

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is
faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

COLLECT

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God,
may we walk eagerly in that same charity
with which, out of love for the world,
your Son handed himself over to death.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord,
who made a way through the sea,
a path in the great waters;
who put chariots and horse in the field
and a powerful army,
which lay there never to rise again,
snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done
before.
See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you not see
it?

Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me,
jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in the wilderness
(rivers in the wild)
to give my chosen people drink.

The people I have formed for myself
will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 125

Response:

**What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from
bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: "What
marvels
the Lord worked for them!"
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. (R.)
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of
song,
carrying their sheaves. (R.)

SECOND READING Philippians 3:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians.

I believe nothing can happen that will
outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing
Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have
accepted the loss of everything, and I look
on everything as so much rubbish if only I
can have Christ and be given a place in him.
I am no longer trying for perfection by my
own efforts, the perfection that comes from
the Law, but I want only the perfection that
comes through faith in Christ, and is from
God and based on faith. All I want is to know
Christ and the power of his resurrection and
to share his sufferings by reproducing the
pattern of his death. That is the way I can
hope to take my place in the resurrection of
the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet:
I have not yet won, but I am still running,
trying to capture the prize for which Christ
Jesus captured me. I can assure you my
brothers, I am far from thinking that I have
already won. All I can say is that I forget the
past and I strain ahead for what is still to
come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize
to which God calls us upwards to receive in
Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks –
come back to me with all your heart,
for I am all tenderness and compassion.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL John 8:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At
daybreak he appeared in the Temple again;
and as all the people came to him, he sat
down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought
a woman along who had been caught
committing adultery; and making her stand
there in full view of everybody, they said
to Jesus, "Master, this woman was caught
in the very act of committing adultery, and
Moses has ordered us in the law to condemn
women like this to death by stoning. What
have you to say?" They asked him this as a
test, looking for something to use against
him. But Jesus bent down and started
writing on the ground with his finger. As
they persisted with their question, he looked
up and said, "If there is one of you who has
not sinned, let him be the first to throw a
stone at her." Then he bent down and wrote
on the ground again. When they heard this
they went away one by one, beginning with
the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with
the woman, who remained standing there.
He looked up and said, "Woman, where are
they? Has no one condemned you?" "No
one, sir," she replied. "Neither do I condemn
you," said Jesus "go away, and don't sin any
more."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

(all bow during the next two lines)

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Hear us, almighty God,
and, having instilled in your servants
the teachings of the Christian faith,
graciously purify them
by the working of this sacrifice.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Has no one condemned you, woman? No
one, Lord.
Neither shall I condemn you. From now on,
sin no more.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

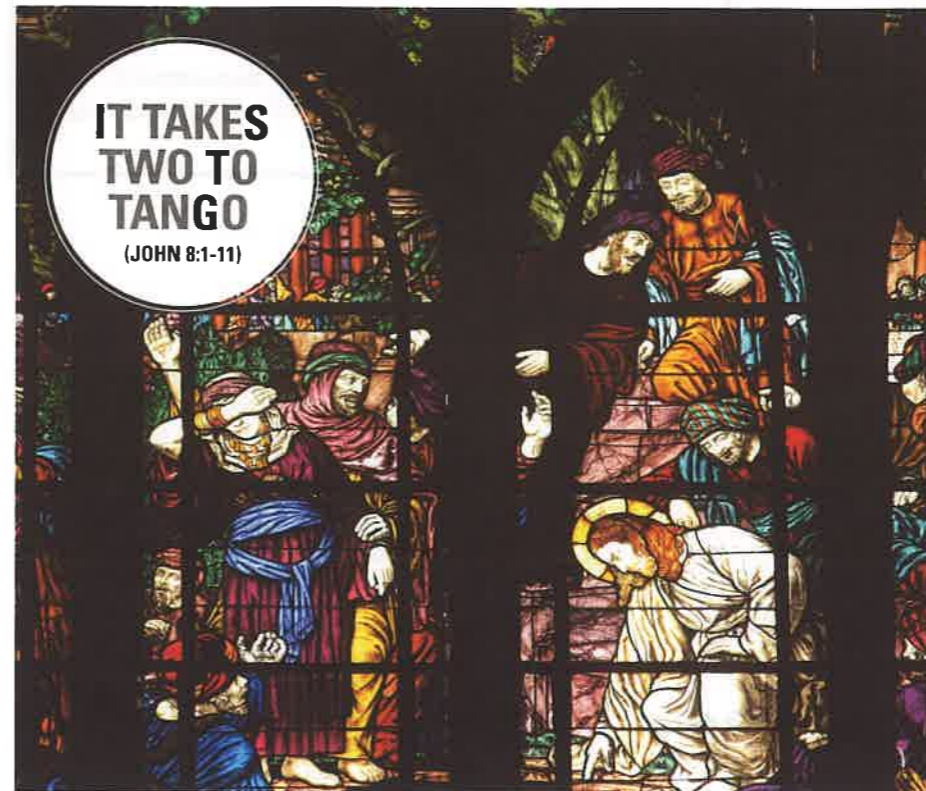
We pray, almighty God,
that we may always be counted among the
members of Christ,
in whose Body and Blood we have
communion.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bless, O Lord, your people,
who long for the gift of your mercy,
and grant that what, at your prompting, they
desire
they may receive by your generous gift.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Many people seem to think that true religion
is defined by "giving up things". In a sense
it is far easier to deny one's body than quietly
and soberly to surrender your whole self for
God's possessing. In Lent, how much easier
to give up wine or chocolate than seriously to
tackle our impatience. A friend of mine who
was prepared to fast most rigorously in Lent
was horrified when I suggested daily Mass
and half an hour's prayer instead.

Sister Wendy Beckett

THE WORD

Stained glass scene, in the Church of Saint-Jean de Montmartre, of Christ and the woman caught in adultery

The flowing narrative in our Gospel reading today from John is quite
unlike the style of the Fourth Evangelist and reminds the reader more of
the stories in the account of Luke.

Jesus is put on the spot by his critics and asked for his opinion as to what should be done
about a woman caught in the act of adultery. Jesus is being judged; but he turns the
process around and focuses it on the characters who want to catch him out.

The judgement of the Law is clear: the woman should be stoned to death. But the point of
the confrontation is not the fate of the unnamed woman; it is to find something with which
to accuse and convict Jesus. It is a case of Jesus versus Moses, and so there should be no
question of the outcome.

Jesus refuses to engage in the debate, but rather challenges his self-righteous opponents
to initiate the sentence of death. They and all the others apparently melt away, until Jesus
and the woman are left alone, and for the first time she is addressed directly. Jesus does
not judge her, but offers her the possibility of a new life and a restored relationship with
God, when he says "Do not sin again". The past is over, forgiven and forgotten; what
matters is the new life from now on. ■

LEARN

In the Fourth Gospel, the opponents of Jesus are generally referred to simply as "the Jews".

The term "the Jews" usually refers to the members of the religious and political
establishment, not to the people as a whole.

In the Synoptic Gospels of Mark, Matthew and Luke, these characters are described as
"the chief priests, the scribes and the elders": they are the ones who bring about the
crucifixion of Jesus.

The Pharisees were lay leaders, based locally in the synagogue.

REFLECT

Adultery requires at least two
participants. It is significant
that only the female partner
is dragged before Jesus. Jesus'
response is to offer the unnamed
woman the opportunity of a new
beginning. He does not condemn her,
he does not criticise the Law to which
his opponents appealed, but rather
he challenges his opponents to act
on their own convictions – and be
convicted themselves in the process.

As with all Gospel stories, we are
being asked, "whose side are you on?"
Are you with the religious authorities
who parade this unfortunate woman
in public to Jesus as a test case? Are
you with Jesus, who refuses to sit in
judgement? We are not told whether
the woman was involved in this affair
through passion or simply through
poverty. And what about the man
involved, who apparently escapes
scot-free?

The only individual person with whom
Jesus interacts directly in this episode
is the unnamed woman who is, in
many ways, the unwitting excuse
for the attack on Jesus. They are left
alone, once all the others have sidled
off when Jesus challenges them to
declare themselves innocent and so
entitled to stand in judgement and
exact the penalty. Jesus treats the
woman with respect; he speaks to her
properly and offers her the chance of a
new start. That is the message of Lent,
that we are all being presented with
the opportunity to begin again with
a clean slate. We can stand with the
woman's accusers, with the woman
herself, or with Jesus. Where do you
stand in this story? ■

DO

Find out about the refuge for women in your
local area and the reasons why women go
there.

SAY

No need to recall the
past... See, I am doing a
new deed.

(see Isaiah 43:18, 19)

We Welcome Old and New Parishioners and Visitors to our Masses and Community as we celebrate

THE 5th SUNDAY OF LENT on 2ND/3RD OF APRIL 2022

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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Mass Times

Saturday (Vigil) 6.00 pm

Sunday 9.00 am

Sunday 11.00 am

Monday - Friday 11.00 am

Baptisms, Confessions and Marriages by appointment. Please contact the office for arrangements: office@stjosephsrcc.org.uk

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday 6pm	Ann Colbon, RD
Sunday 9am	Ann Colbon, RD
Sunday 11am	Kathleen O'Grady
Monday 11am	Donor
Tuesday 11am	Donor
Wednesday 11am	Donor
Thursday 11am	Donor
Friday 11am	Donor

RECONCILIATION SERVICE AND INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

Tuesday - 5th April 7pm

PALM SUNDAY

9th April 2022 SATURDAY VIGIL 6PM
10th April 2022 SUNDAY 9AM
10th April 2022 SUNDAY 11AM

CHRISM MASS

Wednesday, 13th April - at the Cathedral in Wrexham - 7pm (all welcome)

MAUNDY THURSDAY

14th April 2022 Thursday - 6.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY

15th April 2022 Friday - 3pm

EASTER VIGIL

16th April 2022 Saturday - 7pm

EASTER SUNDAY

17th April 2022 Sunday - 9am
17th April 2022 Sunday - 11am

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EVERY SUNDAY after 11am Mass there is **coffee/tea**. Come and join us for catch up and some coffee/tea.

Food HUB: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

10am-1230pm or by appointment. Enquiries please do email us at: stjosephscommunityfoodbank@gmail.com Donations greatly appreciated!

Zero Waste Fridge - Thursdays 11-1230pm and Fridays 930-12noon. Please help us to stop and cut Food Waste!

Pray the Rosary - Mondays at 10am in the church.

Monday: 4th April - 9.30am - Adoration with the SVP.

Monday 4th April - 11.30am - SVP meeting in the Presbytery.

Monday, 4th April - 7pm - St. Joseph's Youth Group - in the Presbytery (15-25 year olds). Join us.

Tuesday, 5th April - 7pm - Reconciliation Service and Individual absolution here at St. Joseph's. All welcome!

Wednesday, 6th April - 7pm - Knights of St. Columba meeting in the Presbytery liturgy room.

EVERY Thursday, 11.30am-12.30pm Serenity, The North Wales

Postpartum Support Group hosts a coffee/tea at the community centre and the Zero Waste Fridge is open for use! Join us.

Thursday, 7th April - 630pm - Stations Mass with Bishop Peter at Rhuddlan.

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

➤ **Collection for the 26th/27th March:** £536.77. Maintenance & Development collection £21.63. Donation: £40. Donation: £500. Donation: £1000

➤ **Standing Order and Gift Aid forms** are at the back of the Church.

➤ **If you would like envelopes for visitors** they are **yellow** at the back of the church.

➤ The Food Hub needs **boxed, new SLOW COOKERS** please. Please drop off at the presbytery Monday - Friday between 915-2pm. Your support on this is greatly appreciated.

➤ For your diary please note Saturday, 9 April 10am in the church is **Stations of the Cross** being led by People of the Parish. If you would like to join in, please let us know.

➤ On **Monday, 11th April** no 11am Mass as there is a Funeral Mass at 12noon.



Parish Dinner/Lunch

Sunday, 8 May 2022 at the Colwyn Bay Cricket Club, Rhos-on-Sea. £20/person which includes: Hot Meats buffet, Desserts and Tea or Coffee.

Names now being taken so please book **as soon** as possible with Quentin (at the organ), or June or Leanne or office at: office@stjosephsrcc.org.uk as early as possible. Friends and relatives welcome. Raffle prize donations greatly received.

Please do visit the Repository. We have Easter Cards, Mass Intention Cards, Birthday cards and so much more to offer.

Jubilee Picnic in the Park

We would appreciate any crafts that are made to donate to our arts and crafts fair. The craft fair and raffle is on Easter Sunday. Please do drop items for both in at the church:

Monday - Friday 930am - 2pm **THANK YOU!** Have a raffle prize to donate or a craft? Let us know and drop off! Please drop off at the presbytery between 930am - 2pm. Monday - Friday! Thank you!

Little Lights Parent and Toddler Group is

Tuesday, 5th April 9.30am in the Parish Community Centre. Last session for two weeks for Easter Break. Please see their Facebook page or email: littlelights@stjosephsrcc.org.uk to book a space.

Bright Lights Youth Group is at 6.30pm - 9pm on, Friday, 8 April. Last session until after Easter Break. Any questions please contact us at: brightlights@stjosephsrcc.org.uk

ARE YOU AGED 15-25? Would you like to meet with others that are your age and share and talk and do activities? **St. Joseph's Youth Group** welcomes you. Please join us on **Monday, 4th April at 7pm** in the Presbytery! We look forward to meeting and seeing you.

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