



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."

Core Value for this week is: "It is the wisdom and faith of the parishioners that keeps a parish alive, making it a vibrant and thriving community."

Protecting your items of value

Please remember to keep your valuable belongings with you at all times - avoid leaving them in your car or unattended in church. It may feel uncomfortable at first, especially when receiving communion - but it will soon become second nature. Thank you.

St. Joseph's Social Circle

There will be no Social Circle on **Thursday 7th August**.
We will return on **Thursday 14th August between 1-3pm**.

National Eisteddfod Mass

The Wrexham National Eisteddfod is taking place in from **2nd - 9th August** for which Bishop Peter will be celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on **Thursday 7th August at 6pm**.

Colwyn Bay Prom & Beach Litter Pick

Join the next Colwyn Bay Prom and Beach Litter Pick on **Saturday, 9th August 2025, 10-11am**.

Meet at the red 'COLWYN' sign on the Prom.

Bring your own gloves (and sunshine, if you can);
litter pickers and reflective jackets will be provided.

To participate, either see Paul Evans, telephone the office on 01492 532670 or e-mail office@stjosephsrcc.org.uk.

R.I.P. Gwladys Margarite Jones

We are saddened to announce the passing of Gwladys Margarite Jones, on the 20th July 2025.

Her funeral will take place in our church on **Tuesday 12th August at 11am** followed by burial at Bron y Nant Cemetery.

Please keep Gwladys and her family in your prayers.



Readers Training Invitation - New & Current Readers

We have organised two training seminars for both existing readers and those who would like to begin serving in the Ministry of the Word. If you are interested in proclaiming the Word of God and serving our parish community, you are warmly encouraged to sign up to attend at least one session.

Training dates:

- **Wednesday 13th August - 6pm - 8pm**
 - **Wednesday 17th September - 6 pm - 8 pm.**
- Please attend either of these sessions.**

Current Registrations:

- 6 PM Mass: 2 existing readers & 1 new reader
- 9 AM Mass: 8 existing readers & 4 new readers
- 11 AM Mass: 9 existing readers & 3 new readers

New Volunteers Welcome! To register, please give your name to the contact person for the Mass you normally attend:

- Paul Evans – 6 PM Mass
- Catherine Knowles – 9 AM Mass
- Mary Bond – 11 AM Mass



Coffee With Welsh / Panad a Sgwrs

DATE CHANGE The next meeting of 'Coffee with Welsh' is on **Thursday 14th August** in the Parish Centre from **11.30 am – 12.30 pm**. Everyone interested in Welsh is welcome from beginners to fluent speakers. Croeso i bawb.

R.I.P. Kevin Sylvester O'Hara

We are saddened to announce the passing of Kevin Sylvester O'Hara, on the **26th July 2025**

His funeral will take place in our church on **Tuesday 19th August at 11am** followed by committal at Colwyn Bay Crematorium.

Please keep Kevin and his family in your prayers.



9am Choir Practice

9am Choir Practice have taken a break for the summer.
We will return on **Friday 5th September at 7pm**.

125th Jubilee Anniversary of Our Church

Plans are underway for our Church 125th Jubilee Anniversary, and we would love your input! A suggestions box is available at the back of the church - please take a suggestion slip (also at the back), share your ideas, and return them as soon as possible. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed!

A new Organising Committee has been formed to help plan this special celebration:

Sarah Braid (Coordinator), Paul Evans (Secretary), Helen Mulley, Jane Vo-Hughes, Phil Mulholland and Tom MacLean.

St. Joseph's School - Foundation Governors

Bishop Peter is seeking Foundation Governors to serve on the Governing Body of St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School.

Governors are volunteers who care about the school and its mission to provide high-quality education for every child. They work as a team, sharing collective responsibility for key decisions that shape the school's direction.

The main roles of the governing body include:

- **Strategic Leadership** – Setting aims and priorities, approving policies, monitoring progress, influencing the School Development Plan, overseeing the budget, ensuring the curriculum is taught, and staffing meets pupils' needs.
- **Supportive Challenge** – Acting as a sounding board for school staff, asking questions, seeking clarification, and offering constructive suggestions.
- **Accountability** – Explaining decisions and being answerable to parents, the Diocese, local authority, and Welsh Government.

Governors attend meetings, stay informed on education developments, contribute to inspections, and work closely with the headteacher. They help set targets, support staff, and foster strong links with the wider community.

An effective governing body shares responsibility, develops its members, values individual strengths, and works together in the best interests of the school.

If you value Catholic education and want to make a meaningful contribution, this is a vital and rewarding role.

For further information visit:

<https://www.catholiceducation.org.uk>

'Come and See ...'

"A Day of Prayer, Reflection, Sharing and Growth"

at St Beuno's Jesuit Spirituality Centre, Llandudno

Saturday 13th September 2025, 10am - 4.30pm.

"An opportunity for all laity to deepen your ministry through exploring God's love for you."

To find out more, or reserve your place on the day, contact: **stbeunosoutreach@beunos.com** as soon as possible.

Oblates' Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage

'Pilgrims of Hope' - 14th to 19th September

Each year, many of our parishioners take part in this special journey. We warmly invite you to join us. If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage, please contact the Parish Office to collect and complete your travel form before the **8th August**.

SAVE THE DATE!!

St. Joseph's Christmas Fair - **Saturday 6th December**.

Our first planning meeting is at

9am on Friday 12th September, in the Parish Centre.

Mass & Service Times, Intentions & Feasts

Day	Time	Service	Intention	Feast
Saturday 2nd	6pm	VIGIL MASS	Patrick & Alice Harvey	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 3rd	9am	MASS	Sr Josephine (ill)	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	11am	MASS	People of the Parish	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 4th	11am	ROSARY		Saint John Vianney
Tuesday 5th	11am	MASS	A Private Intention	The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major
Wednesday 6th	11am	MASS	Joseph & Lois	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Thursday 7th	11am	MASS	Holy Souls	Saint Sixtus II and Companions; Saint Cajetan
Friday 8th	10am	ADORATION & CONFESSION		Saint Dominic
	11am	MASS	A Special Intention	
Saturday 9th	6pm	VIGIL MASS	Peter Harvey & Family (RIP)	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 10th	9am	MASS	People of the Parish	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	11am	MASS	Mary Winnifred Armstrong (RIP)	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dates for your Diary

This week...

Sunday 3rd August - 4pm - Kerala Community Mass

Monday 3rd August - 11am - Rosary at the church.

Monday 4th August - 7pm - Lectio Divina at the Presbytery

Thursday 7th August - 6pm - National Eisteddfod Mass (Wrexham)

Friday 8th August - 10am - Adoration & Confession at the church.

Friday 8th August - 7pm - (9am Mass) Choir Rehearsal at the church.

Saturday 9th August - 10-11am - Colwyn Bay Promenade Litter Pick

Morning Prayer this week 10.30am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Looking ahead..

Wednesday 13th August - 6pm - Reader's Training

Thursday 14th August - 11:30am - Coffee with Welsh

Thursday 14th August - 1pm - St. Joseph's Social Circle

Friday 15th August - 6pm - Faith in Action

Saturday 13th September - 10am - A Day of Prayer, Reflection, Sharing & Growth

Thursday 14th August - 11:30am - Coffee with Welsh - Parish Centre

Sunday 14th September - Oblates' Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage

28th September - Disability Awareness Sunday - Made in God's Image

Saturday 6th December - St. Joseph's Christmas Fair

10-11th October 2026 - Adoremus - London

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Fridays at 10am or on request

Baptisms and Weddings - please contact the office to arrange an appointment.

Sunday Coffee: Please join us in the Centre after both Sunday Masses for tea and coffee.

St Joseph's Centre Bookings: For all bookings and enquiries relating to the Centre please contact communitycentre@stjosephsrcc.org.uk or call 07349330273.

Finance

Collection totals for last weekend:

Offertory: **£684.29**

Standing Orders in June: **£1,509**

Contactless Donations June: **£126**

Thank you!

This week there is a retiring collection for: Maintenance & Development

Next week there will be a collection for: The St. Joseph's Centre

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 smart phone.



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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