

2020, At Our Lady Star of the Sea



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:

Saturday :4:30pm

Sunday : 09:30am

Friday : 12 noon

All other Masses will be celebrated privately by Father Isek.

Matthew's Gospel 13: 1-14

That same day, Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the shore, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Listen, a sower went out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up at once, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundred-fold, some sixty, some thirty. anyone who has ears should listen!' Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' In answer, he said, 'Because to you is granted to understand the mysteries of the kingdom of Heaven, but to them it is not granted. Anyone who has will be given more and will have more than enough; but anyone who has not will be deprived even of what he has. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding.'



Last weeks' Offering

Plate: £260.08

Gift Aid: £453.70

Thank you for your generosity!

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

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Weddings and Funerals: Bereaved families and newly engaged couples, please contact the Parish office first, on these occasions, this will allow the Parish office to also make all the neces-

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

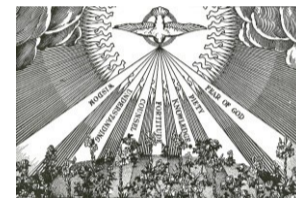
Jennifer Congreve, Doreen Barker, Bob Lemon, Mary Howells, Pat Wilcox, Janice Lockwood, Stephen O'Connell, Jim Kane, Shelagh Scraggs, Jennifer Hamlett, Olive McStay, John Kelly **Sick clergy:** Fr Tony Jones, Mgr James Fealey, Fr Paschal Dormer and Cn David Eccleshare; Fr Ian Dalgleish and Canon Bernard Lordan

2020, what a year!!!!

This year has seen wildfires in Australia and the west coast of the USA, wars, pandemics, lockdown, a terrible explosion in Beirut, terrorism, shocking racism. Travel came to a standstill, the world came to a standstill, even the Holy Catholic Church was affected. Conversely, this year has also seen communities pulling together, a new found appreciation for those who provide essential services including nurses, delivery drivers, shop workers and of course religious. The year has seen people experience so much uncertainty and fear, and through it all God was there, holding us, comforting us, wiping away tears of grief, of frustration. The Church doors may have been locked but the Roman Catholic Church has still operated offering Masses, rosaries and prayers on behalf of its faithful, it has found new ways to reach those who were unable to receive the sacraments, through Zoom, YouTube and even drive in Mass. It still fed the hungry, anointed the sick and dying and comforted the mourning. The world looked on as our Holy Father, Pope Francis stood alone in St Peter's Square and brought the Eucharist outside of the Tabernacle into the streets to bless the world and to demonstrate to the people that God had not abandoned us and to show God reparation for our sins. Always remember brothers and sisters that no matter the circumstances God is always constant! And here at home, in Llandudno, I cannot ask for a better spiritual family than our Lady Star of the Sea, with your prayer and support, with materials and spiritual gifts, you gave me comfort, assurance, welcome and embrace of love. I cannot thank you enough I am most happy to be among you and during my sacramental life celebrating with you and for you in Christ's name. I pray and ask of God's blessing for your child, husband, wife, for your friends and neighbours; that God will strengthen in faith, and hope, with health of mind and body for the year 2021.

Blessings always upon you all,
Father Agbor F. Isek, MSP
Parish Priest

Veni Creator Spiritus



Come, Creator Spirit O Holy Spirit, by whose breath Life rises vibrant out of death; Come to create, renew, inspire; Come, kindle in our hearts your fire. You are the seeker's sure resource, Of burning love the living source, Protector in the midst of strife, The giver and the Lord of life. In you God's energy is shown, To us your varied gifts made known. Teach us to speak, teach us to hear; Yours is the tongue and yours the ear. Flood our dull senses with your light; In mutual love our hearts unite. Your power the whole creation fills; Confirm our weak, uncertain wills. From inner strife grant us release; Turn nations to the ways of peace. To fuller life your people bring That as one body we may sing: Praise to the Father, Christ, his Word, And to the Spirit: God the Lord, To whom all honor, glory be Both now and for eternity. Amen

(At all New Years Day Masses, if you recite the Veni Creator Spiritus, you will receive a plenary indulgence you must also fulfill the usual conditions.)

New Years thanks

This year has seen so many in our Parish really going the extra mile, whether it was crawling along the Church floor measuring 2 meter distance, taping safety signs to pillars, or keeping us all safe through stewarding, there are so many that we ought to thank. The flower arrangers, tree builders, sign erectors, I.T specialist, our stewarding team who have put themselves at an extra risk, our cleaners who make the environment safe, our sacristans, mask makes, raffle organisers, brass polishers, generous givers and those who call their fellow parishioners by phone to check they are ok.

Thank You!

Remembering those who have passed away

This year we said goodbye to some of our Parishioners, though due to the Pandemic, the usual ways in which we would celebrate a person's life was not possible. Many of you also lost family and friends and were also deprived of human contact which is often such a comfort to those who are grieving. When life begins to return to normal, we can look at ways in which we can mark their passing appropriately. In the meantime, may God comfort all who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Eternal rest grant unto them O' Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace, Amen

