



## 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."**

### Important Notice – Diocesan Safeguarding Policy

Due to current Diocesan Safeguarding policies, all emails intended for Father Vimal must be sent to his official email address:

Priestcolwynbay@rcdwxm.org.uk

Please avoid sending emails to his personal email address.  
Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

### Season of Advent

From this weekend we begin the celebration of the Season of Advent. As we enter this sacred time of hope and preparation, we invite all parishioners to join us at Mass.

Advent is a beautiful opportunity to slow down, reflect, and ready our hearts for the coming of Christ. Let us gather as a community to pray, rejoice, and enter this new liturgical year together. We look forward to celebrating with you!

### St. Joseph's Centre Closed - 4<sup>th</sup> December

Please note that St. Joseph's Centre will be closed on **Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> December** due to a survey being carried out on the building. Thank you for your understanding.

### St. Joseph's Social Circle

There will be no Social Circle on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December** we will return on the **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. All are welcome to join us.

### Christmas Fair - This Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December!

A huge thank you to everyone for the wonderful donations we have received during our donation appeal - your generosity is truly appreciated. Just a reminder that this is the final week to pick up and return your raffle tickets before the fair. We still need volunteers to help us on the day and for set up; if you can spare an hour or two, please sign up on the sheet in the porch or use the QR code to let us know you can help!

Calling all bakers! Can you bake us some cakes, mince pies or cookies etc for the fair?! We need all your lovely home-baked goodies for our Cake Stall please. Donations can be dropped off to the St Joseph's Centre on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December** or to the School Hall before the fair on Saturday. Thank you!

Please come along to the fair next Saturday and bring your family and friends - there will be something for everyone to enjoy! We hope to see you there!

### School & Parish Carol Service

On **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December** we will hold a joint school & parish carol service in our church at **6pm**. We warmly invite all parishioners, families, parents, and friends to join us as we prepare for Christmas with scripture, music, and carols. All are most welcome!

### Côr Meibion Colwyn

On **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December** we will be hosting Côr Meibion Colwyn in the church at **7.30pm** for an evening of festive carols. This has become an annual event at St Joseph's and promises to be a true delight! Tickets are on sale after all weekend Masses and cost **£5 each (Under 18's free of charge)**.

### Angela Burrows - RIP

Angela Burrows passed away on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** aged 82. Her funeral service will be at our church on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 12 noon** followed by a committal at Colwyn Bay Crematorium.

### Parish Readers

We are pleased to share that we now have 35 readers in our Parish. Thank you to all who have agreed to undertake this ministry.

As a reminder, please arrive 15 minutes before Mass:

• **Vigil Mass: 5:45pm, 10am Mass: 9:45am**

This will give you time to review your readings, meet the other readers, and confirm the order in which you will be reading.

Fr. Vimal has been coordinating the Readers' Rota up to now. Going forward: **Jacil** will be arranging the rota for the readers and **Paul Evans** will be assisting. Each weekend the rota will be displayed in the church porch

Thank you once again for your commitment and service.

### Christmas Tree Festival

St Mary's Church, Conwy is hosting a Christmas Tree Festival on behalf of St David's Hospice, from **Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> December between 11:30am to 3:30pm each day**.

Last October, many of our parishioners designed special nature-based labels and crafted creative Haiku poetry to decorate a tree donated by Pensychnant Conservation Centre near Conwy. Why not pop along to see the tree, give support to St Mary's and to the invaluable service provided by St David's Hospice.

### Loreto Day of Prayer - He is Near!

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

**Loreto Spirituality Centre, Abbey Road, LL30 2EL**

Tea and coffee from 10am for a 10:30am start. Please bring a packed lunch. Day ends with tea at 3:30pm.

### Evening Advent Retreat: Journeying with Mary and Joseph

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

**Loreto Spirituality Centre, Abbey Road, LL30 2EL**

Tea and coffee from 6pm for a 7pm start. We will end by 8:30pm

**Everyone is welcome to both events, no need to book.**

**There is no charge, Donations welcome.**

For more information contact: [loretocentre@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:loretocentre@yahoo.co.uk)  
or call: **01492 878301**

### Assisted Dying – Have Your Say

The Bishops' Conference has launched an e-action urging Members of the Senedd to protect vulnerable people and support palliative care.

Take part here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/archbishop-of-cardiff-menevia-urges-catholics-to-oppose-assisted-suicide-in-wales/>

### The Jubilee year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

**A Day of Pilgrimage to mark the end of the Jubilee Year**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December**, Our Lady of Sorrows church, Dolgellau

**From 12 noon:** Eucharistic Adoration with Quiet Prayer & Confession.

**Mass at 2pm** Mass (celebrant: Bishop Peter Brignall) followed by veneration of the relic of St John Roberts, our local Saint and Martyr.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church (Meyrick Street, LL40 1LR) is a designated diocesan pilgrimage site for the Jubilee Year. An indulgence may be obtained by attending Mass, making Confession, and offering prayers for the Pope's intentions.

## Mass & Service Times, Intentions & Feasts

Day	Time	Service	Intention	Feast
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	VIGIL MASS	Maureen Harrison (ill)	First Sunday of Advent
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10am	MASS	People of the Parish	First Sunday of Advent
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	11am	ROSARY		Saint Andrew (Sco)
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	11am	MASS	Holy Souls	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11am	MASS	Holy Souls	Saint Francis Xavier
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	11am	MASS	Holy Souls	Saint John Damascene
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10am	ADORATION & CONFESSION		
	11am	MASS	Sr. Marie Halligan (LSU) (RIP)	First Friday of the Month
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	VIGIL MASS	Sr. Maureen Gainey (LSU) (RIP)	Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10am	MASS	People of the Parish	Second Sunday of Advent

## Dates for your Diary

### This week...



Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Advent Family Day - 11am at Our Lady of the Rosary, Buckley  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November - SVP Comfort & Joy Bap Sale - After 10am Mass St. Joseph's Centre  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Praying of the Rosary - 11am in the church  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Lectio Devina - 7pm - in the presbytery  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Little Lights Toddler Group - 9am at St. Joseph's Centre.  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - 6:30pm "Be Still and Know that I am God" Mindfulness Session.  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Adoration and Confession - 10am - 11am in the church.  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December - 10am Mass Choir Rehearsal - 7:30pm - 8:30pm in the church  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Altar Servers Meeting - 6pm  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Parish Christmas Fair - 11am - 3pm in the school & St. Joseph's Centre  
**Morning Prayer** this week will be at 10.30am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

### Looking ahead...

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December - "Be Still and Know that I Am God" Mindfulness - Day of Practice 1:30pm  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December - A Day of Pilgrimage - 12noon - Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Dolgellau  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Coffee with Welsh - 11:30am - 12:30pm in St. Joseph's Centre  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Friends of St. Eugene - 6:45pm in St. Joseph's Centre.  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Parish & School Christmas Carol Concert - 6pm in the church  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Côr Meibion Carol Concert - 7:30pm in the church.  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Service of Reconciliation - 7pm - 8pm in the church.  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December - School Christmas Mass - 9:30am in the church.  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Mazenod Youth Group - 6:30pm in the centre.

**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](mailto:communitycentre@stjosephsrcc.org.uk) or call 07349330273.

## Finance

### Collection totals for last weekend:

Offertory: **£680.80**

Diocesan Youth Activities: **£103.41**

Standing Orders in September: **£1,356**

Contactless Donations October: **£117**

**Thank you!**

**This week there is no retiring collection.**

Next week there is a retiring collection for:  
**Maintenance & Development**

**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](mailto:office@stjosephsrcc.org.uk)

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

Thank you!

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