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(FORMERLY OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS & ST. WINEFRIDE)

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CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY TO BRONGLAIS HOSPITAL & ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY

FEBUARY 12TH 2017: THE SIXTH SUNDAY: ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES, PLACE & INTENTIONS

All Weekend Masses in Aberystwyth will take place in
ST. PADARN'S SCHOOL HALL - SY23 1EZ
Bydd Pob Offeren Penwythnos yn Aberystwyth yn:
Neuadd Ysgol Padarn Sant – SY23 1EZ
All Weekday Masses in Aberystwyth will take place in
CHURCH HALL - SY23 2HS
Bydd Pob Offeren yn ystod yr wythnos yn Aberystwyth yn:
Neuadd Eglwys – SY23 2HS

11.02.17: SAT ABERYSTWYTH	**06.00PM**	**HOLY MASS: 6TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME** *Int: PETER NORTON-RIP*
12.02.17: SUN ABERYSTWYTH	**08.30AM**	**HOLY MASS : 6TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME** *Int: JEAN GORDON-RIP*
12.02.17: SUN ABERYSTWYTH	**10.00AM**	**HOLY MASS: 6TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME** *Int: ERNESTO & GIOVANNA ORSI-RIP*
12.02.17: SUN ABERAERON	**12.30PM**	**HOLY MASS: 6TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME** *Int: PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH*
15.02.17: WED ABERYSTWYTH	**06.00PM**	**HOLY MASS** *Int: HELEN DUNWORTH-RIP*
16.02.17: THU ABERAERON	**10.00AM**	**HOLY MASS & BENEDICTION** *Int: IAN LAMBERT-RIP*
17.02.17: FRI ABERYSTWYTH	**06.OOPM**	**HOLY MASS: SEVEN FOUNDERS OF SERVITE ORDER** *Int: REV. ALFRED TOBONE-RIP*
18.02.17: SAT ABERYSTWYTH	**06.00PM**	**HOLY MASS: 7TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME** *Int: PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH*
19.02.17: SUN ABERYSTWYTH	**08.30AM**	**HOLY MASS : 7TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME** *Int: MICHAEL FOLEY-RIP*
19.02.17: SUN ABERYSTWYTH	**10.00AM**	**HOLY MASS: 7TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME** *Int: MARY ANNE FENTON-RIP*
19.02.17: SUN ABERAERON	**12.30PM**	**HOLY MASS: 7TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME** *Int: GERRY COOKE-RIP*
19.02.17: SUN ABERYSTWYTH	**04.00PM**	**HOLY MASS: SYRO MALABAR RITE IN MALAYALAM REV. JIMMY SEBASTIAN, BRECON**

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

GWEDDI DROS Y CLEIFION:
Gloria Carter, John McKay, Sr. Eileen, Jess Macken, Nicholas More, Nancy Davies, Lyn Morris, Nora James, Sr. Clare O'Loughlin, Cath Powell, Grace Pugh, Zena Swordy, Jonathan Gaines, Sonia Hill, William Ellison, Rev. Fr. Ross Patterson, Rev. Fr. Michael Fewell, Rev. Fr. Keith Evans…
They need our prayers..!

CONFESSIONS: CYFFES

ABERYSTWYTH:
SATURDAYS
5.15–5.45PM & SUNDAYS
7.45-8.15AM
ABERAERON: SUNDAYS
11.40AM – 12.20PM

In Fr Paul Joseph's *absence, if you, or a member of your family, are in urgent need of a priest, please contact:* ***Anne Kidner: 01970828459*** *or* ***Anne Price: 01570470981.*** *They are authorised to contact the emergency supply priests.*
Yn absenoldeb y Tad Paul Joseph, *os os ydych chi neu aelod o'ch teulu mewn gwir angen offeiriad, cysylltwch ag:* ***Anne Kidner: 01970828459*** *neu:* ***Anne Price: 01570470981.*** *Mae ganddyn nhw awdurdod i gysylltu â'r offeiriad cyflenwi.*

The Cycle of Prayer: IN THE WINTER SEASON OF ORDINARY TIME, LET US PRAY FOR… PEACE ON EARTH, CHRISTIAN UNITY, VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING & THOSE WHO COMBAT IT, THE SICK AND THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM, STUDENTS & TEACHERS, THE UNEMPLOYED…

PARISH YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION CLASS:

Next Meeting: Sunday, 19th February, 11am– 12.30pm

YEAR BOOK 2017: It is available for those who would like to get a copy. It is priced £3.50. Please contact Tasha or help yourself from the repository.

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS..!
MAY YOUR STAY BE PLEASANT AND MEMORABLE..!

LENT RETREAT: **For 18+ at St Cassian's Retreat Centre, Kintbury, Hungerford... 3rd - 5th March 2017: Guest Speaker: Father Peter Hunter OP. For details contact Kevin: 01488658267, kintbury@aol.com www.thekintburyexperience.com**

Remembering Our Dead…

Death Anniversaries…

Margaret Worrall (1992), Christine Durrant (2001), Olig Parrish (2002), Mario Zariello (2003), Irene Staff (2007), Gladys Evans (1999), Agnes O'Callaghan (2000), Gordon Walker (2006), David Evans (1969), Mary Fitzgerald (2003), Kenneth Walker (2015), James O'Donovan (1979), Dennis Hayes (1989), Margaret Fielding (2001), Fr Alfred Tabone, O. Carm (2003)…

May they rest in Peace..!

HELP! ***Thanks to the new volunteer for teas & coffees after 830am Mass. Volunteers still needed for serving Teas & Coffees after the 8.30am Mass. If you are willing to help out… PLEASE contact Fr Paul or Gina Callanan on 07790537673***

COUNTERS

12.02.17: PETER STOCKS & DAVE SHERRATT

19.02.17: MARGARET TRETHEWEY & JOHN

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: CASGLIAD Y SUL

05.02.17: Aberystwyth: £496.77

05.02.17: Aberaeron: £ 138.98

Many thanks for your generosity…

Llawer o ddiolch am eich haelioni.

Do you have a favourite recipe – or more than one… – that you would like to share, whilst also raising money for a worthwhile cause…then please contact Will Mahon who is busy compiling a ***PARISH COOK BOOK…***

all proceeds go to the SVP. *For further information and recipe forms contact William Mahon:* williammahon9@gmail.com

SVP: SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL…

The ***Jubilee Storehouse Food Bank*** box for donated goods is located at the back of the school hall. To find out what is needed at any given time, please visit their Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/JubileeStorehouse/?fref=ts

Diocese of Middlesbrough Teaching School Alliance: Ampleforth College and the Diocese of Middlesbrough TSA are looking to recruit and train well-qualified graduates with a passion for teaching. We particularly welcome applications from practising Catholics.www.ampleforth.org.uk/college/teaching-school-alliance/itt-information-applicants

COUNTERS NEEDED – CAN YOU HELP? We need more people to count collections. This entails just a little of your time every 4th Sunday or so. If you would like to help out, please contact Fr Paul or Peter Stocks. ***THANK YOU..!***

FOR QUIET PRAYER…

ABERYSTWYTH

Rosary: 11am Thursdays. The Church Hall will be open 6 - 7pm Monday, Tuesday & Thursday.

ABERAERON

Rosary & Prayer Meeting 10.30am Tuesday.

ST. JOSEPHINE MARGARET BAKHITA… (1869-1947) was a Sudanese-born former slave who became a Canossian Religious Sister in Italy, living and working there for 45 years. In 2000 she was declared a saint by the Catholic Church. Born in 1869 in Darfur, Sudan, she belonged to the prestigious Daju people and well respected and reasonably prosperous. She says, *"I lived a very happy and carefree life, without knowing what suffering is..!"* Sometime between the age of seven to nine, probably in February 1877, she was kidnapped by Arab slave traders, who already had kidnapped her elder sister two years earlier. She was cruelly forced to walk barefoot about 600 miles to El Obeid and was already sold and bought twice before she arrived there. Over the course of twelve years (1877–1889) she was resold again three more times and then given away. It is said that the trauma of her abduction caused her to forget her own name; she took one given to her by the slavers, Bakhita, Arabic for lucky. She was also forcibly converted to Islam. In El Obeid, Bakhita was bought by a very rich Arab who used her as a maid in service to his two daughters. They liked her and treated her well. But after offending one of her owner's sons, possibly for breaking a vase, the son lashed and kicked her so severely that she spent more than a month unable to move from her straw bed. Her fourth owner was a Turkish general and she had to serve his mother-in-law and his wife who both were very cruel. Bakhita says: *"During all the years I stayed in that house, I do not recall a day that passed without some wound or other. When a wound from the whip began to heal, other blows would pour down on me."* Bakhita's most terrifying of all her memories there was when she was marked by a process resembling both scarification and tattooing. As her mistress was watching her with a whip, a dish of white flour, a dish of salt and a razor were brought by a woman. She used the flour to draw patterns on her skin and then she cut deeply along the lines before filling the wounds with salt to ensure permanent scarring. A total of 114 intricate patterns were cut into her breasts, belly, and into her right arm. 1883 Bakhita was bought by the Italian Vice Consul Callisto Legnani, who treated her in a loving and cordial way. Two years later, when Legnani himself had to return to Italy, Bakhita begged to go with him. Bakhita's new masters took her to their family villa at Zianigo, near Mirano Veneto, about 25 km (16 mi) west of Venice. On 29 November 1889 an Italian court ruled that Italian law did not recognize slavery, Bakhita had never legally been a slave. For the first time in her life Bakhita found herself in control of her own destiny. She chose to remain with the Canossians. On January 9, 1890 Bakhita was baptised with the names of Josephine Margaret and Fortunata (which is the Latin translation for the Arabic Bakhita). On the same day she was also confirmed and received Holy Communion from Archbishop Giuseppe Sarto, the future Pope Pius X, himself. On 7 December 1893 Josephine Bakhita entered the novitiate of the Canossian Sisters and on 8 December 1896 she took her vows, welcomed by Cardinal Sarto. In 1902 she was assigned to the Canossian convent at Schio, in the northern Italian province of Vicenza, where she spent the rest of her life. During her 42 years in Schio, Bakhita was employed as the cook, sacristan and door keeper and was in frequent contact with the local community. Her gentleness, calming voice, and ever-present smile became well known and Vicenzans still refer to her as Sor Moretta ("little brown sister") or Madre Moretta ("black mother"). A young student once asked Bakhita: *"What would you do, if you were to meet your captors?"* Without hesitation she responded: *"If I were to meet those who kidnapped me, and even those who tortured me, I would kneel and kiss their hands. For, if these things had not happened, I would not have been a Christian and a religious today".* On 10 February 1993, Pope John Paul II solemnly honoured Bakhita on her own soil. *"Rejoice, all of Africa! Bakhita has come back to you. The daughter of Sudan sold into slavery as a living piece of merchandise and yet still free. Free with the freedom of the saints."* Pope Benedict XVI, on 30 November 2007, in the beginning of his second encyclical letter Spe Salvi (In Hope We Were Saved), relates her entire life story as an outstanding example of the Christian hope.

Her special charisma and reputation for sanctity were noticed by her order; the first publication of her story (Storia Meravigliosa by Ida Zanolini) in 1931, made her famous throughout Italy.[2][18] During the Second World War (1939–1945) she shared the fears and hopes of the town people, who considered her a saint and felt protected by her mere presence. Not quite in vain as the bombs did not spare Schio, but the war passed without one single casualty.

Her last years were marked by pain and sickness. She used a wheelchair, but she retained her cheerfulness, and if asked how she was, she would always smile and answer: "As the Master desires." In the extremity of her last hours her mind was driven back to the years of her slavery and she cried out: "The chains are too tight, loosen them a little, please!" After a while she came round again. Someone asked her: "How are you? Today is Saturday." "Yes, I am so happy: Our Lady... Our Lady!" These were her last audible words.[19]

Bakhita died at 8:10 PM on 8 February 1947. For three days her body lay on display while thousands of people arrived to pay their respects.

Legacy and Canonization[edit]
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The petitions for her canonization began immediately, and the process officially commenced by Pope John XXIII in 1959, only twelve years after her death. On 1 December 1978, Pope John Paul II declared Josephine Venerabilis, the first step towards canonization. On 17 May 1992, she was declared Blessed and given February 8 as her feast day. On 1 October 2000, she was canonized and became Saint Josephine Bakhita. She is venerated as a modern African saint, and as a statement against the brutal history of the European and American slave trade and its Christian endorsement--as in her Italian owners who illegally kept her enslaved and resisted her escape--as well as Africa's people sometimes practicing slavery among themselves. She has been adopted as the only patron saint of Sudan.

Bakhita's legacy is that transformation is possible through suffering. Her story of deliverance from physical slavery also symbolizes all those who find meaning and inspiration in her life for their own deliverance from spiritual slavery.[21] In May 1992 news of her beatification was banned by Khartoum which