

2nd Sunday in ordinary time



DIOCESE OF WREXHAM: Registered Charity Number 700426
Our Lady Star of the Sea R.C Church, 35, Lloyd Street, Llandudno, LL30 2YA

Served by the Missionaries of St Paul



Mass times: Week beginning 15th January, 2022

Days	Times
Saturday (Rosary and confessions)	10am
Saturday	4:30PM - Int: Parish
Sunday	09:30m -Int: Helena Sinclair RIP
Tuesday	12pm-Int: Julie Kiely RIP
Wednesday	12pm Int: Gregory Smith int.
Friday	12PM-Int: Irene Hackett sick

Mark 13:23-37

You, therefore, must be on your guard. I have given you full warning. 'But in those days, after that time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light, the stars will come falling out of the sky and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

And then they will see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send the angels to gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of the sky.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, right at the gates. In truth I tell you, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Sky and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father. 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from his home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own work to do; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow or dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep.

And what I am saying to you I say to all: Stay awake!

This Sunday's readings

First reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Responsorial Psalm 103(104):1-4,24-25,27-30

Second reading: 95(96):1-3,7-10

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Last weeks' Offering

Plate: £352.37

Gift Aid: £235.10

Tribute: £100.85

TGAD: £130.60

Thank you all for your generosity! We encourage you to join the gift aid scheme if you are able please contact: 01492860546

It is a Christian and wholesome charity for us to pray for our sick clergy and our brothers and sisters, and housebound.

Fr Antony Jones, Mgr James Fealey, Fr Ian Dalgleish and Canon Bernard Lordan . Jennifer Congreve, Doreen Barker, Bob Lemon, Pat Wilcox, Janice Lockwood, Stephen O'Connell, Jim Kane, Shelagh Scraggs , Jennifer Hamlett, Olive McStay, Emmie Kelly, Sister Patricia Lane IBVM. Sr, Philo IBVM. John Barron, Cora Roberts, Gavin Smith , Patrick McGlad, Kristina Adey-Davies , Christopher Rakestraw Eric Hibbert, Des Garth Jones, Amy Jones, Eira Dalzell, Teresa Kearns, Maria Spacome , Linda and Paul Blanchard , Mrs Spillane **Recently dead** Sister Josephine IBVM

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Your new Parish Council members

We are pleased to announce the new members of our Parish council :

Chair: Mr. Mike Hendry

Secretary : Mrs. Ronnie Lawson

Auxiliary members : Mr. John Dennison, Mrs. Sarah Dennison

General Members: Father Innocent Abonyi, MSP, Mrs. Lucy Phillips (school) Mr. Mike Townsend, Mrs. Karla Durrant, Mrs. Elizabeth McTear, Mrs. Catherine Stones Mrs. Barbara Smok, Mrs. Pauline Mcglory, Ms. Jane Barnes: Please pray for the members of the Parish council that they may carry out their duties well in service of God.

This week's reflection:

Did you see on the news this week the interview with Will Perry? You will remember him: he is one of our Paralympic Champion Swimmers, of whom we are justly proud. His disability is stunted growth. He spoke of his victorious return to Britain after the Paralympics, not in terms of laurel wreaths and congratulations, but as a continuation of that habitual ridicule he has endured every day of his life. He spoke of people pointing at him and photographing him in the streets, not as a returning hero as he was, but as some kind of oddity. Such behaviour speaks much more of our own sad loss of Christian values than of him.

Have you ever wondered what Christ looked like? Of course you have. We picture Him as sleek and athletic - but was He? He could have been tall or short, fat or thin - we just don't know. Neither the New Testament nor his contemporaries make any comment on his physique, or for that matter on anyone else's - except for one person, Zacchaeus (Luke 19). He is the man who famously climbed the sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus whom he could not see for the crowd because "he was small in stature" (Luke 19:3).

Could Zacchaeus have been suffering from dwarfism too? He well might have been, for Jesus always had eyes for those whom society marginalises. "And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down (from the tree) for I must stay at your house today'". Jesus saw him simply as he was, not as a small man or a tall one, not as an upright man or a sinful one, not as a rich man or a poor one, not as anything at all other than Zacchaeus, a unique human being like everyone else. If we could only see people as Jesus did, Will Perry would not have had occasion for that interview.

Notice: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sister Josephine IBVM who passed away last week, at Loreto convent. Eternal rest grant on to her O Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon her, may she rest in peace. Amen

Prayer request: Please keep Irene Hackett, the sister of Ronnie, in your prayers who is very unwell at this time. Also keep Ronnie and her family in your prayers. During this uncertain time.

Diocese of Wrexham Consultation in preparation for the Synod of Bishops 2023: OLSS Llandudno Parish Consultation: The theme of this synod is "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission : 1st meeting has already taken place. 2nd Meeting - **Tuesday 25th January at 6.30 pm in our parish church** Secretary: Jane Barnes: jane.barnes491@gmail.com

Important notice: Please pray for Monsignor Fealey who is very unwell in the hospital.

Peace Sunday: Sunday 16th January-link to Diocesan zoom is on our social media and should be registered beforehand. Service will begin at 4pm

The theme chosen for 2022 by Pope Francis is: "Dialogue between generations, education and work: tools for building lasting peace".

Intercession for the Third Sunday of the Month :This intercession from the Marriage and Family Life Commission has been taken from the Pax Christi suggested liturgy for this Sunday: We pray for all those who work, in their different ways, to build peace, mutual understanding and reconciliation within families, between children and between different generations. Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer

Christian Unity Week 2022

You will receive a leaflet with the newsletter this week to assist you in following Christian Unity week: 18th to the 25th January

Teas and coffees: Please join Father Innocent after mass on Sunday, for a hot drink , a biscuit and a good chat , all welcome and measures are in place to ensure your safety.

Father Innocent Abonyi, MSP, induction date: On Friday 18th February, 2022 at 6:30pm, Father Innocent will be inducted as Parish Priest. All are most welcome to attend, and we are appealing for volunteers to organise the after Mass celebration, which of course will have to be considerate of the latest covid restrictions etc. If you would like to get involved just let Father Innocent or office know.

Conwy Food Bank: A big thank you for all your donations to Conwy food bank, it is great to see our Parish living a Christian life, may it long continue.

Covid : Please continue to follow all the necessary regulations, wash hands/sanitise, one way system, distancing etc. Please note that Church doors will usually have to be left open to allow proper ventilation of building, so do wrap up warm before Mass. Please also pray for an end to this pandemic.