

DAY	FEAST	MASS	INTENTION	DEVOTIONS AND ACTIVITIES
SAT 13th	Feria	12 noon 530pm	Maddeleine Hatten RIP Catherine Byrne RIP MM	<b>Young People's Adoration, 10am</b> Confessions after both Masses and 41.5-515pm
SUN	Sunday 6C	930am	For the Parish	Baptism Presentations at 930am Mass 2nd Collection: for Sister Jean's Clinic <b>RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS 4PM</b>
MON	Feria			UCMW Annual General Meeting
TUE 16th	Feria	10am	Leeming Family RIP MM	<b>Cytun Council Meeting, 2pm, Stella Maris</b> Funeral Vigil 6pm: Sister Enda IBVM RIP
WED 17th	ASH WEDNESDAY	12 Requiem 630pm Ashes	Sister Enda IBVM RIP Brian Bertola	SVP 730pm, Stella Maris Parish Council Meeting after Mass, Stella Maris
THU 18th	Lenten Feria	12 noon 4pm House M	Eileen Riley Cathy Owen	Open House. 2-4pm Outreach with Sr Mary 730pm Stella Maris
FRI 19th	Lenten Feria	12 noon	Charlotte Simhani RIP	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 1230-415pm Holy Hour 3pm. Benediction 4pm
SAT 20th	Lenten Feria	12 noon 530pm (Sick)	Maureen Jones <b>For the Sick of the Parish</b>	<b>Young People's Adoration, 10am</b> Confessions after both Masses and 41.5-515pm
SUN	Sunday Lent 1C	9.30am	For the Parish	Baptism Team after 930am Mass <b>Rite of Election, 3pm, Cathedral</b> (Catechuminate)

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

**Fact:** The Parish's running costs are £1075 a week, plus an estimated £400 a week to save for immediate maintenance =£1475

**Last week's collection:** Plate: £567 Gift-aided: £350. Tax Refund from Gift-aided monies: £98. Total Collection: £1005

**Fact:** Collection this week enough to pay the bills for the week, but with nothing to save for the oncoming maintenance expenses.

**Fact:** If you "Gift-Aid" your collection you will add a further 28p to every pound you give. Ring Peter Lewis, 546705,

**Feed My Lambs: £209, feeding about 260 starving Sudanese children for a week. Well done.**

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

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## 14 February 2010

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

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# Dear Parishioner,

Today I report to you on the meeting of the Parish Council held last Tuesday evening.

First of all, let me tell you who all the members are and which group in the Parish they represent (but remember, each member represents the whole parish as well as their own particular group).

President	Fr Antony
Chairperson:	Sara Dennison
Secretary:	Sue Lewis
Life Member	Bill Homewood
Baptism Team	Antonello Mosca
Catechists	Margaret Hunt
Convent	Sr Columba
Deanery	Peter Lewis
Ecumenism	Mary Moxham
GAS	Peggy Usher
Marriage Prep	Sara Dennison
Mission Team	John B Murphy
Property	John Dennison
School	Elaine Dingsdale
Stella Maris	John Dennison
SVP	Toni Fossi
UCMW	Ursula Engall
Youth	Sr Jennifer

As always, the meeting was happy and very constructive.

Each Representative gave a report to the Council on their particular group, and it would seem that everything is going well.

The first matter under discussion was an amendment to the Parish Council Constitution itself. Up to the present, the system of re-electing members has been complex, but now we have simplified it. Members will serve for four years, starting as from now. Every two years (the even years) half the Council will be re-elected. We will do this alphabetically, according to the list opposite. So, in 2012, those groups listed between Baptism Team and Marriage Prep will elect a new representative or re-elect the standing one. In 2014, the rest of the groups will re-elect their representative. In 2016, we will be back to the first half again. And so on.

Whether we should bring back the 11am Sunday Mass instead of the 930am was the next matter under lengthy discussion.

Let me just remind you of how we came to have just the 930am Mass on a Sunday morning. The Bishop decided that every parish should have only one Sunday morning Mass, this because he felt the clergy, no longer as young as they used to be, could sometimes be under too much strain.

We then had to decide which Mass to drop and we opted to cancel our 11am Mass so as better to dovetail with Colwyn Bay. The thinking was that if there were a 930am Mass at Llandudno and an 11am Mass at Colwyn Bay, one

priest could cover for the other should either fall ill. But this never came to fruition, as Colwyn Bay was unable to cancel either of its Masses.

Therefore, it is now just up to us to decide which way to jump, but we must deliberate very carefully before we make any decision. Let the Parish Council Reps know what you want. They will be available to you after the weekend Masses and, of course, by phone. In an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council after the evening Mass on Wednesday (Ash Wednesday) and informed by your views, they will vote on which Mass time they think most beneficial to the Parish.

But before that, we need to ascertain what the young parents with children want. We have a fairly good idea what the more elderly parishioners would prefer, and it would seem that 11am is better for the visitors. But we cannot afford to lose our rising generation; we have a very encouraging attendance these days of young parents with toddlers, who are the future of our Parish, as well as being part and parcel of it now.

I want the Parish Council Reps to hear the opinions of these young parents. I propose that on Sunday we should cancel the general invitation to tea after Mass and invite instead these young parents to Stella Maris to express their views to the Parish Council. If any of them are in too much of a hurry to stay behind, Sara and John Dennison will be at the church door to record a quick opinion. This will arm the Reps with

the kind of information they will need for the Wednesday meeting.

But having said all this, I must remind you that this decision ultimately rests with the Bishop, and he may have his own reason for keeping the status quo, in which case we must accept it and respect it. Anyway, we will not rush into any change until we are sure we are making the right decision.

As these matters are now doing the rounds of the Parish, as indeed they are meant to, let me ask you please to differentiate between me and the Parish Council. Already I have been asked, by dedicated and exemplary parishioners, "what am I doing to the 930am Mass?" While the Parish Priest has the ultimate authority in these things, with the PC being an advisory council, I assure you that I do not treat it as a puppet council, there just to do my bidding. The matters on the agenda arise from the Parish and are deliberated by the Parish, in the form of the Parish Council. As such I respect its decisions and never go against them unless I have to, which sometimes happens. The buck stops with me; the responsibility is ultimately mine.

And finally, the PC approved the appointment of Ron Thompson (a former military policeman!) to succeed the late Brian Sweeney as Car Park Warden. With the full support of the Parish Council behind him, he will seek to ensure that no-one abuses the car-parking facilities the church offers

God bless you, Fr Antony