

DAY	FEAST	MASS	INTENTION	DEVOTIONS AND ACTIVITIES
SAT 6th	Feria	12 noon 5.30pm	Maureen Carroll Frankie Clark RIP	Monthly Service of Reconciliation 10am Confessions after both Masses and 4.15-5.15pm
SUN	Sunday Lent 3C	9.30am	For the Parish	Catechism for First Holy Communion. SM 4pm
MON	Lenten Feria		Margaret Perkins RIP	Catechism: Years 7 and 8. Stella Maris 4pm Catechumenate 7.30pm
TUE 9th	Lenten Feria	12 noon	Holy Souls	
WED 10th	Lenten Feria	12 noon	Ron Nowell Int	Stations of the Cross 7pm SVP 7.30pm Adoration 7.45-8.45pm School Govs Mtg (P and C) 7pm School Deanery Pastoral Meeting, Stella Maris, 7.30pm
THU 11th	Lenten Feria	9.30am School 12 noon	Holy Souls Mary Hale RIP	All welcome: School Mass 9.30 am Yrs 3,4,5,6 Open House. 2-4pm Outreach with Sr Mary 7.30pm Stella Maris
FRI 12th	Lenten Feria	12 noon	Frankie and Marie Shaw +	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 12.30-4.15pm Holy Hour 3pm. Benediction 4pm
SAT 13th	Lenten Feria	12 noon 5.30pm	John O'Shea For the Parish	Young People's Adoration: 10am Confessions after both Masses and 4.15-5.15pm
SUN	Sunday Lent 4C	9.30am	Robert Stadnick	Baptism Team after Mass

FINANCIAL REPORT. Thank you most heartily for all monies received during the week. We know the times are hard. Congratulations. The collection last week was sufficient to pay our weekly bills, with £25 to save for oncoming maintenance. Collection: Plate: £569. Gift-Aided £411. Tax refund from Gift-Aided: £115 Total Collection = £1095
Feed My Lambs: £213 (feeding about 265 starving Sudanese children for a week) Well done!
Thank You to Anonymous Donor living in England. She has contributed £600, towards our oncoming maintenance costs.
Try to Gift-Aid your contributions. By doing so, you add 28p to every pound you give. Ring Peter Lewis on 542704

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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,

Only on Wednesday did the Bishop confirm it, but I had known for some time it was in the offing: we are going to have an assistant priest, the newly ordained Fr Gordon Cambell-Owen. He will join us for next weekend, 13/14 March.

Before we get too excited about it, let me tell you immediately that it will not be long term, but long enough for us to enjoy the luxury. He will be a great help to me and to you, and, I hope, it will mean that the homes in the Parish can once again be visited.

Fr Gordon was ordained on 11 December last year. He served the Lord as an Anglican vicar for some years before converting, with his delightful wife, Marion, to the Catholic Faith. He spent many years in the RAF before entering the Anglican ministry and he has had much experience in the teaching profession too. He and Marian live in Bangor and Fr Gordon will commute to Llandudno daily. He is a lovely character and a Welsh speaker into the bargain, having been born and bred on Anglesey; you will take to him instantly. We wish him a very happy time in Llandudno, and I am sure you will make him completely welcome.

But now back to Lent. I read the following remarkable and heart-warming article by Henry Samuel in the Daily Telegraph last month. It makes very good Lenten reading and I

commend it to you for your reflection:

“Mr Rabeder 47, a businessman from Telfs is in the process of selling his luxury 3,455 sq ft villa with lake, sauna and spectacular mountain views over the Alps, valued at £1.4 million.

Also for sale is his beautiful old stone farmhouse in Provence with its 17 hectares overlooking the arrière-pays, on the market for £613,000. Already gone is his collection of six gliders valued at £350,000, and a luxury Audi A8, worth around £44,000.

Mr Rabeder has also sold his interior furnishings and accessories business – from vases to artificial flowers – that made his fortune.

"My idea is to have nothing left. Absolutely nothing," he told The Daily Telegraph. "Money is counterproductive – it prevents happiness from coming."

Instead, he will move out of his luxury Alpine retreat into a small wooden hut in the mountains or a simple bedsit in Innsbruck.

His entire proceeds are going to charities he set up in Central and Latin America, but he will not even take a salary from these.

"For a long time I believed that more wealth and luxury automatically meant more happiness," he said. "I come from a very poor family where the rules were to work more to achieve more material things, and I applied this for many years," said Mr Rabeder.

But over time, he had another, conflicting feeling. "More and more I heard the words: 'Stop what you are doing now – all this luxury and consumerism – and start your real life,'" he said. "I had the feeling I was working as a slave for things that I did not wish for or need. I have the feeling that there are a lot of people doing the same thing."

However, for many years he said he was simply not "brave"

enough to give up all the trappings of his comfortable existence.

The tipping point came while he was on a three-week holiday with his wife to islands of Hawaii.

"It was the biggest shock in my life, when I realised how horrible, soulless and without feeling the five star life-

style is," he said. "In those three weeks, we spent all the money you could possibly spend. But in all that time, we had the feeling we hadn't met a single real person – that we were all just actors. The staff played the role of being friendly and the guests played the role of being important and nobody was real."

He had similar feelings of guilt while on gliding trips in South America and Africa. "I increasingly got the sensation that there is a connection between our wealth and their poverty," he said.

Suddenly, he realised that "if I don't do it now I won't do it for the rest of my life".

Mr Rabeder decided to raffle his Alpine home, selling 21,999 lottery tickets priced at just £87 each. The Provence house in the village of Cruis is on sale at the local estate agent.

All the money will go into his micro-credit charity, which offers small loans to Latin America and builds development aid strategies to self-employed people in El Salvador, Honduras, Bolivia, Peru, Argentina and Chile.

Since selling his belongings, Mr Rabeder said he felt "free, the opposite of heavy". But he said he did not judge those who chose to keep their wealth. "I do not have the right to give any other person advice. I was just listening to the voice of my heart and soul."

God bless you, Fr Antony

Lenten Practices **What about attending the Outreach Meeting on Thursday evening (a wonderful and relaxing prayer session in preparation for Sunday)? Or the Adoration on Wednesday Evening? Or the Stations? Or the Holy Hour On Friday afternoon?**