



SAINT JOSEPH'S

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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We welcome parishioners and visitors to our parish Masses this weekend, as we celebrate the

1st Sunday in Advent - Hope (3rd December 2017)

Collection for the 26th of November £571.58 (G.A. £250.00 + Loose £321.58)
2nd Collection today is for Maintenance and Development of the Parish.

Monday, the 4th of December is a Funeral Mass at 12 noon for Daniel John Moore. Our sympathy and condolences to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.



Please remember our sick and housebound: *Fr. Colm O'Riain OMI, Sr. Ann Waugh, Rosemary Butcher, Eve Jones, Jim Griffiths, Tam Dickson, Marlene McCann, Peggy Oliver, Norah Hankin, Mrs. Shaw, Mavis Thomas, Margaret Quillam, Heather Maxwell, Eddie Hosker, Jenny Hamlet, Nan O'Neill, Theresa Prichard, Josie Flinn, Kitty Lee, Vera Wellings, Fabian Clancy, Kathleen Hilliard, Basil Sanders, Guy Carlson, Aiden Carlson, Eugene Robinson, Teresa Morgan, Gilbert Sammut, Muriel Bargutt, David Sullivan, Margaret Brierley, John Tobin, David McCullen, Phyllis Braid, Lynn Williams, Rosemary Curtain, Joanna Firth.*



Advent come from the Latin word 'adventus' meaning 'Coming.' Advent begins the church year starting four Sundays before Christmas. The season of Advent has been set aside as a time of preparation since the 6th century. Advent is a time for preparing for Christ's second coming, even as we remember and celebrate his first coming at Christmas. Purple candles are used as a symbol of repentance and forgiveness. On the the third Sunday a pink candle is used to reflect Joyful Sunday, and a white candle is used for Christmas Day.



Calling our Parish Community. *We will be celebrating Father Frank Ryan's Golden Jubilee of his ordination on 17th December. We need your help to make this a joyous and blessed occasion. Please, please, please sign up in the back of the church where there is a list for food for this blessed and exciting event. Please contact Bill Fortin, June Craig or Leanne Bell for any questions or ideas. We appreciate your help and support.*

Advent Talk: *"Walking in Joseph's Shoes - Bringing the Nativity into Modern Focus". Looking from the perspective of Joseph as the foster father. Martin Bennett is well known for bringing scripture to life in a unique way. This is the 13th December at 6:30pm in the Community Centre. More information is on the bulletin board.*



"Walk With Me" booklets with a Journey of Prayer for Advent are available at the back of the church for £1.



Thursday, the 7th of December is a school Mass at 930am. No midday Mass.

On the 13th of December after midday Mass there will be a "deep" clean of the church. All hands on deck and much needed! Thank you. More information in next week's newsletter.

On Sunday 10th of December the SVP will be hosting a Christmas Carols and refreshments in the Community Centre. Come and join the sing-a-long with mulled wine and a mince pie at 3pm. This is a free event and everyone is welcome!

Children's Nativity Mass - Rehearsal is on the 23 December at 10am. Parents are to please stay with the children. Parts and costumes will be given out on 17 December after the 11am Mass in the church. If you have any questions, please see Tammy Qualters.



Dates for Bright Lights Youth Group Meetings: 8th & 22nd December. 6:30pm - 8pm then Faith in Action 8pm - 9pm. Reflection Days for the FIA: 20th Jan, 10am -1pm (Saturday). For more information contact: Nelly Iwobi, Dominique Gray-Williams or Barbara Middleton.

We are planning on upgrading the steps into the church. A ramp is going to be installed to ensure the safety and ease into the church, the presbytery and the community centre.

Thank you all again for your wonderful support for our Christmas Parish Fair. The total raised is £1561. This is the largest we have raised. Well done, fantastic and again, thanks to the parish community, the school and all others for their support and contributions!

Parish Dinner: Thursday 8th February 2018 at the Colwyn Bay Cricket Club, Rhos-on-Sea. The cost is £15 for a 2 course hot meat buffet plus tea or coffee. Names please as early as possible to John Williams (organist). All friends/neighbours welcome.



19th December 7pm - Reconciliation Service

23rd December 6pm

24th December 11am

***24th December - Children's Nativity 4pm**

***24th December - 11:30pm Christmas Carols followed by Midnight Mass**

***Christmas Day - 10am - Holy Day of Obligation: The Nativity of Lord Jesus Christ.**

December 30th - 6pm

December 31st - 11am

A sign up sheet is on the notice board for Ministers of the Word and Eucharist Ministers for Christmastime Masses