know Him more clearly....

God bless you,

Fr Antony