

### 3rd Sunday of Advent - Joy, Year C. 16th December 2018

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#### Remember - Jesus is the Reason for the Season

The third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday - today the third candle, PINK is lit. This represents Joy.

#### Christmas Prayer Tree

You may have noticed the Christmas Prayer Tree located at the back of the church. Please do come and make a prayer for someone this Christmas. Choose a Prayer Tag for yourself or someone else. Write who the prayer is for (if you would like) or what it is for & read the prayer quietly to yourself. Hang the prayer on the tree.

#### Bambinelli Sunday

Today we are celebrating Bambinelli Sunday. There will be a blessing of your Bambinelli at Mass.

Following the blessing, take your 'bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap it and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift your family opens on Christmas morning when you can place Baby Jesus in your crib.

St Augustine's Old Colwyn is holding its informal Carol evening this **Tuesday, 18th December 2018 at 7:00pm**. Do come along for a lovely evening of Carols, readings and some of our favourite Christmas poems in a warm, relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. Tea and coffee is available but perhaps you could bring some Christmas goodies to share, too.

#### Children's Vigil Nativity Mass

The children's nativity Mass is 5pm on Christmas Eve. If you would like your child to take an active part in this Vigil Mass please email: [office@stjosephsrcc.org.uk](mailto:office@stjosephsrcc.org.uk) or let **Tammy Qualters (Children's Liturgy Ministry)** know. **Rehearsal is on Christmas Eve 9-10.30am**. Please remember that this is a Mass and **not** a performance. This does fulfil your Mass Obligation for Christmas.

#### Announcements

➤ **From St. Augustine's:** There is no 10am Mass this week at St. Augustine's. 9am Sunday Mass as usual.

➤ **SVP:** 4pm on **Tuesday 18th December** in the Presbytery. We need you. Please do come and see what we are about!

➤ **PARISH DINNER.** Thursday, 21st February @ 7.30pm at Colwyn Bay Cricket Club in Rhos on Sea. Cost is £15 per person for two course hot meats buffet plus dessert and tea/coffee. Please see John at the organ to put your name down. Raffle prizes are much appreciated!

➤ **Knights of St. Columba:** meeting on Tuesday, 8th January: 7pm here in the Presbytery. Please do come and join us.

➤ **Calendars!** We are asking that if you are wanting to book the Centre for your group, or use the church, please phone or email that office: [office@stjosephsrcc.org.uk](mailto:office@stjosephsrcc.org.uk). We want to ensure that there is no conflict with events already.

➤ If you have **any notices** to go in the **newsletter, website, our Facebook page, Twitter or the noticeboards in the church or the community centre**, please email: [notices@stjosephsrcc.org.uk](mailto:notices@stjosephsrcc.org.uk).

➤ **Collection for the 9th December was: £ 823.33.**



**Little Lights Parent and Toddler Group** is Tuesday, 18th December 9.30am in the Parish Community Centre. It is their Christmas Party.



**Bright Lights Youth Group and Faith In Action** is on Christmas Break. They will reconvene on the 11th of January 2019. Bright Lights start at 6.30pm - 8pm and Faith In Action is 8pm-9pm.

**Please pick up a leaflet at the back of the church for ALL the wonderful information for Advent & Christmas in our Parish with the Churches, School and Community!**

**You are invited to a day on 'Spirituality and Dementia - A Gospel Message of Hope'**

At St. Augustine's Priory, House of Prayer, Cliff Rd, Old Colwyn LL29 9RW led by Sister Siobhan O'Keeffe SSHJM. In response to this social and pastoral issue, Siobhan offers Spirituality and Dementia Care training to religious communities, parishes and organisations. She is a registered General Nurse. She holds a M.A. in Applied Theology, Justice, Peace and Mission Studies and a Diploma in Person Centred Dementia Care. She has worked in Community Outreach Dementia Support Services and in Nursing Home Management. This wonderful opportunity is on Saturday, 19th January 2019 10am-4pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea/coffee will be provided. Entrance by donation. To book a place: Phone 01492 514223 or Email: [equiries@houseofprayer.org.uk](mailto:equiries@houseofprayer.org.uk)

Prego

There is no Prego for the month of December. **Prego resumes:** 9th of January 2019. Merry Christmas to all!

The Children's Liturgy is led by adults on a rota. We need more adults. If you would like to be on the rota or learn more about this ministry and how you can help, please contact the parish office at: [office@stjosephsrcc.org.uk](mailto:office@stjosephsrcc.org.uk) We welcome your help. Please remember that, in accordance with the Bishop's guidelines: **Children's Liturgy sessions are for children aged 3-7 years who have not yet made their First Holy Communion.**

The Knights of St. Columba have their 2019 Calendars available for sale at the back of church after the Masses. They are £3.50 each and have Holy Days and Feast Days on the dates. Please do buy one and support our Knights of St. Columba.

Thank you to everyone who helped & attended our Christmas Fair this year. The Church and School PTA together raised a net total of £4410.33. This has been split equally between PTA and the St. Joseph's Church. This has been the most successful Christmas Fair to date. It is your wonderful support and help that made this happen. THANK YOU AGAIN!

Advent & Christmas Dates for your Diary .

Tuesday - 18th December 7pm Christmas Carols, readings and poems evening @St. Augustine's. Wednesday, 19th December 6pm St. Joseph's Primary School Carol Service @ St. Joseph's Church. Thursday 20th December 9:30am Whole School Mass @ St. Joseph's Church. Thursday, 20th December 7pm Reconciliation Service @St. Joseph's Church. Saturday, 23rd December 6pm Mass. Sunday, 11am Mass. 24th, Christmas Eve - 9-10.30am - Children's Nativity Mass Rehearsal. 5pm - Children's Nativity - Vigil Mass, 11.30pm Christmas Carols followed by Midnight Mass. Christmas Day - 10am Christmas Day Mass. 26th December, Noon Mass - St. Stephens Day. Patron Saint of Altar Servers.



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