

# 6th Sunday in Ordinary time



Diocese of Wrexham Registered Charity Number 700426

Our Lady Star of the Sea R.C Church, Llandudno

Served by the Missionaries of St Paul



## Mass times: For the week

commencing 13th February, 2021:

Saturday :4:30pm

Sunday : 09:30am

Wednesday: (Ash Wednesday) **11am and 6pm**

Friday : 12 noon

All other Masses will be celebrated privately by Father Isek.

**Confessions available during Rosary on Saturdays at 10am and on request.**

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## Matthews Catholic Gospel 14:1-13

At that time Herod the tetrarch heard about the reputation of Jesus and said to his court, 'This is John the Baptist himself; he has risen from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him.' Now it was Herod who had arrested John, chained him up and put him in prison because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife. For John had told him, 'It is against the Law for you to have her.' He had wanted to kill him but was afraid of the people, who regarded John as a prophet. Then, during the celebrations for Herod's birthday, the daughter of Herodias danced before the company and so delighted Herod that he promised on oath to give her anything she asked. Prompted by her mother she said, 'Give me John the Baptist's head, here, on a dish.' The king was distressed but, thinking of the oaths he had sworn and of his guests, he ordered it to be given her, and sent and had John beheaded in the prison. The head was brought in on a dish and given to the girl, who took it to her mother. John's disciples came and took the body and buried it; then they went off to tell Jesus. When Jesus received this news he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves.

**Shielding Parishioners:** If you are shielding or know someone who is, please contact the office on 01492860546 or priestllandudno@rcdwxm.org.uk

**Rosary and Adoration:** Every Saturday at 10am, our young people lead the mysteries of the most holy Rosary, come along and spend a short while away from the world, with Jesus is the most blessed Sacrament.

**Mass intentions:** You are invited to send in your Mass intentions via the office or you can post an envelope through the Presbytery door. Masses can be offered for many intentions such as celebrations, healing, a happy marriage, the sick and for those who have passed away.

*"A mass offered for the living is worth 1000 for the dead." (St Anselm)*

### In your charity please pray for our sick and housebound brothers and sisters:

Jennifer Congreve, Doreen Barker, Bob Lemon, Mary Howells, Pat Wilcox, Janice Lockwood, Stephen O'Connell, Jim Kane, Shelagh Scraggs, Jennifer Hamlett, Olive McStay, John Kelly, Maureen Barber

**Sick clergy:** Fr Tony Jones, Mgr James Fealey, Fr Paschal Dormer and Cn David Eccleshare; Fr Ian Dalgleish and Canon Bernard Lordan.

## Last weeks' Offering

Plate: £257.47

Gift Aid: £223.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**We encourage you to join the gift aid scheme if you are able please contact 01492860546**

## Making a donation:

There are many ways to donate including cash, cheque and bank transfer. Our Bank details are below for anyone wanting to do the latter:

**Bank name:** NatWest

**Account number:** 08157677

**Sort code:** 55-81-42

**Many thanks for the donation of £100 & £1000 from very kind parishioners.**

## Readings for this Weekend

**First reading:** Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 31(32):1-2,5,11

**Second reading:** 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

**Gospel acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 1:40-45

## Notice for all:

The Parish office is closed on Mondays, please direct any enquiries to [priestllandudno@rcdwxm.org.uk](mailto:priestllandudno@rcdwxm.org.uk). In an emergency, such as anointing of the sick please call 01492860546.

## Ash Wednesday

**"In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who "humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross" (Phil 2:8). Pope Francis, 2020**

This year Ash Wednesday will be marked as usual this year, with Mass taking place twice at 11am and 6pm. This Lent is an opportune time in recognising our own mortality and our great need to strive towards the conversion of our souls and to be pleasing to God. These 40 days are not a burden, but rather an opportunity to look inwardly, what more can I do for my Brother or sister? What sins do I repeat often? We can use these days to prepare for the joy that is at the end of the season, Easter! The day God the Son, conquered death and opened up the way to eternal salvation, so that when we come to the end of our journey on Earth, we will wake into eternal life with Him who has saved us.

## Origins of Ash Wednesday

The liturgical use of ashes originated in the Old Testament times. Ashes symbolised mourning, mortality, and penance. For example, in the Book of Esther, Mordecai put on sackcloth and ashes when he heard of the decree of King Ahasuerus (or Xerxes, 485-464 B.C.) of Persia to kill all of the Jewish people in the Persian Empire (Esther 4:1). Job (whose story was written between the 7th and 5th centuries B.C.) repented in sackcloth and ashes (Job 42:6). Prophesying the Babylonian captivity of Jerusalem, Daniel (c. 550 B.C.) wrote, "I turned to the Lord God, pleading in earnest prayer, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes" In the Middle Ages (at least by the time of the eighth century), those who were about to die were laid on the ground on top of sackcloth sprinkled with ashes. The priest would bless the dying person with holy water, saying, "Remember that thou art dust and to dust thou shalt return." After the sprinkling, the priest asked, "Art thou content with sackcloth and ashes in testimony of thy penance before the Lord in the day of judgment?" To which the dying person replied, "I am content." In all of these examples, the symbolism of mourning, mortality, and penance is clear. Eventually, the use of ashes was adapted to mark the beginning of Lent, the 40-day preparation period (not including Sundays) for Easter. Since the Middle Ages, the Church has used ashes to mark the beginning of the penitential season of Lent, when we remember our mortality and mourn for our sins. When we begin the holy season of Lent in preparation for Easter, we must remember the significance of the ashes we have received: We mourn and do penance for our sins. We again convert our hearts to the Lord, who suffered, died, and rose for our salvation. We renew the promises that we made at our baptism, when we died to an old life and rose to a new life with Christ. Finally, mindful that the kingdom of this world passes away, we strive to live the kingdom of God now and look forward to its fulfillment in heaven. (taken in part from catholic-straightanswers.com, 2021)



**Blessed William Davies Catholic Primary School**

Parents and carers, you may be considering a primary school for your children, our Parish has its own school that is a truly wonderful educational setting, please consider this when making your decision. Estyn reported the School as a 'good school, with no school in Llandudno receiving a higher outcome.'

## School Mission Statement

"As God's Family, we live, love and learn happily together, trying our best in all we do" **In order to achieve this, we aim to** Recognise the worth and talents in each individual, developing their self esteem and self-respect based on the model of Christ and the Gospels. Provide a loving atmosphere encouraging respect and care for one another in a Christ-like fashion. Provide a quality education for all pupils and develop them to their full potential physically, spiritually, morally, academically, socially and culturally. Develop in pupils a knowledge of faith through Christ's teaching, set in the context of a caring, Catholic environment. Work in partnership with all the local Churches and develop relationships with the wider community which it serves.

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