



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Colwyn Bay

A Roman Catholic Parish of the **Diocese of Wrexham**, Reg. charity number 700426
Served by the **Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate**, Reg. charity number 223318

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Parish Vision Statement: *“Our Spiritual Home: A Community of Faith in Action”*

Parish Mission Statement: *“As a vibrant community, guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to bring the liturgy to life, nurture creation, and share the diverse gifts and talents entrusted to us in the service of God.”*

Lourdes Pilgrimage

This Sunday, 14th September, a group of our parishioners will be travelling to Lourdes to take part in the Oblates' Annual Pilgrimage. Please keep them in your prayers as they embark on this special journey of faith. May it be a time of grace, healing, and spiritual renewal for all taking part.

Ministers of the Word - Training Sessions

The final opportunity for both new and existing readers to attend training will be on **Wednesday 17th September, from 6.00pm to 8.00pm in the church**. If you are interested in becoming a Minister of the Word, please speak to **Paul Evans (6.00pm Vigil Mass)**, **Cath Knowles (9.00am Mass)** or **Mary Bond (11.00am Mass)**.

Altar Server Candles

You may notice our altar servers are not carrying candles today - one of our candlesticks has broken and needs replacing. As these candlesticks are costly, at £220 each, we would be very grateful for donations towards the expenses. If you would like to contribute towards the cost, please let Fr. Vimal know. Thank you for your support.



Evangelii Gaudium

Next Sunday is Evangelii Gaudium Sunday, inspired by Pope Francis' The Joy of the Gospel. It invites us to reflect on how we share the Good News and support the Church's mission.

There will be a retiring collection at all Masses to support the work of the Catholic Bishops' Conference in helping parishes grow in faith and joyfully proclaim the Gospel. Thank you for your generosity.

9am Choir Practice

9am Choir practice returns on **Friday 19th September from 7:30-8:30**.
New members always welcome.



Mazenod Youth Group Meeting

The next Mazenod Youth Group meeting will take place on **Thursday, 18th September, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM**. All young people are warmly invited to come along for an evening of faith, fun, and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there!

Diocesan Survey

In preparation for a Diocean inspection please complete the following survey at the link below between **12 noon on Friday 29th August and Friday 3rd October 2025**. Thank you!

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SSQzRY2fT0OpJmB_Xy63KJKXbcMcXZpMINFPyXHFPHFUDJRS01aUIhLWEs1TjJlMRTBCUTYUTIGWC4u

Important Announcement Upcoming Change to Sunday Mass Schedule One Sunday Mass from 5th October 2025

After careful pastoral discernment and consultation with Bishop Peter and Fr. Lorcan, Provincial of the Anglo Irish Danish Province, we are making a **significant adjustment to our Sunday schedule**.

Beginning on **October 5th**, there will be **only one Sunday Mass celebrated at 10:00a.m.**

This decision has already been communicated to the Parish Council. I invite every member of our parish to embrace this change with prayer and hope, trusting that it will strengthen our life together as followers of Christ. Thank you for your patience and faithfulness.

St Joseph's Church – 125th Jubilee Celebration

The Journey So Far: Past, Present, and Future of the Oblate Mission at St Joseph's
This year we mark 125 years of faith, community, and mission at St Joseph's Church. It's a time to look back with gratitude, celebrate our present, and look forward with hope.

A Jubilee Across the Months

The Jubilee Committee has received many wonderful ideas. The festivities will be spread over the coming months—giving us time to enjoy each moment together as a parish family.

We will continue to use our theme of Past • Present • Future:

- The Past will be honoured as we begin our Jubilee celebrations, once the Season of Creation finishes.
- The Future will be represented by our Summer Fair, which will now be the joyful finale of our Jubilee year.

With the extended timeframe, the Jubilee Concert originally planned for Saturday 4th October will be rescheduled to later this year.

What's Happening

Here are the celebrations being prepared for our parish family:

- **Jubilee Mass – Sunday 5th October at 10:00 am.** A single Jubilee Mass, will be celebrated by Bishop Peter, Oblate Provincial - Fr Lorcan, and Fr Vimal, together with other clergy who are able to join us. This joyful liturgy will be a thanksgiving for 125 years of faith and community - a wonderful opportunity for our whole parish to gather as one family.
- **Parish Celebration Party – Sunday 5th October 12pm -2pm in the school hall.** Following the Jubilee Mass we will gather in the School Hall to share food, friendship, and fun - a wonderful chance to celebrate 125 years of faith and community spirit. We ask parishioners to bring food to share for the celebration. A sign-up sheet will be available at the back of the church to help us plan a variety of dishes.
- **Jubilee Exhibition** – The church will host a special exhibition telling the story of the past, present and future of our parish through photographs and treasured items. We invite you to share your memories and stories, to help us to honour our past and pass it on to the next generation. Please bring photographs, memorabilia, or items of parish life to the Presbytery by **Sunday 21st September**, clearly labelled with; your name, contact details, a brief description (e.g. names, event) and the approximate date. These will be displayed in our Jubilee Exhibition and safely returned afterwards.
- **In line with the Church's Jubilee of Hope** and its theme “Pilgrims of Hope”, we invite parishioners to express and share their hopes and dreams for the future of our parish through art, poetry, or any creative form. These contributions will be displayed alongside memories of the past, reminding us that our story is still unfolding.
- **Children's Jubilee Displays** – Creative displays from each school year group will be displayed in the School Hall during the Parish Celebration, reminding us of the hope and promise of the future.
- **Other Jubilee Events** – In the coming months, there will be more opportunities for fellowship and fun. Planned events include a parish quiz, bingo, entertainment evenings (such as a ceilidh or barn dance), the rescheduled Jubilee Concert, and more. Details will be shared soon so everyone can join in. We look forward to celebrating together!

Working together, even the smallest contributions will make our Jubilee a true celebration of faith, hope, and community.

Key Dates – Mark Your Calendar

- Sunday 21st September** – Final date for contributions to the Jubilee Exhibition
- Saturday 4th October** – Jubilee Church Deep Clean (all volunteers welcome!)
- Sunday 5th October** – 10am Jubilee Mass & Parish Celebration in the School Hall

Let's make this Jubilee a celebration to remember – together!

Mass & Service Times, Intentions & Feasts

Day	Time	Service	Intention	Feast
Saturday 13th	6pm	VIGIL MASS	Julie, Grace, Pearl Rose (Intention)	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Sunday 14th	9am	MASS	Sr. Kate Dryhurst (Intertion)	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
	11am	MASS	People of the Parish	
Monday 15th	11am	ROSARY		<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>
Tuesday 16th	11am	MASS	Angus & Michael John Cafferkey (RIP) (Ann.)	<i>Saint Cornelius and Cyprian</i>
Wednesday 17th	11am	MASS	Kathleen Judge (Intention)	<i>Saint Robert Bellarmine; Saint Hildegard of Bingen</i>
Thursday 18th	11am	MASS	Debbie Stone (Intention)	
Friday 19th	10am	ADORATION & CONFESSION		
	11am	MASS	Joanne Bailey (Intention)	<i>Saint Januarius</i>
Saturday 20th	6pm	VIGIL MASS	Nancy & Marie (Intention)	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 21st	9am	MASS	People of the Parish	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	11am	MASS	Sr Margaret Dobbin (Intention)	

Dates for your Diary

This week...



Monday 1st September - Thursday 4th October - Season of Creation

Sunday 14th September - Oblates' Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage begins.

Sunday 14th September - Children's Liturgy 9am Mass.

Monday 15th September - Rosary in the church at 11am.

Monday 15th September - Lectio Devina in the Presbytery from 7pm - 8pm.

Tuesday 16th September - Little Lights Toddler Group returns to the Centre at 9am.

Wednesday 17th September - Reader's Training - 7pm

Thursday 18th September - St Joseph's Social Circle in the Centre from 1pm - 3pm.

Thursday 18th September - Mazenod Youth Group - 6:30pm in the centre.

Friday 19th September - Adoration and Confession - 10am - 11am in the church.

Friday 19th September - Faith in Action - 6pm in the Centre.

Friday 19th September - 9am Mass Choir Rehearsal - 7:30pm - 8:30pm in the church.

Morning Prayer this week will be at 10.30am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Looking ahead...

Wednesday 17th September - Readers' Training in the Church at 6pm.

Sunday 21st September - Deadline for Jubilee Exhibition Memorabilia

Sunday 28th September - Disability Awareness Sunday

Sunday 28th September - SVP - Breakfast baps in the centre after 9am & 11am Mass

Saturday 4th October - Jubilee Church Deep Clean

Sunday 5th September - Sunday Mass moves to one Mass at 10am.

Sunday 5th October - Jubilee Mass at 10am followed by celebration in the school hall.

Friday 17th - 19th October - 'Live Life to the Full' - Loreto Centre, Llandudno

Friday 14th - Saturday 15th November - 'Space to Grieve' - Loreto Centre, Llandudno

Saturday 6th December - Parish Christmas Fair

Finance

Collection totals for last weekend:

Offertory: **£ 611.37**

Maintenance & Development **£195.69**

Standing Orders in July: **£1,606**

Contactless Donations July: **£247**

Thank you!

This week there is a retiring collection for:

Catholic Education Service

Next week there is a retiring collection for:

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday

Standing order and Gift Aid forms are available at the back of church for new, regular donors. **Yellow Gift Aid** envelopes are also available for visitors.

Contactless donations can be made at our new donations terminal in the porch!

You can also donate online by scanning our QR code with your smartphone.



Do you have something for the newsletter?

Email: office@stjosephsrcc.org.uk

by Wednesday to have it included in Saturday's edition.

Thank you!

Hospital Chaplains on Call: Colwyn Bay Hospital & Glan Clwyd: Fr. Vimal 01492 532670 | Glan Clwyd: Mrs Sheila Johnson 07717 182557

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