

DAY	FEAST	MASS	INTENTION	DEVOTIONS AND ACTIVITIES
SAT 20th	Feria	12 noon 530pm	Maureen Jones For the Parish	Young People's Adoration, 10am Confessions after both Masses and 415-515pm
SUN 21st	Sunday Lent 1C	930am	Deryk Johnson RIP	Baptism Team after 930am Mass Rite of Election, 3pm, Cathedral (Catechumenate)
MON	Chair of St Peter			UCMW Annual Dinner
TUE 23rd	Lenten Feria	12 noon	Christine Papadopoulos	Catechism: Years 7 and 8. Stella Maris 4pm Catechumenate 730pm
WED	Lenten Feria	12 noon	Donald Wilcox RIP	Stations of the Cross 7pm SVP 730pm, Stella Maris
THU 25th	Lenten Feria	930am Church 12 noon	John Geldart RIP Nelly Barrett RIP	All welcome: School Mass in Church 930 am Funeral Service, Crematorium, Susan Canton + Open House. 2-4pm Outreach with Sr Mary 730pm Stella Maris
FRI 26th	Lenten Feria	12 noon	Peter Flanigan RIP	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 1230-415pm Holy Hour 3pm. Benediction 4pm
SAT 27th	Lenten Feria	12 noon 530pm	James Wiseman RIP Margaret Perkins RIP	Young People's Adoration, 10am Confessions after both Masses and 415-515pm
SUN 28th	Sunday Lent 2C	9.30am 530pm Polish	For the Parish	Baptism 12 noon

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

The Parish's Financial Needs: Costs per week: £1075. Plus an estimated £400 a week to save for imminent maintenance = £1475

Last week's collection: Plate: £596. Gift-aided: £291. Tax Refund from Gift-aided monies: £81. Total Collection: £968

Fact: Collection last week not enough to pay the bills for the week (£107 short), with nothing to save for oncoming maintenance.

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: £146, feeding about 182 starving Sudanese children for a week. . Sr Jean's Collection: £276. Well done

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

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Dear Parishioner,

The Parish Council met in extraordinary session after the evening Mass on Ash Wednesday to bring together the opinion of the Parish as to which of the two Sunday Mass times would be most suitable. As you know, they discussed this matter at length at their ordinary meeting last week, following which they canvassed the opinion of the Parish after the Sunday Masses, by general conversations and by phone.

They found that the opinion of the Parish was equally divided. But on consideration of the pros and cons of each Mass time, they decided that we should keep to the status quo, with 930am being our normal Sunday Mass time.

The 930am Mass suits the Altar Servers, who have so many other activities they want to pursue on a Sunday. It fits in with the organist who also plays for the Polish Mass at Rhyl later in the day. It suits the present ushers, whose faithful service we very much appreciate. It enables people to gather in Stella Maris for refreshments after the Mass, who would hardly do so were the Mass finishing at midday. It fits in with the Baptismal Team who

catechise the parents on the middle Sundays of the month directly after the 930am Mass and who would scarcely be expected to do this at Sunday lunchtime. It also allows for the celebration of Baptism at 12 noon, a time generally more acceptable to priest and people than the afternoon.

These considerations seemed to outweigh, in the mind of the Parish Council, the advantages of having Mass at 11am. These would include the greater ease of the more elderly parishioners in getting to Mass. But, as important as this is, it was felt that the two Saturday Vigil Masses give these parishioners an adequate alternative. The other advantage of the 11am Mass seems to be that it is more convenient for the visitors in the hotels. But the Parish Council felt that the needs of the Parish, which persist from week to week, should supersede the needs of visitors here only for a short period. They acknowledged that an 11am Mass in the summer would be financially beneficial, but finance, although vitally important, as we have just been discovering, is not the most necessary consideration.

This exercise, although we have

ended up where we started, has proved a most useful one. It has let us see the Parish Council in action and democracy in operation. We now know exactly how the Parish feels on the matter; we have discussed the ins and outs of it all; we have measured the pros and the cons; and we have reached a mature decision. I would like to thank all of you, especially the members of the PC, for taking the exercise as seriously as it deserved and for reaching your conclusion.

I exerted no influence on the decision of the PC and only after they had decided did I tell them that I was entirely of the same mind.

We now know which Mass time is our official one. Should we be fortunate enough to acquire a second priest, and I feel confident that sooner or later we shall, we could add, with the Bishop's agreement, an 11am Mass; but that would have to be an ad hoc arrangement, with the Mass being on only when it can be on, and off when it has to be. Such an additional priest would, no doubt, have to be ready to stand in for any other priest in the Diocese who may fall ill. The parish answer-phone could announce each week whether the Mass is on or not; the outside notice board could advertise it or otherwise. But let's not count our chickens before they're

hatched!

The PC recommended to me that I clarify to you the status of the Saturday 12 noon Vigil Mass, as there seems to be some confusion about it. This Mass, although it is so early, is a Vigil Mass fulfilling the Sunday obligation. The Introductions, the Sermon and the Bidding Prayers are in English, thus making it as easy to follow by non-Welsh speakers as the old Latin Mass used to be.

The School Mass this Thursday will be held in church at 930am. This, as I told you in a previous Newsletter, was recently decided upon between Mrs Dingsdale, members of the teaching Staff and myself. Every Thursday, all things being equal, Mass is said for years 3,4,5 and 6 in school; once a term, usually the first Thursday of the term, the Mass will be held in church. Would parents please bring their children directly to church on these days and, equally importantly, stay with them for the Mass. If you do this, and if you get into the habit of staying for the Mass at School as well, we will enjoy a regular Family Mass together, a happy celebration that should encourage the children to attend the Sunday Eucharist as they most certainly ought.

God bless you, Fr Antony