



# Wreccsam Clarion



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To make clearly known  
To declare  
To clarify  
To call to prayer



## Bishop's Column

**The month of May** concluded for me, as for the rest of the world with a small celebration of "Laudato Si' week". This was the eighth anniversary of the encyclical on the Care of Creation written by Pope Francis. The theme this year was 'Hope for the Earth, Hope for Humanity' and the main resource is a film called 'The Letter'. Access it easily: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/laudato-si-week-resources/> The film tells the story of four 'social poets' affected first-hand by the climate crisis, who travel to Rome to meet Pope Francis. They engage in a fascinating dialogue with the Pope, offering a revealing insight into the personal history of Pope Francis and stories never seen since he became the Bishop of Rome.

**Some six weeks earlier** I was at the assembly of the Catholic Biblical Federation, to which I referred last month. The theme of this was "Proclaiming the Word, Gift of Life for a Fragile World", and the first part was a consideration of 'The Fragility of Creation'. The ecological crisis is deepening rather than abating, in spite of numerous efforts and initiatives. Human actions and modes of life contribute significantly to the dramatic changes in the environment and the disruption of the natural world. Affected by climate change, pollution, and the loss of biodiversity, planet Earth, our home, is truly subjected to futility, for which we its human caretakers are largely responsible.

**Given the perilous threat** posed by the human way of life and the current societal and political structures, taking responsibility for creation is crucial for our survival. Biblical ministry must proclaim and demonstrate that this responsibility is rooted in God's Word and reflects God's will. The Bible must be our starting point otherwise we are little more than single issue activists. What is imperative is that we have an over-all view and approach that has a sure foundation in our faith. This is co-responsibility for creation.

**The fragile environment** cries out for relief from various environmental crises – drought, flooding, pollution of water bodies, air, sea, deforestation, desertification, bush fires. But so do people as they, too, cry out against oppressive social order - or rather disorder - often motivated by inappropriate political decisions, greed, and corruption resulting in the various environmental crises. Historically, humanity may well have acted in ignorance, but the same cannot be said now when the issue of climate change has been largely caused by human activities, such as those inappropriate political decisions, greed, and corruption among the great and the least.

**Now, it is not governments,** leaders or multi-national corporations who will provide the relief, but the whole of humanity itself led by the Church providing a voice for the voiceless as she has done over sixty years and more, through the popes and most recently by Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis.

**Who** is going to effect this relief? God? Or human beings? Or both? 'The Church as a whole and all her pastors, like Christ, must set out to lead people ... towards the place of life, towards friendship with the Son of God, towards the One who gives us life, and life in abundance,' said Pope Benedict in 2005. So often the task seems impossible and daunting beyond measure, but it was Pope Francis who reminds us that the greatest of reservoirs is filled by the smallest of raindrops.

**St. Paul** in his letter to the Romans affirms nature's worth as humanity's partner in the redemptive work of Christ. I invite you to read again and reflect upon Romans 8:18-23, that our voice continues the mission of Christ in our world in every age, tirelessly proclaiming the love of God in creation.

With every good wish and continued prayer,

+ Peter

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### This month's "Clarion"

This edition must begin with an 'apology'. To all those who were looking for their copy in advance of the first Sunday, the Editor offers profuse apologies. Circumstances delayed preparation and publication, so it is hoped the content will make up for any disappointment!

Visit the Diocesan website: [rcdwxm.org.uk](http://rcdwxm.org.uk)



## You can help CAFOD to support farmers around the world in the fight to keep their rights to their own seeds.

Showing his support for CAFOD's current campaign, Bishop Peter recently signed a copy of a letter from Salina - *a small-scale farmer and seed saver in Bangladesh* - to send to the World Bank. As part of CAFOD's mission to serve people living in poverty, it calls on us to challenge the structures that bring about poverty and injustice. Salina's letter asks for the protection of the rights of small-scale farmers like herself, to use their own varieties of seeds. This call is at the core of CAFOD's [Fix the Food system](#) campaign, an initiative which aims to re-think the current global food system and, as Pope Francis says, transform it for the benefit of people and planet.

It would be incredible to see every parish in the diocese participate in this campaign too! Please contact Colette on [cbyrne@cafod.org.uk](mailto:cbyrne@cafod.org.uk) to order your pack!

*"...what peasants, fisherman and farmers conserve in memory handed down through the generations and which is now derided and forgotten by a model of production that is entirely to the advantage of a limited group and a tiny portion of the world population. Let us remember that it is a model which, despite all its science, allows around eight hundred million people to continue to go hungry..."* Pope Francis

### Solidarity with small scale farmers

Many of those 800 million people are small-scale farmers who grow the world's food. This is why this summer CAFOD is inviting parishioners across the country to support Salina, by signing a copy of her letter.

Globally, just [nine crops account for more than 65%](#) of all crop production, which are traded and transported by a few big businesses. This lack of crop diversity makes the current food system unfit to cope with the challenges brought about by the climate crisis and also makes it unsuitable for adapting quickly to disease and conflict. For example, Russia's war in Ukraine has had a heavy impact on the price of key crops and overall food prices.

This situation is intensified when small-scale farmers are unable to access freely a wide variety of local seeds which they have used for generations. Instead of saving, producing, and sharing their own seeds, they are often pushed towards buying a limited selection of commercial seeds produced by a few corporations. In fact, laws are being introduced across the world which limit what they can do with their own seed varieties. Find out more about how your parish can support Salina at [cafod.org.uk/food](http://cafod.org.uk/food)

### Winning Ways:

The Wind and the Sun once had a quarrel. The Wind boasted that it was much stronger than the Sun. It said, "I'll show you I'm stronger. You see that old man over there with a big coat on? I bet I can get him to take his coat off much quicker than you can". "All right", said the Sun, "we'll see". So, the Sun went behind a cloud, but left a little hole to peep through and see what the Wind did. The Wind blew, and blew, as hard as it could, causing a terrible storm, but the harder it blew, the tighter the old man wrapped his coat about him. In the end, the poor old Wind had to calm down, and give in. Then, it was the Sun's turn. It came out from behind the cloud, and smiled with sunshine at the old man. After a short time, the old man began to mop his brow, then he pulled off his coat. Thus did the Sun beat the Wind with its gentleness!

### Symbols of the Apostles

Badges and Symbols are used to reflect a person or give a meaning. We recognise many which refer to Jesus Christ himself. But have we thought about the Apostles?

For most of them, the symbol has resulted from their martyrdom, and brutal death.

**Peter:** *a bunch of keys*, because he was given the 'keys of the kingdom of heaven':

**Andrew:** *an X shaped cross*, - he was crucified on one; (easily recognised as the patron saint of Scotland);

**Bartholomew:** *a knife* - he was flayed with a knife;

**James (the Great):** *a scallop shell, a pilgrim's staff or a gourd*, as the patron saint of pilgrims;

**James (the Less):** *a fuller's pole*, because he was said to have been killed by a blow from Simeon the Fuller (fulling is laundry, cleansing, by beating clothes with a heavy club);

**John:** *a cup with a winged serpent* -because he was challenged to drink a cup of poison, and he made the sign of the cross above it;

**Judas Iscariot:** *a (money) bag* -he was the treasurer;

**Jude:** *a club* -he was martyred with a club;

**Matthew:** *a hatchet or halberd* -he was slain at Nadabar with a halberd, (spear with an axe-head);

**Philip:** *a long staff surmounted by a cross*, -he died from hanging when suspended by the neck from a tall pillar;

**Simon:** *a saw* -by tradition he was sawn to death;

**Thomas:** *a lance* -he was pierced to death through the body at Meliapore

After Judas Isacariot's suicide, the Apostles elected Matthias as one of the Twelve:

**Matthias:** *a battleaxe*, because it is believed he was first stoned then beheaded with a battleaxe.

**Paul:** always regarded by the Church as an "Apostle": His symbol is a *sword*, because he was beheaded with a sword.

### To all Contributors to the Clarion:

Please note that Issue no 9 will be prepared from 24/25 June, for distribution before 1/2<sup>nd</sup> July.

There will be NO issue in August. Issue no 10 will be prepared 26/27<sup>th</sup> August.





ST BEUNO'S OUTREACH  
IN THE DIOCESE OF WREXHAM

### Praying with St Beuno's Outreach: 'As one friend to another ...'

In this monthly reflection, St Beuno's Outreach invites you to pray with an image and a verse of Scripture or other material.

You can download the weekly Prego at <https://stbeunosoutreach.wordpress.com/>

Contact us at [stbeunosoutreach@beunos.com](mailto:stbeunosoutreach@beunos.com)



Andrei Rublev's icon of The Trinity or The Hospitality of Abraham (c.1411)  
Original in the Trinity Lavra of St Sergius, spiritual centre of the Russian Orthodox Church

The Second Reading at Mass for Trinity Sunday (Year A) comes from the Second Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

**Brothers and sisters, we wish you happiness;  
try to grow perfect; help one another.  
Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and  
peace will be with you. Greet one another with the  
holy kiss.  
All the saints send you greetings.  
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of  
God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you  
all.**

(2 Cor. 13: 11-13)

This month we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity: one God in three persons. God is the Lover (Father, Creator); the Beloved (Son, Saviour); and the Love which flows between them (Holy Spirit, Counsellor).

Rublev's famous icon symbolising the Trinity is inspired by the account of three men (or angels) who receive hospitality from Abraham at the Oak of Mamre (Genesis 18:1-8), later revealed to be a visitation from the Lord himself.

Abraham's house and the oak tree are clearly visible in the background. In the early tradition of icon writing, the three angels became symbolic of the unity and mutual love of the Holy Trinity: God the Father (left), Jesus the Son (centre) and the Holy Spirit (right).

There is an empty fourth place left to complete the circle, and you may like to imagine yourself sitting here, being welcomed by the Trinity.

After spending time looking at the icon and reading the Scripture passage through slowly, you may like to ponder:

How do I tend to greet others?  
Do I welcome them as if they are family?  
How am I being called to show my love towards others ...?  
to encourage others ...?  
to promote unity and peace?

How far does the grace, love and fellowship of the Trinity influence the way I lead my life?

As I consider the thoughts and feelings arising in me as I pray, what do I want to say to Jesus?

Speak to him as one friend to another.

## Gospel Year of Matthew



### The Sacred Heart of Jesus

All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him. Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

(Matt.11:27-30. ESV-CE)

O God, what will you do to conquer the fearful hardness of our hearts?  
Lord, you must give us new hearts, tender hearts, sensitive hearts,  
to replace hearts that are made of marble and bronze.

You must give us your own heart, Jesus.

Come loveable heart of Jesus.

Place your heart deep in the centre of our hearts

And enkindle in each heart a flame of love, as strong, as great,  
as the sum of all reasons that I have for loving you my God.

O holy heart of Jesus, dwell hidden in my heart

so that I may live only in you and only for you,

so that, in the end, I may live with you eternally in heaven.

*St. Claude de la Colombière, S.J. (1642-82)*

### Forthcoming Feasts and Solemnities

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June** The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, known as Corpus Christi, is now celebrated on Sunday..

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June** is the Feast of the Sacred Heart, a solemnity.

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June** is the feast of St Peter and St Paul, this is a **Holyday of Obligation**.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August** is the Feast of the Assumption of the BVM. This is a **Holyday of Obligation**

### New Report on 'Catholics and God's Animals'

### An Opinion Column

In my opinion, the Catholic Church is deserving of strong criticism in one major area: Her disregard for animals as beings in their own right, that we should treat with love and respect.

#### Laudato Si'

Pope Francis' Encyclical dealing with mankind's treatment of planet earth doesn't introduce a new concept regarding animals; he reiterates what the Church has always taught but failed to practise, which is that we should treat animals kindly. Unfortunately, the Church has never conceded rights to animals. Kindness is good, but it is justice that animals want, a recognition that their lives and their sufferings matter.

#### Animals ignored

*In sermons* I was baptised a Catholic as a baby and during the decades that I have been attending Mass, priests' sermons have urged me to live a life of kindness and consideration, *but only towards my own species*.

*In the Catechism* What the Catechism gives with one hand, it takes back with the other. It tells us that we must be 'kind' to animals, but then tells us that we may use animals for our needs – food, clothing, entertainment, research etc... very ambiguous – we need food, but we don't need meat. We need clothes, but we don't need wool or leather.

*In pastoral letters* Statements and letters from the bishops with advice on how to vote in the 2015 and 2017 General Elections and the 2016 EU Referendum contained not one word about animals.

Things have not changed. Although the environment is mentioned these days, animals are not.

*On the website* of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, there are departments, projects, committees, offices, groups, initiatives aplenty, but I can't find anything to do with animals. Even under 'Concerning the Environment' the whole

thrust is on the effect on humans of our abuse of the planet, with barely a nod towards animals.

#### 'Catholics and God's Animals, how we fulfil the task of being human'

This Report by Barbara Niedźwiedzka, published May 2023, examines the whole question of the Church and animals.

Barbara is from the Polish *Congress of Catholic Women and Men's 'Caring for Creation'* Group, and her Report presents us with the reality of the Catholic attitude to animals. The author is Polish and the Report relates to Poland with regard to the statistics, but can be extrapolated to the global Catholic Church concerning attitudes.

It is very relevant in these days of factory farming and environmental crises, but it also shows the theological and humanitarian reasons for respecting animals.

The Report looks into all aspects of the issue, starting with how animals should be part of our moral vista, and how we treat animals today, then looking at why Catholics accept ill treatment of animals.

Barbara looks back at how the Scriptures spoke of animals, how early Christians viewed them and how the Church has presented them in her teachings. She explains the impact of our mistreatment of animals on our health and on the environment, and describes the various ways in which Catholics are intimately involved in animal abuse, while other Catholics choose to ignore the whole issue.

If you need a reason not to kill or abuse animals, and obviously most of us do, then I urge you to read this Report.

Virginia Bell, member Catholic Concern for Animals:

<https://catholic-animals.com/>

And Catholic Action for Animals:

<https://catholicactionforanimals.wordpress.com>



**SOCIETY OF SAINT GREGORY – SUMMER SCHOOL**

*‘Joyful Proclamation of the Gospel’*

**Wednesday 26th July – Saturday 29th July 2023**

**Liverpool Hope University**

In his recent Apostolic letter, *Desiderio Desideravi*, Pope Francis calls for the Liturgical Formation of the People of God. Heeding this call, through talks, workshop and liturgies, the Society of Saint Gregory Summer School 2023 considers the vision of Vatican II, its relevance today, and how we can help to root it more firmly in our communities. There will also be opportunities for informal discussions so that we can learn from each other. For further details and booking:

<https://www.ssg.org.uk/summer-school-2023/>

The SSG is a Registered Charity No. 1103280

**Peter’s Pence - An Ancient Custom still Alive To-day**

Peter’s Pence is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need.

For more information, visit: [www.obolodisanpietro.va](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va)

As is the custom, this mandatory collection is taken up on the Sunday following the feast of SS. Peter and Paul.

**THE POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION - June**

That the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

**THE CYCLE OF PRAYER Prayer Intentions**

(Summer, i.e. up to September)

During Ordinary Time we are asked to pray for these intentions: A Deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.

**Day for Life -18<sup>th</sup> June**

The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales *Day for Life* is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year, and this year in Ireland and Scotland too.

The theme is **‘Listen to Her’** and focuses on post-abortion trauma and the impact of abortion primarily on women, but also on men. This year’s message for Day for Life is written by a woman and hopes to break the silence of trauma and offer opportunities for hope, healing, and reconciliation. The message can be read along with other information on the Bishops’ Conference website

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life>

There is a mandatory collection taken in parishes this weekend to support the work of the bishops on life issues.

**Sinners Called to Holiness – Prayer for a Pilgrim Church**

2025 will be a Jubilee Year. As part of the preparation for the Jubilee Pope Francis has invited the Church to reflect on the Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council in 2023 and for 2024 to be a Year of Prayer. David McLoughlin will guide us in reflection on the Universal Call to Holiness and the place of prayer in Vatican II.

**When:** 11am-3pm – 21 June 2023 **Cost:** Free

**Where:** The Archdiocese of Liverpool, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool, L17 1AA

**Booking:** [eventbrite.co.uk/e/sinners-called-to-holiness-prayer-for-a-pilgrim-church-tickets-629256873247](http://eventbrite.co.uk/e/sinners-called-to-holiness-prayer-for-a-pilgrim-church-tickets-629256873247)

*Tea and coffee available, please bring your own lunch.*

**The Season of the Church**

**Ordinary Time**

Since Pentecost we have been in ‘Ordinary Time’, and the colour of vestments is green. Perhaps we are especially fortunate in Britain, because green is the sign of growth, of spring, and of new life.

In the church, Ordinary time is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ. Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ.

It is an “in-between” period of anticipation, where we allow the mysteries of Jesus’ life to penetrate deeply into our everyday lives.

It is meant to represent the anticipation and hope in the resurrection of Christ.

**Ordinary Time????**

**In fact, this time is ANYTHING BUT “ORDINARY”!!**

It is our opportunity to mature: suggestions for reading include St Augustine’s “Confessions”; Dostoevsky’s “The Brothers Karamazov”; “This House of Brede” by Rumer Godden; “The Shack” by William P. Young

The name comes from the ‘ordinal’ or ‘ordered’ numbers – **first, second, third** etc. (One, two, three are cardinal numbers). Don’t look for the ‘First Sunday of the Year’ – the morning masses complete the Christmas season, and Evening prayer begins ‘ordinary time’!!). From the Baptism of the Lord to Ash Wednesday, from Pentecost to Christ the King - this is ‘ordinary time’. Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, are the special ‘seasons’.

Prayers and readings elaborate themes of salvation history. (Advent is ‘messianic’, Christmas is birth narratives, Lent is baptismal and penitential, Easter is Resurrection narratives and Acts of the Apostles). Therefore, while the special seasons are the ‘high spots’ of religious life, we may adopt this season as a ‘high point’ of our growth, developing good habits of our faith, unadorned by ‘feasting’.

Nevertheless, there are feasts to enjoy: Corpus Christi, Peter and Paul, the Assumption, All Saints, and Christ the King.



From There...



*The Church of the Resurrection of the Saviour, Morfa Nefyn*

.....From West

# In the Spotlight

....To Here

## SCENE & WORD JONAH JONES



*The Church of St David, Mold*

To East.....

### The life and work of Jonah Jones in the Diocese of Wrexham

Leonard Jones was born near Gateshead, and was nicknamed 'Jonah' in WWII, where as a conscientious objector, and non-combattant, he served in the Medical Corps. As such he was among the first to enter Bergen-Belsen. In Haifa, he met and married Ida Grossman, now known in Wales as writer Judith Maro. The family now operate a not-for-profit private company, "Scene and Word" -Cofio **Jonah Jones**, to preserve his work and educational principles.

Jonah was accomplished in calligraphy, both in stone and on paper, often inspired by the poems of Gerard Manley Hopkins at St Beuno's; he used watercolour; he created many sculptures, often inspired by Jacob, and the themes of Justice and Mercy as in Mold Crown Court. His mosaics include the reredos apse in Porthmadog, as well as the mosaic now in Rhyl.

Beyond the Diocese, his works include glass and sculpture at Ratcliffe College, Ampleforth College, St Patrick's Church, Newport, the National Museum in Cardiff, and at Coleg Harlech in Gwynedd.

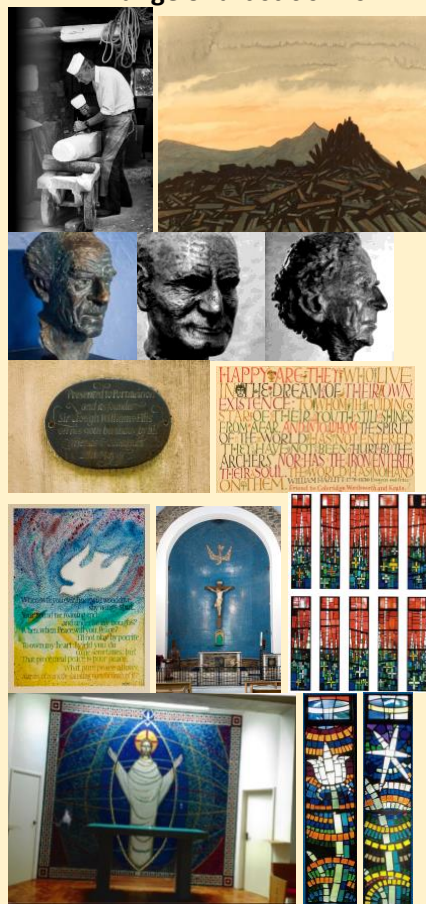
For four years he was Director of the national College of Art and Design, Dublin.

He also wrote autobiographical essays and novels, an illustrated book about the lakes of North Wales, and a biography of his friend, Clough Williams-Ellis.

He worked in both traditional 'Stained Glass', ie shaping coloured glass as well as "dalles de verre" (which means 'slabs of glass'), ie using one inch thick slabs of coloured glass, bonded by concrete or resin. He shared this skill with Dom Charles Norris of Buckfast Abbey, whose dalles de verre are in St David's and other churches in the diocese.

The union of these two 'trailblazer' craftsmen is what makes St David's the only church in the world to show their work together.

#### A Range of artistic skills



From top left:  
Jonah in his workshop on a sculpture, his favourite medium: Watercolour of Snowdon from Castell y Gwynt:  
Bronze busts of a) Sir Clough Williams-Ellis, designer of Portmeirion, b) Sir Huw Wheldon, BBC broadcaster, and c) Bertrand Russell, Philosopher:  
Calligraphy in stone, at Portmeirion, Calligraphy on paper (Hazlitt);  
Watercolour and calligraphy of Gerard Manley Hopkins: the reredos at Church of the Redeemer, Porthmadog; ten of the dalles de verre windows, Morfa Nefyn;  
The mosaic now in Rhyl; panels 11 and 12 of the Morfa Nefyn windows.  
For more details of Jonah's work, go to: [www.sceneandword.org/cofio\\_jonah\\_jones](http://www.sceneandword.org/cofio_jonah_jones) It is highly recommended..

In older Sunday missals Eucharistic Prayer III probably include "From age to age you gather a people to yourself so that **from east to west** a perfect offering may be made..." Now, the words are "you never cease to gather a people to yourself so that **from the rising of the sun to its setting**, a pure sacrifice may be ..."  
Daily life in our world is based on an east to west movement. Actually, the earth spins on its axis from west to east, so the sun, moon and stars appear to rise in the east and set in the west!

Rarely, therefore, do we celebrate a west-to-east movement. And yet, the closure of the Church in Morfa Nefyn in 2016, and subsequent demolition in 2019 necessitated a happy coincidence of a move 'from west to east'!

The beautiful reredos mosaic of the Risen Christ travelled eastwards to Rhyl, and now adorns the chapel of Christ the Word School.

The windows, fortunately saved from vandalism and weathering, travelled further east, to Mold, to be re-erected (dare one say 'resurrected?') in St David's, and blessed and re-dedicated by Bishop Peter on Trinity Sunday, 2023.

Present to participate were Jonah's two sons, David and Peter, with Alun Adams from the Architectural Glass Centre in Swansea who undertook the repair and refurbishment of the windows.

The sadness of the closure of Morfa Nefyn after 50 years is relieved only by the good news that the artwork is saved, and safe, for years to come, to the greater glory of God.



## Around and About in the Diocese

### Legal Mass

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, in the evening Judges, Barristers, Solicitors, Magistrates and others of the legal world, together with Police, Prison and Probation Service Officers are invited to gather with their spouses for the celebration by Bishop Peter of the Diocesan Legal Mass.

This Mass is celebrated around the feast of the martyrs, St. John Fisher, Bishop, and St. Thomas More, Lawyer.

### Pilgrimage to the Shrine and Well of St. Winefride,

This year the annual pilgrimage is on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Following the Procession from St. Winefride's Church, Mass will be celebrated in the Well grounds, with the blessing of the sick with the relic of St. Winefride, and followed by the opportunity for individual veneration. Again, this year, part of the grounds will be under cover, providing protection from the elements whether they be searing sunshine or torrential rain. The procession from the church begins at 2.30pm, with Mass in the Well grounds at 3 o'clock.

**Intention for prayer.** As the legend of St. Winefride tells a story of sexual harassment and violence against a young woman, it would be well to remember in prayer those self-same victims in our society today.

### Marriage & Family Life

#### Free Eucharist Family Activity Pack

Jeanie Larkin, our Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Coordinator, would like to bring to your attention a FREE Eucharist Family Activity Pack for parents of children who are about to receive the Eucharist for the first time and for catechists. It is available to download from this link:

<https://mailchi.mp/celebratetrust/eucharistfamilypack?e=a90b7bcc68>

### LIVING THEOLOGY 2023

*Understanding your everyday Beliefs*

#### Loreto Centre, Llandudno

*Friday 30 June - Sunday 2 July 2023*

#### A Summer School in Christian Faith

There are still some places left on a non-residential basis.

If you are looking for accommodation, there are many B&Bs within walking distance from the Centre.

#### For more information

please see [www.loretocentre.org.uk](http://www.loretocentre.org.uk)

email [info@loretocentre.org.uk](mailto:info@loretocentre.org.uk) or call us on 01492 878031



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### Events and Invitations

#### JUNE

- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests Primary Schools' Year 6 Leavers Mass – Cathedral  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Day for Life  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Board of Trustees Meeting  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Legal Mass  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Solemnity of SS. Peter & Paul, Apostles  
*Holyday of Obligation.*  
30<sup>th</sup> June -2<sup>nd</sup> July Evangelisation Conference, Liverpool.  
*The Art of Accompaniment*

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/the-art-of-accompaniment/>

#### JULY

- Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle.  
Syro Malabar Mass Cathedral  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Sea Sunday  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Cathedral Chapter Canons Meeting and Mass.  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

### LORETO SPIRITUALITY CENTRE, LLANDUDNO

#### Themed Retreats, Autumn 2023

*'I shall live and recount your wondrous deeds.'*

**Weekend Retreat 8-10 September**

A weekend of prayer with the Hebrew Scriptures, discovering their interconnection with your own life's story.  
Teresa Brittain nds

**Finding Life in an era of Change**

**Weekend Retreat 22-24 September**

At a time of rapid change and increasing threat to life on many levels, this weekend offers time and space for quiet reflection and gentle, mindful body movement for recharging, healing and finding joy in everyday life.  
Anne Harrison

**Cinema Retreat: Community Church**

**Mid-week Retreat 25-29 September**

A retreat using film to help reflection on our idea of 'community' in our society and church.  
Una Coogan IBVM

**Visio Divina – a Photography retreat**

**Mid-week Retreat 16-20 October**

Discover the power of your camera or smartphone to see God within the ordinary. This retreat will help you discover the art of contemplative photography, using image as modern icons.  
Steve Radley

**Space to Grieve**

**Weekend Retreat 17-19 November**

A weekend for those who are grieving for someone who has died. There will be opportunities to share our stories, reflect and pray together, and plenty of space for yourselves. Individual accompaniment will be available.  
Ewa Bem IBVM and Rev. Kate le Sueur

**Preparing for Advent, using the Writings of Julian of Norwich**

**Mid-week Retreat 27 November - 1 December**

This will be a silent retreat with daily talks, and an opportunity to share in groups for those who wish. There will be an opportunity for daily Mass.  
Gemma Simmonds CJ

For more information and details of our Individually Guided Retreats, please see our website: [www.loretocentre.org.uk](http://www.loretocentre.org.uk)

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**BISHOP PETER'S ENGAGEMENTS**

<b>June</b>		
4	11.00am	Mass & Window Blessing, Mold
5-9		Clergy Retreat, St Beuno's
16	11.00am	Year 6 Leavers' Mass Cathedral
20		Meeting of the Board of Trustees
21	10.30am	Menevia & Wrexham Infirmed
		Secular Clergy Fund Caersws
22		Mass with Imposition of the Pallium for Archbishop Mark O'Toole Cardiff
23	7.00pm	Legal Mass Cathedral
24		Golden Jubilee of Sr. Pauline Mary Carmel, Dolgellau
25	3.00pm	National Pilgrimage to Shrine of St Winefride Holywell
		<i>With Procession at 2.30pm</i>
29	12noon	Mass: SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral
30-02 July		Evangelisation Conference, Liverpool
<b>July</b>		
2	3.00pm	St. Thomas Celebration Cathedral
6		Christ The Word School, Rhyl
7	5.00pm	International Eisteddfod Mass. Llangollen
11	12.00am	Chapter Mass Cathedral
14	11.00am	SRG school INSET Mass Buckley
22	11.00am	Golden Jubilee of Sr. Celine Holy Family Convent, Wrexham
26-27		Society of Saint Gregory Summer School Liverpool
27-03 August		Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

**Children's corner Holy Communion Quiz Answers**

1. The Chalice
2. The Paten (for the Priest's host)
3. The Ciborium (contains the hosts for the people)
4. The Cruets (contain wine and water)
5. Monstrance
6. Chalice with the Purificator
7. IHS (Jesus hominum salvator - Jesus saviour of humans)
8. Jesus the Lamb.
9. The Dove (Holy Spirit)
10. Chi-Rho first two Greek letters for Christ (X P), with Alpha and Omega, first and last letters of the Greek alphabet
11. Fish (used as code to give Christians directions to secret meeting places).
12. The vine/grapes for the wine at communion
13. 'Ordinary' time - not special seasons.
14. Pentecost, Palm Sunday, and Masses for Martyrs
15. Easter, Christmas, and feasts of Our Lord
16. Advent, Lent, and for funerals, Masses for the Dead.

**Did you know?**

It is believed that Christopher Columbus had a great devotion to the Trinity. He vowed to consecrate the first land he discovered on his third voyage in 1598 to the Trinity, and that island we now know as Trinidad.

**Words of wisdom ..... And more!**

The astronaut Frank Borman said, from the moon. "We are one hunk of ground, water, air, clouds, floating around in space. From here it really is one world" (*Frank Borman*)

"How can you expect God to speak in that gentle and inward voice which melts the soul, when you are making so much noise with your rapid reflections? Be silent, and God will speak again. (*François Fenelon*)

"To love to preach is one thing -to love those to whom we preach, quite another" (*Richard Cecil*)

"Many good speakers have a head of steam and a fine train of thought -but no terminal facilities" (*Anon*)

A preacher told his congregation "Every blade of grass is a sermon". Later, he was mowing his lawn. A parishioner remarked "Oh, good, short sermons"

Two parishioners were discussing the merits of the sermons; "When Fr Paul says 'and in conclusion', he concludes. When Canon says 'and lastly', he lasts".

Benjamin Franklin's suggestions, written 200 years ago:

- "The best thing to give your enemy is forgiveness:
- to an opponent, tolerance;
  - to a friend, your ear;
  - to your child, good example;
  - to a father reverence;
  - to your mother, conduct which will make her proud of you;
  - to yourself, respect;
  - to all people, charity"

Four bulls standing in a field discussing the future: the first wanted to go to Rome to be a Papal Bull: the second wanted to go to London to be a bull on the Stock Exchange; the third wanted to go to Staffordshire to be a bull in a china shop: the fourth bull wanted to stay in the pasture for heifer and heifer and heifer!!!

**Children's Corner**

**This month is First Holy Communion. Can you name the items used in church?**



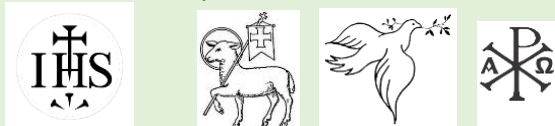
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5 \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_

*Answers at the top of the page!*

**What do these symbols mean?**



7. \_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_



11 \_\_\_\_\_ 12 \_\_\_\_\_

**When will the priest wear each colour of chasuble?**



- 13 Green \_\_\_\_\_
- 14 Red \_\_\_\_\_
- 15 White \_\_\_\_\_
- 16 Purple \_\_\_\_\_