

Jan/Feb 2024	Time	MASS INTENTIONS	FEAST DAY
SAT 27th	10.00am 6.00pm	Canon Adrian HMP Berwyn Parishioners	4th Sunday of Ordinary Time
SUN 28th	8.30am	Philip & Roseann Larkin+	
	10.30am	Hilda & Sam Taylor+	
Mon 29th	10.00am 7.30pm	Anthony Heraghty+ Novena	
Tues 30th	10.00am	Joe Maguire+	
Wed 31st		NO MASS	
Thurs 1st	10.00am 1.00pm	Desmond Wilcock+ Funeral Service: Chris Booley	
Fri 2nd	9.15am	Mass at St Mary's Primary School	The Presentation of the Lord
SAT 3rd	6.00pm	Parishioners	5th Sunday of Ordinary Time
SUN 4th	8.30am	Mary Welch+	
	10.30am	Nigel Leighton+	

READERS FOR WEEK 27th/28th January

Saturday 6.00pm Carol Sheane
 Sunday 8.30am Carol Royston
 Sunday 10.30am Richard Hansen
3rd/4th February 2024
 Saturday 6.00pm Mark Humphreys
 Sunday 8.30am Mateusz Stefaniak
 Sunday 10.30am Christine Skyner

NOVENA

The Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help is on **Monday's at 7.30pm..** This week there will be Novena, Benediction and Rosary. The Rosary will be for the work of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) praying for the respect for life from the moment of conception until natural death.



CLEANING ROTA

More volunteers for cleaning are needed. Please email the parish office if you are able to help. priestflint@rcdwxm.org.uk

Week Beginning 29th January
 Group 3: S Morris/V Strong/M Hollaran

Week Beginning 5th February
 Group 4: McNally Family

REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers all those that have died at this time, praying especially for members of our own community. We pray especially for Chris Booley whose funeral will be celebrated his week. We also remember to pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.
"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."

Welcome to the CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

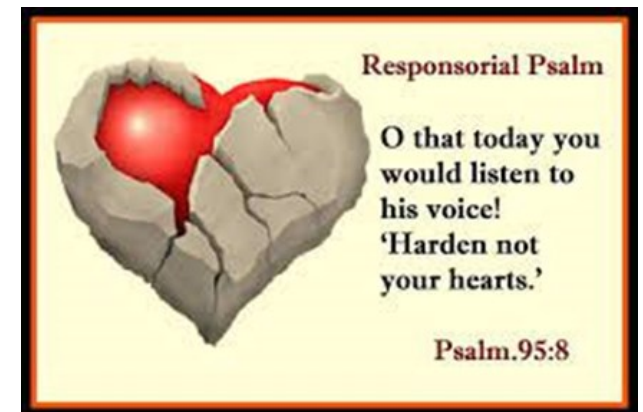


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Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time Sunday 28th January 2024



Opening Prayer
Grant us, Lord our God,
that we may honour you with all our mind,
and love everyone in truth of heart.

Racial Justice Sunday

Seeing one another in the life of the Church 28th January 2024

Racial Justice Sunday is the day the Church focuses on the need to oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour. Racial harmony works best when we have a shared experience. When we have a shared experience, we stop seeing differences and see similarities instead. On this Racial Justice Sunday we are invited to see Catholicism as that shared experience. In particular we are invited to look to our Catholic saints around the globe and celebrate their heroic deeds.

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Rev Peter Brownbill

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Kate Dooley

PARISH OFFICE
**Monday Thursday
& Friday**
9.30am—4.00pm
Parish Administrator:
Barbara Rees

Into the Future – 3 Listening Exercise

A notice for Parish Newsletters from Bishop Peter

In Bishop Peter's Pastoral Letter on Advent Sunday he spoke of meetings in the New Year to consider the updated pastoral plan.

Dates and venues for those six open meetings are now established, they are Saturdays: 3rd February 10.30am to 12noon -Welshpool; and 2.30pm to 4.00pm - Wrexham;

24th February 2.30pm to 4.00pm -Rhyl;

2nd March 10.30am to 12noon -Llandudno; and 2.30pm to 4.00pm -Porthmadog;

9th March 2.30pm to 4.00pm -Buckley.

Each meeting will have the same format: Formal and silent prayer; Presentation from Bp. Peter; opportunity for opinions, comments and suggestions from those present (maximum 3 minutes, please); Closing Prayer.

Written (maximum 250words please) submissions can also be made – anonymous comments will not be considered. Please be sure to read 'Into the Future – 3' before attending a meeting or making a submission and note that purely negative responses are not helpful or constructive for the future: https://www.rcdwxm.org.uk/files/ugd/0d070d_ba440c4896e347feb6b5fc0127eb57a8.pdf or a print copy from your parish before attending a meeting or making a submission.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN

Printed copies of the updated Pastoral Plan from Bishop Peter are available at the back of Church or you can view them on the Diocesan website www.rcdwxm.org.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

Letters and Passports have been posted out this week to all parents .
The dates for the Parish Days will be:-
Saturday 3rd February 2024
Saturday 2nd March 2024
Saturday 16th March—First Confession
Saturday 11th May 2024.
Please keep these dates free as it is very important that your child attends .

PRESENTATION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN TO THE PARISH

On Sunday 4th February the First Holy Communion children will be presented to the parish at the 10.30am Mass. Please can all First Holy Communion children be present for this Mass.

REFRESHMENTS

*Tea and Coffee will be served in the Church Hall after 10.30am Mass
Please come along for a drink and a chat after Mass.*



Gospel Reflection for the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time. Lessons to be Learned

How many people, years after their driving test can still hear their driving instructor loud and clear in their mind's ear every time they take a corner.

"Slower.... Slower.... Slower... Whoa! Slow it right down!"

A good teacher is very powerful. The words of a good teacher are with us forever. A good teacher opens up our eyes and helps us to understand. A good teacher adds something to our world and changes us forever.

Today Mark tells us how Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. He tells us how amazed the people were at how he taught and at the authority in his teachings. His authority was powerful enough to expel demons even. You'll notice that Mark doesn't tell us what Jesus taught but only how he taught and the impression he made. He taught in a way that was to change all our lives. It is testament to his skill as a teacher that news of him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

We do not have the benefit of listening first hand to Jesus' teaching, but it is testament to his authority that we still read his words twenty centuries after he spoke them. There are still demons in our lives, and Jesus' teaching still has the authority to drive them out. There are still lessons to be learned for those who believe Jesus can add something to our world and change us forever.



Presentation of the Lord February 2nd

Simeon had waited all his life to see Jesus. The Holy Spirit had promised him that he would live long enough. When Mary and Joseph presented the baby at the temple, Simeon said, "Now, Lord, you have kept your promise, and you may let your servant go in peace. With my own eyes I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples."
Seeing Jesus satisfied Simon's life. We are prompted to ask what would satisfy us in our lives. Are the goals we set worth a lifetime of wanting, as Simeon's was?



SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend 27th/28th January there will be a Second Collection for the White Flower Appeal for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2024

ACT NOW to end the deadly pills-by-post DIY abortion policy

- It is impossible to regulate, and has proved to be open to abuse.
- It abandons women and their babies to coercive abortion.
- It risks women's physical & mental health.

ALL laws permitting abortion are unjust – but the pills-by-post policy goes even further by endangering the women themselves, facilitating extremely late-term illegal abortions and violating the sanctuary of the home.

The Government's DIY abortion policy is a FAILURE and must be SCRAPPED NOW.

Sign our e-postcards at the back of church now to send this urgent message to the Health Secretary and devolved administrations.