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serving the parishes of North and Mid Wales

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To declare
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To call to prayer



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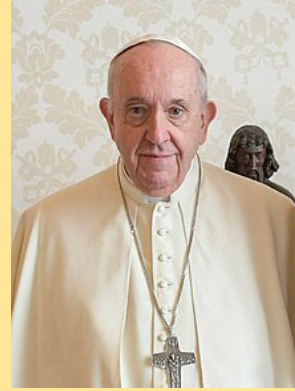
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'We live in an increasingly secular world'- as the statistics and anecdotal evidence tell us. Consequently, in addition to our own experience, there is a greater and greater need to witness to our faith in that forum, as well as to proclaim the truth in the absolutes that the world so often now rejects. We are not infrequently told that we should keep to proclaiming - or at least living - the Gospel, and not get involved in politics. However the influence of one upon the other cannot be separated.

We prepare to celebrate in a few weeks' time, the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem in which we see one of the most blatant non-political statements of our faith. '... *Christ's entry into Jerusalem on a donkey was a repudiation of both Jewish and Roman military triumphs ...*' writes Max Harris in his book *Christ on a Donkey -Palm Sunday, Triumphal Entries and Blasphemous Pageants*. It was a humble, peaceful act, an act of the Suffering Servant (cf. Isaiah 42:1-9; 49:1-6; 50:4-9; 52:13-53:12) and the very antithesis of military, political or any of the other kind of power. As such, it was a very powerful statement to the rulers, governors and political leaders of the time and since; indeed, a parody of them.

Egeria, in her early 5th century *Diary of a Pilgrimage*, describes how the Great Week begins at the Church on the Mount of Olives at the seventh hour with readings, hymns and antiphons until the eleventh hour when the Palm Sunday Gospel (Mk.11:1-10) is read. Then '*all the people rise immediately and walk down from the top of the Mount of Olives*'. Children, especially, are mentioned, as too are '*distinguished ladies and men of consequence*' some '*carrying palms, others olive branches*' led by the bishop (who is '*on foot*') moving '*very slowly so that people will not tire*' arriving at the Anastasis (place of the harrowing of hell) by evening. '*Vespers is celebrated, a prayer is said at the Cross and the people are dismissed.*'

This account betrays any sign of triumphal pomp.

It was only some eighty years after Charlemagne (748-814) rode into Rome, that processions, and including Palm Sunday processions, began to resemble royal entries in cities.

Allusions of Christ's entry into Jerusalem not only set a precedent for subsequent appropriations of the language and iconography of Palm Sunday by rulers of church and state, but also for elite Palm Sunday processions themselves to assume the imagery and the language of royal entries.

From the eleventh century on the procession had a triumphal character. They became in effect a feast of Christ the King. The new Holy Week Ordo of 1955 returned some of the medieval traditions of having a procession of all the people, not just the clergy. It was the Missal of 1970 which acknowledged the changed living, social and political conditions. The liturgy was adapted to what we have to-day (*Roman Missal 3rd Edition 2010*) referring not to a triumphal entry but the '*... entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery.*'

It is Christ the Suffering Servant and the Paschal Mystery that we are called to live and proclaim in society. In so doing we cannot but witness to our communities and nation an alternative way to that put forward by many government and world leaders who seem to be more intent on short term politics than long term policies. As a General Election approaches ever nearer, we have a responsibility to look to, and work for, the defence of Catholic values in Parliament and public life, and the promotion of the common good. May The Great Week be for you a particular time of blessing.

Assuring you of my continued prayers,
+Peter.

Prayer Intentions

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION - March

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER:

During Lent, we are invited to pray for these intentions:
Candidates for the Sacraments;
Women;
the Needy and Hungry of the World;
Penitents and Wanderers.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE CENSUS 2024 -WALES

If you are interested in the picture and place of Catholic Education in Wales please look at the 2024 CES Census

<https://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/ces-census>

The "Clarion"

Deadline for the next issue:

Please note that the deadline for the Easter/April issue will be **Friday 22nd March**. Publication is planned for Tuesday 26th March, the Tuesday of Holy Week.



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.



As we journey further into Lent this month, it is good to remember that this is a 'sober' time, but not a 'sombre' one (a word that comes from the Latin *sub umbra* or 'under the shadows', meaning dismal and gloomy). Indeed, Lent can be a time of gladness when we draw nearer to God, perhaps helped by traditional Lenten practices. **Fasting** can help us develop internal freedom. **Repentance** and **forgiveness**, sometimes through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, lie at the heart of our faith. **Almsgiving** may prompt us not just to give money, but also time, support and friendship – and perhaps a listening ear to someone who needs it. All of these are well-trying ways in which we can co-operate with God's Spirit at work within us.

The season of Lent is also a special time to let God come close to us in other ways. As we reflect on the magnitude of Jesus's love for us, shown particularly in his Passion, death and resurrection, we can also reflect on our own love for God and for one another. We ask God for the strength to carry our own cross as we journey towards Holy Week, placing the Lord right at the centre of our life, and putting the interests of others before our own.

Our image this month is the work of Revd John Stuart ('Stushie'), a Scottish Presbyterian pastor who now works in East Tennessee. His unique crayon and digital art is created specially for use in the liturgy and for children's worship, and is also used widely for newsletters and publicity, as well as to aid prayer and reflection. Stushie enjoys art both as a means of therapy and as a creative way of strengthening his own spiritual connection with God. (Image used by kind permission of www.stushieart.com)

Take a moment to read the verses slowly and prayerfully, perhaps aloud or on your breath if you can. Then stay with any one line or phrase that 'speaks' to you more particularly.

Ask yourself why this is so ... what links it to your daily life?
When have you experienced *the joy of God's help*?

Perhaps you notice the promises the psalmist makes to the Lord: *teaching his ways, voicing out loud his goodness, declaring praise* for him.

This may lead you to consider whether you would like to do the same.

During this healing time of Lent, you might want to ask God's Spirit to help you strengthen your resolve to be more *humble and contrite*, trusting that God will never turn you away.

This month's text comes from one of the best-known psalms, Psalm 50 (51), sometimes referred to as the *Miserere*. St Augustine, Gregory the Great, and Martin Luther all loved this text, and there are prayerful musical settings by many composers, including Allegri and J. S. Bach. We say verses from this psalm at Mass on the Fifth Sunday in Lent (Year B) and on other occasions, including Ash Wednesday.

**Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you.**

**O rescue me, God my helper,
and my tongue shall ring out your goodness.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.**

**For in sacrifice, you take no delight,
burnt offering from me you would refuse;
my sacrifice, a contrite spirit,
a humble, contrite heart you will not spurn.**

Psalm 50 (51) vv. 14-19

At the end of your prayer, what do you want to say to Jesus?

Speak to him as one friend to another.

Date for your Diary: Saturday 9th March 2024: Day of Prayer for Lent, St Beuno's Jesuit Spirituality Centre, Tremeirchion, LL17 0AS, 10.30 am to 4.30pm. Mass will be celebrated at the end of the afternoon. Please email stbeunosoutreach@beunos.com if you would like to come, so we have an idea of numbers. Entrance is free (donations welcomed) and all are most welcome.

If you are attending the 'Into the Future' meeting in Buckley during the afternoon (2pm-4pm), it is fine to come just for the morning session.

Go to our website

www.stbeunosoutreach.wordpress.com
for more resources, including the weekly Prego leaflet and our special illustrated booklet of reflections, *Praying Holy Week with St Beuno's Outreach 2024: Using our Senses to be with Jesus*.

Gospel Year of Mark



And as they were eating, he took bread and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them and said, "Take; this is my bod." And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them. "You will all fall away, for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'"

It is immensely easier to suffer in obedience to a human command than to suffer in the freedom of one's own responsible deed. It is immensely easier to suffer openly and honourably than apart and in shame. It is immensely easier to suffer through commitment of the physical life than in the spirit. Christ suffered in freedom, alone, apart and in shame, in body and spirit, and since then many Christians have so suffered with him.

(Dietrich Bonhoeffer. I Loved this People ©1965 Jones Knox Press, Atlanta)

The Season of LENT

XITH 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD - ADORATION

"Walk in newness of life" (Rom 6:4) is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's 24 Hours for the Lord celebration.

The purpose of the event is to put the sacrament of reconciliation back at the centre of the pastoral life of the Church, and consequently, of our communities, parishes, and all ecclesial realities. This is the centre of the Gospel message: the Mercy of God, which gives us the certainty that before the Lord no one will find a judge, but rather will find a father who welcomes him, consoles him and also shows him the way to renewal.

H.E. Msgr. Rino Fisichella

Each parish of the Diocese has been invited to take one hour, or more if they wish for a time of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) A full list of Churches and times will be published as soon as the information has been submitted and collated.

A pastoral resource is provided to offer some suggestions to enable parishes and Christian communities to prepare to implement this initiative. These are, of course, suggestions that can be adapted according to local needs and customs.

http://www.evangelizatio.va/content/dam/pcpn_e/image/24ore/2024/PDF/ING_24%20ORE-SUSSIDIO.PDF

YEAR OF PRAYER

The Holy Father has asked that 2024 be a 'Year of Prayer'. The **Pilgrims of Prayer** booklet, produced by the Institute of Jesuits, introduces exercises that you may find useful to practise prayer. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2023/11/Pilgrims-of-Prayer-A5-BOOKLET-School-of-Prayer.pdf>

See also the Vatican's new offer of resource for the Year of Prayer [Dicastery for Evangelization offers resource for Year of Prayer - Vatican News](#)

And why the Lord's Prayer is so important to us [Why the Lord's Prayer is so important to us - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](#)

LENTEN ALMS

We are all aware of the plight of the Christians in the Holy Land especially in Palestine and even more of those holed up in Gaza. Amazingly some supplies are getting through to the community of some 600 hundred in the compound of the Holy Family Church in Gaza. There are many hundreds more who have lost their livelihoods because of the war in Gaza. You can come to their assistance by your fasting, prayer and almsgiving through the agency of the Pontifical Agency *Aid to the Church in Need (ACN-UK)* <https://acnuk.org/news/holy-land-fresh-aid-gives-hope-for-Christians-on-the-breadline/> Registered Charity (England & Wales) No.1097984 and *Friends of the Holy Land* <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/> Registered Charity (England & Wales) No. 1202568

Alms should be collected in parishes and presented at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday to be sent to Diocesan Central Services (Bishop's House) to be forwarded to the charities

It takes two sides to make a lasting peace, but it takes only one to make the first step.

(Edward M. Kennedy)



CROSS OF WALES

In a ceremony at Goldsmiths' Hall in London His Majesty King Charles III presented a centenary gift of the "**Cross of Wales**" to the Church in Wales.

The Cross contains shards of The True Cross, originally given to the King by Pope Francis. His Majesty formally presented the Cross to the Anglican Church in Wales.

The Cross of Wales was the Processional Cross used in the coronation of King Charles III in May 2023.

The gift from Pope Francis had been made as an ecumenical gesture.

The ceremony, on January 25th was attended by the retired Archbishop of Cardiff, Archbishop George Stack, who is Chair of the Patrimony Committee of the Bishops' Conference.

"A symbol, a sign, a sacramental expression"

Speaking after the official presentation, Archbishop George Stack described the processional cross as "a symbol, a sign, a sacramental expression of the unity of all people who believe in Jesus Christ" – for Wales and beyond.

"Pope Francis was very anxious to make this ecumenical gesture," he said. "It's around the Cross that all Christians gather with their different histories, devotions, and approaches to the mystery of faith."

Describing how the Cross of Jesus Christ lies at the crossroads of human existence, Archbishop Stack quoted his favourite saying from the Carthusian monks who used to live at Charterhouse in London, "the Cross stands still while the world turns."

"As we look at the Cross, venerate the Cross, embrace the Cross, we give thanks to God in Jesus Christ for reconciling the world to himself, in love, in forgiveness, and in reconciliation."

On coming to Wales, the Cross of Wales will initially be displayed at St Deiniol's Cathedral, Bangor, the seat of the current Archbishop of Wales, Archbishop Andrew John, before beginning a tour around all the Welsh cathedrals with the aim of giving everyone an opportunity to see it. Its use going forward will be shared between the Anglican and Catholic Churches in Wales.

Archbishop Andrew John said:

"The Cross of Wales is a hugely significant ecumenical symbol. Taking its inspiration from the earliest roots of our Christian history, and inscribed in Welsh with the words of St David, the Cross will remind us all of the heart of our faith. It not only provides a focus of unity across our different traditions but will also be a lasting sign of The King's respect and affection for Wales."

It is only people of small moral stature who have to stand on their dignity
(Arnold Bennett)
Clean your fingers before you point at my spots *(Benjamin Franklin)*

The Design of the Cross

Designed and made by master silversmith Michael Lloyd, in consultation with the Royal Collection, the Cross of Wales is crafted from recycled silver bullion, provided by the Royal Mint at Llantrisant; a shaft of Welsh windfall timber; and a stand of Welsh slate.

Words from the last sermon of St David are chased on the back of the Cross in Welsh: "Byddwch lawen. Cadwch y ffydd. Gwnewch y Pethau Bychain", which translates as: "Be joyful. Keep the faith. Do the little things."

Hallmarks

In compliance with the Hallmarking Act, the silver elements of the Cross bear a full hallmark (of the London Assay Office), including the Royal Mark (leopard's head) which was applied by The King himself in November 2022 when visiting The Goldsmiths' Centre in London.

The cross was blessed by the Archbishop of Wales, ahead of the Coronation, at Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno, on 19 April 2023.

For the audio message of Archbishop Emeritus of Cardiff, George Stack and a picture of the Cross; [Cross of Wales is an expression of unity for all Christians, says Archbishop - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk)

General Booth considered the greatest dangers of the 20th century to be:

- i. Religion without the holy Spirit
- ii. Christianity without Christ
- iii. Forgiveness without regeneration
- iv. Morality without God
- v. Heaven without Hell



DIOCESAN FINANCES

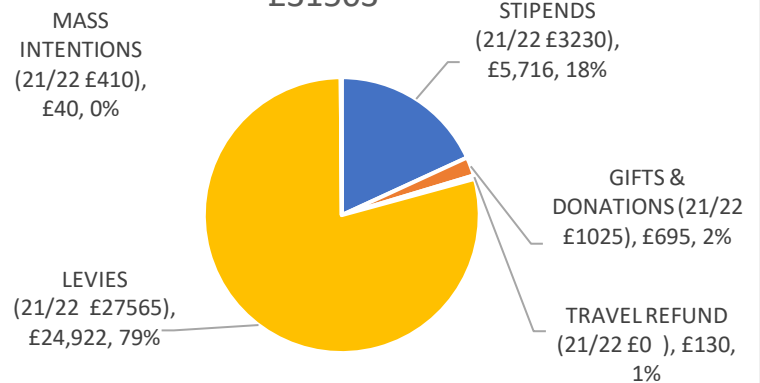
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Over this and the next two editions of CLARION Bishop Peter wants to open the financial books of the Diocese to remove some of the mystery and absence of understanding that may exist with regard to the Diocesan Finances. The full audited accounts are, of course, to be found on the Charity Commission (CC) website where they are posted. For the detail of your own parish's accounts you need to ask your parish priest and Parish Finance Committee (PFC). (Such a Committee exists under Canon Law.)

More narrative and explanation about the Diocesan finances and the figures will be given over the next couple of months. This month, Bishop Peter is happy to begin with his own account. Next month there will be the accounts for Central Services i.e. the Curia and Administration of the Diocese and in the May issue of the Clarion some explanation of the whole annual accounts as reported and seen on the CC website will be given.

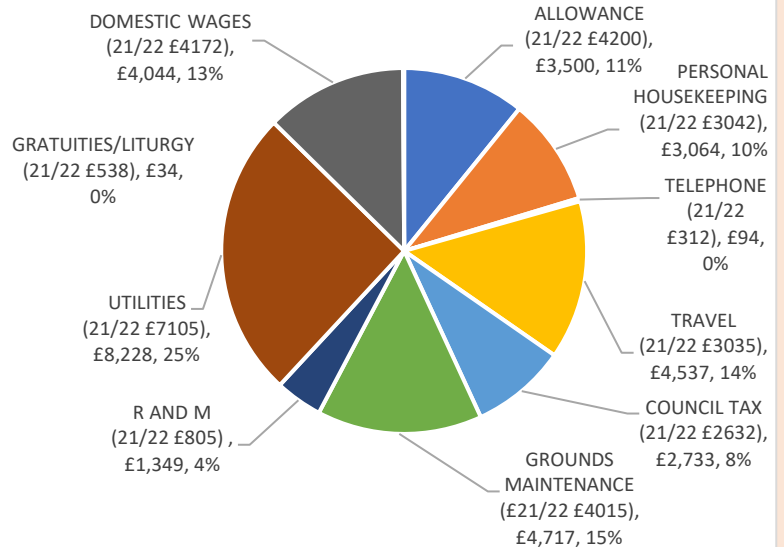
BISHOP'S ACCOUNT - INCOME 22/23

£31503



BISHOP'S ACCOUNT- EXPENDITURE 22/23

£32300



These accounts are for the financial year ending 6th April 2023 the details of which are shown in graphic form.

Income

The total income to the Bishop's Account was £31,503.00 of which nearly 80% had to be drawn down from Diocesan funds, i.e. the Levy upon parishes, but which was a decrease of £2,643.00 on the previous year. For the previous year (2021-2022) the income was £32,230.00 so in the year reported there was a decrease of £727.00

Expenditure

The total Expenditure from the Bishop's Account was £32,300.00. For the previous year (2021-22) the expenditure was £29,856.00. This is an increase of £1,647.00 almost all of which (£1,502.00) was for greater travel/mileage expenses; noting that the Allowance given to the Bishop was down by £700.00 and personal Housekeeping expenditure increased by only £22.00

POPE FRANCIS ON EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

“One cannot know the Lord without this habit of adoring, of adoring in silence. I believe, if I am not mistaken, this prayer of adoration is the prayer least known by us, it is the one we do the least”, as if it were a “waste of time before the Lord, before the mystery of Jesus Christ”. Instead, we should rediscover “the silence of Adoration: he is the Lord and I adore him”.

[Morning meditation, 20th October 2016](#)

“The rediscovery of prayer in various forms, and particularly Eucharistic Adoration, is a source of hope for the Church to grow and take root.”

[Address, 2nd December 2016](#)

“God’s word invites us clearly to “stand against the wiles of the devil” (Eph 6:11) and to “quench all the flaming darts of the evil one” (Eph 6:16). ... For this spiritual combat, we can count on the powerful weapons that the Lord has given us: faith-filled prayer, meditation on the word of God, the celebration of Mass, Eucharistic adoration, sacramental Reconciliation, works of charity, community life, missionary outreach.”

[Apostolic Exhortation Rejoice and Be Glad, 19th March 2018](#)

The prayer of adoration happens only when one enters into God's mystery. Let us ask the Lord for the grace that the Church may live in the concreteness of everyday life and also in that “concreteness” of the mystery. If she cannot do so, she will be just half a Church, a pious association, going ahead by prescriptions but without a sense of adoration. Entering into the mystery is not about dreaming. Entering into the mystery is precisely this: to adore. Entering into the mystery is doing today what we will do in the future. When we will have arrived in God's presence: adore.

[Homily 19th March 2020](#)

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/cotidie/2020/documents/papa-francesco-cotidie_20200319_peri-carcerati.html

I would like to ask a question, which everyone can respond in his or her heart: How do I pray? As a “blah, blah, blah”, half asleep before the tabernacle because I don’t know how to talk to the Lord. Do I pray? How do I pray? Only in adoration, only in the presence of the Lord, do we truly rediscover our taste and passion for evangelization. Oddly enough, we have lost the prayer of adoration; and everyone, priests, bishops consecrated men and women, need to recover it, this ability to be quiet in the Lord’s presence. Mother Teresa [of Calcutta], busy about so many things in life, never neglected adoration, even at times when her faith was shaken and she wondered if it was all true or not. A similar moment of darkness was also experienced by Thérèse of the Child Jesus. In prayer, we overcome the temptation to carry out a “ministry of nostalgia and regrets”.

[Homily 2nd August 2023](#)

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2023/documents/20230802-portogallo-omelia.html>

To love is to adore. Adoration is the first response we can offer to God’s gratuitous and astonishing love. The amazement of adoration, the wonder of worship, is something essential in the life of the Church, especially in our own day in which we have abandoned the practice of adoration. To adore God means to acknowledge in faith that he alone is Lord and that our individual lives, the Church’s pilgrim way and the ultimate outcome of history all depend on the tenderness of his love. He gives meaning to our lives.

[Homily 29th October 2023](#)

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2023/documents/20231029-omelia-conclusione-sinodo.html>

Taizé Liturgy group

A correspondent writes, “On behalf of the recently formed group at St Peter and St Frances in Prestatyn we would wish for news of the next forthcoming liturgy to be made known across the diocese. We have held two events, and with support received from Bishop Peter, welcome all who wish to join us...”

Here are the details :

Ecumenical Taizé Liturgy Monday 25th March in our church (exact time to be confirmed -either midday, or evening)”

[Prestatyn Catholic Church](https://www.prestatyncatholicchurch.org.uk) [prestatyncatholicchurch.org.uk](https://www.prestatyncatholicchurch.org.uk)



Around and About in the Diocese

Events and Invitations

MARCH

- Wednesday 6th – 9th Meeting of the Diocesan Presbyteral Council
24 Hours for the Lord. "Walking in a new Life"
Tuesday 19th Meeting of the Diocesan Trustees
Wednesday 27th 7.00pm Mass of the Holy Chrism – Cathedral
Sunday 31st Easter Day of the Resurrection of the Lord

APRIL

- Saturday 6th Deacons' Renewal Mass 12 noon Cathedral
Sunday 7th Anniversary Mass for Fr. Shaji Punattu, RIP 4.00pm
St. David's Friary Church Pantasaph
Monday 8th Liturgical Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
Sunday 21st World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Tuesday 30th Day of Prayer for the Victims & Survivors of Sexual Abuse

For further information of these events and celebrations please look for the details in your church, on the Diocesan website 'Diocese of Wrexham' www.rcdwxm.org.uk or ask your priests.

MASS OF THE CHRISM –

St. Mary's Cathedral –

Wednesday 27th March -7.00pm

Bishop Peter invites the whole Diocese to join him and the priests to this principal Mass of the Church. The Oils to be used throughout the Diocese in the coming twelve months are blessed and the Oil of Chrism consecrated. This occasion is a demonstration of the unity of the Church of Wrexham as well as an opportunity for us all to pray with and for our priests as they renew again their priestly promises.

Our Deacons will this year renew their diaconal ordination promises at a Mass on the First Saturday of Easter (6th April) at 12 noon in the Cathedral.

INTO THE FUTURE – LISTENING EXERCISE

Following Bishop Peter's Pastoral Letter on Advent Sunday meetings have been held since the New Year to consider the updated pastoral plan. The last meeting will be **Saturday 9th March 2.30pm to 4.00pm – Our Lady of the Rosary, Buckley.**

Each meeting has followed the same format:

Formal and silent prayer; Presentation from Bp. Peter; opportunity for opinions, comments and suggestions from those present (max 3 mins); Closing Prayer.

Written submissions (max 250 words) can also be made – anonymous comments are not accepted. Be sure to read 'Into the Future – 3' before attending a meeting or making a submission

https://www.rcdwxm.org.uk/files/ugd/0d070d_ba440c4896e347feb6b5fc0127eb57a8.pdf or a print copy from your parish.

Responses which are not helpful or constructive will not offer a direction for the future.

The submissions should be about the overall principles and strategy not about individual parishes - circumstances may dictate action in one part of the Diocese caused by an issue elsewhere.

Bishop Peter writes:

"Some have asked at previous meetings about the Document I referred to in my address. It is the [Instruction "The pastoral conversion of the Parish community in the service of the evangelising mission of the Church" \(29 June 2020\)](#) online or as a booklet from WWW.CTSBOOKS.ORG D0954 Price £5.95

"I am very grateful for the written submissions that have been made thus far. The closing date for them will be Friday 15th March.

"Following the last meeting on 9th March the paper with which I began the meetings will be posted on the diocesan website."

NATIONAL BOARD OF CATHOLIC WOMEN



The Board consists of representatives of national Catholic organisations as well as Diocesan links appointed by the local bishop. It serves as a forum for Catholic women to exchange views and concerns about the status of women in the Church and in the world and make recommendations.

It has consultative status with the United Nations (ECOSOC); is a member of the World Union of Catholic Organisations and the European Alliance of Catholic Women in Europe. Through its representation on these and other national, ecumenical, and interfaith groups, the NBCW is able to put forward the issues of concern to Catholic Women.

For more information about what NCBW does, how to get involved and the Diocesan link: www.nbcw.org

Among events organised is the webinar organised by the Women in the Church Committee on Saturday 16th March 2024 11.00am- 12.45pm entitled:

'Inspiring Women – Women and Synodality'

Email: nbcw@abdiocese.org.uk to register your interest.

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BISHOP PETER'S ENGAGEMENTS

March

01 12noon	St David Feast Day Mass, in Welsh	Cathedral
02 10.30am	Pastoral Meeting	Llandudno
	2.30pm Pastoral Meeting	Porthmadog
06 10.00am	Presbyteral Council Meeting	Bishop's House
07 6.30pm	Youth Commission Meeting	Colwyn Bay
09 2.30pm	Pastoral Meeting	Buckley
14 12noon	Overseas Clergy Meeting	Llandudno
19 1.30pm	Board of Trustees' Meeting	Bishop's House
20 10.00am	Preaching Day	St Beuno's
21 3.00pm	'Into the Future' Clergy Discussion	Buckley
24 10.30am	Palm Sunday	Cathedral
27 7.00pm	Chrism Mass	Cathedral
28 7.30pm	Mass of the Lords' Supper	Cathedral
29 3.00pm	The Lord's Passion	Cathedral
30 8.00pm	Easter Vigil	Cathedral
31 10.30am	Easter	Cathedral

April

05 6.30pm	Confirmation	Holywell
06 12noon	Deacons' Renewal Mass	Cathedral
07 4.00pm	Memorial Mass (Fr Shaji)	Pantasaph

New Servers at Abergele

On 21st January 2024 six new altar servers were enrolled in the Guild of St Stephen at the Sunday morning Mass in St Theresa's church Abergele. The Guild aims to provide altar servers with a greater understanding of their duties and to unite servers of different parishes and dioceses for their mutual support and encouragement.



INTERESTED IN THE PLACE OF CHURCH IN THE PUBLIC ARENA?



You may well be interested in the Catholic Union <https://catholicunion.org.uk>

The Catholic Union was founded in 1870. It is a membership organisation dedicated to the defence of Catholic values in Parliament and public life, and the promotion of the common good.

Catholic Union publishes an online Weekly Briefing and a monthly Diary of Coming Events. They bring to the public eye issues such as: Campaigners have supported proposals to decouple the school spring break from the Easter public holiday in Wales. The National Secular Society (NSS) welcomed the plans outlined in a Welsh government [consultation](#) on the structure of the school year AND

Catholics across the country are invited to [have their say](#) on what matters most to them ahead of the next General Election. With an election expected later this year, the Catholic Union has launched a new [survey](#) to test the temperature of Catholic views and attitudes towards politics. The [survey](#) is seeking people's views on the policy areas where Catholic voices are most needed. It also explores the extent to which Catholics are engaged in politics and how they plan on participating in the election.

Man is more interesting than men. God made him and not them in his own image. Each one is more precious than all.
(André Gide)



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JUBILEE 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE

This year in preparation of the Jubilee next year Pope Francis has asked the Church to immerse herself afresh in prayer. Among the many resources that are available it is particularly those around the *Our Father* that are designed for use through the weeks of Lent for individual or group use.

Resources can be found on the Bishops' Conference (CBCEW) website:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/jubilee-2025/> as well as the Vatican websites:

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/verso-il-giubileo/2024-anno-della-preghiera.html> and

<http://www.evangelizatio.va/content/pcpne/en/giubileo-2025.html>

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