

DAY	FEAST	MASS	INTENTION	DEVOTIONS AND ACTIVITIES
SAT 17th	Easter Feria	12 noon 530pm	Rhydian and Ewa Hughes For the Parish	Young People's Adoration 10am Confessions after both Masses and 415-515pm
SUN	<b>Easter 3C</b>	930am	Jean Thompson	Baptism Team after Mass
MON 19th	Easter Feria	<b>9am</b> 12 noon	Edith McCaffery RIP Mary McCormac RIP	Catechism for First Holy Communion. SM 4pm
TUE	Easter Feria	12 noon	Eliz and Michael Hyland	Catechism: Years 7 and 8; 4pm, Stella Maris Mission Team visiting Llandudno Junction
WED	Easter Feria	12 noon	W and B Greenway	Eucharistic Adoration: 8 to 9pm SVP, 730pm, Stella Maris
THU 22nd	Easter Feria	<b>930am School</b> 12 noon	Edith McCaffery RIP Sue and Geo Peacock RIP	<b>School Mass: 50th Anniversary of laying Foundation Stone. All Welcome</b> Open House. 2-4pm, SM Outreach with Sr Mary 730pm Stella Maris
FRI 23rd	<b>St George</b>	12 noon	Mr and Mrs F Jones	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 1230-415pm Holy Hour 3pm. Benediction 4pm
SAT 24th	Easter Feria	12 noon 530pm	For the Parish Basil McGovern	Young People's Adoration: 10am Confessions after both Masses and 415-515pm
SUN	<b>Easter 4C</b>	9.30am	Sick Clergy	<b>Baptism 12 noon: Baby Sebastian Reszka</b>

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Thank you for Last Sunday's Collection: Plate: £654. Gift Aided: £318. Tax Refund from Gift Aided monies: £89  
 Total Collection: £1061. Well done; but just short of the magical figure of £1075 which enables us to cover our weekly expenses.  
 Unfortunately this week there is nothing left to put aside for those future essential and inevitable maintenance jobs.  
 Poor Box: £61. Just a reminder that it costs us over £75 a week to feed the homeless during the weekend.  
 Thank you for Feed My Lambs, £276, feeding about 345 starving Sudanese children for a week. Brilliantly well done.  
 Please try to gift aid your offerings. By doing so you add 28p to every pound you give. Peter Lewis will give you more info: 546705

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

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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,

“Shortly we will be choosing our next Government. It is an important responsibility and all Catholics should use their vote.”

Thus begins a message put out by the Bishops of England and Wales. It is an important message and I invite you now to read it carefully. It goes on:

**“The fundamental question to ask in deciding who to vote for is not who will best serve me but who will best serve the common good.**

There are questions to be asked about the party you are considering voting for, and about the particular candidate. This message sets out some of the considerations we should all have in mind when making those choices. As Bishops we are not advocating any particular political party. That is not our role.

There are limits to what any Government can do on its own. On their own, targets, rules and regulations cannot improve the quality of our shared life. People do that. They do it by choosing the common good rather than pure self interest. We are all responsible and we need to put our moral values to work in a spirit of neighbourliness and mutual support. That is what happens in a crisis, but we need to see it every day as well.

We depend on one another. And we need a Government that draws out

what is best in all of us, and which aims to serve the common good.

So the fundamental question we each need to ask ourselves in deciding who to vote for is not who will best serve me, but who will best serve the common good of all of us.

This is about restoring trust at the heart of our society: trust in each other and in our institutions to do the right thing by choice, not by constraint.

In early March 2010 we published a pamphlet **Choosing the Common Good** which explores these ideas more fully. We encourage you to study and discuss it. It can be obtained from Alive Publishing or downloaded from

[www.catholicchurch.org](http://www.catholicchurch.org).

We note some specific issues and questions which we believe are particularly important. We encourage you to ask Parliamentary candidates where they stand on these issues.

We also ask you to pray for God's guidance on the choices we all make, and for his guidance for our future government and for all those who are called to serve society as Members of Parliament.”

+ **The Bishops of England and Wales**

## **Valuing Life.**

This means opposing abortion, euthanasia, life-cramping poverty and the neglect of the elderly.

**Ask your Parliamentary Candidate:** What does respect for life mean to you? Do all lives, of older people, the infirm, the severely disabled, the unborn, have the same value?

## **Family Life**

Families are the basic building block of any stable society. Marriage provides the best context for bringing up children and must have the clear support and encouragement of Government.

**Ask your Parliamentary Candidate:** What will you do for marriage and the family? What practical measures will you take to encourage and support stable family life and the institution of marriage?

## **Migration**

This is not about numbers, it is about human beings. Wherever the Government sets the boundary on who can or cannot live here, it must apply its rules with fairness, decency and respect for the individual.

**Ask your Parliamentary Candidate:** What beliefs and values underpin your approach to migration? And how will you show them in practice?

## **The World's Poor and the Environment**

Our care for each other is also shown in how we support the development of the world's poorest people, and how we use—or abuse—the environment we share. We must be good stewards of God's creation, not selfish exploiters of it.

**Ask your Parliamentary Candidate:** What do you think is our responsibility to the poor, in this country and overseas? What is our responsibility to safeguard and protect the environment?

## **On Religious Belief.**

Our faith is at the heart of our lives. Religious belief is not just something private: it helps create a society that wants to see everyone flourish. It has a contribution to make and must be allowed to do so in accordance with its teachings

**Ask your Parliamentary Candidate:** What do you think is the place of religion in society?

**Whomsoever you decide to vote for,  
from whichever political party you decide to support,  
send back to Parliament someone  
who understands the common good and who will work for it.**