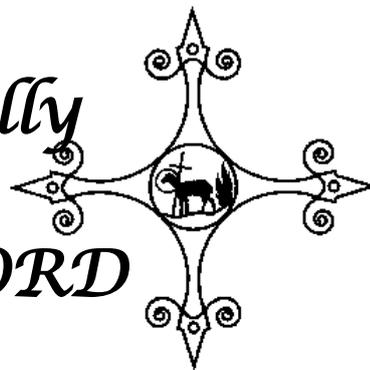


Saint Helen's Parish, Caerphilly

4th January 2015

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



"We saw his star and have come to do the king homage."

THE WORD THIS WEEK

In the East, this Season of Christmas is called the 'Time of Manifestation', or Showing. Today is the 'Feast of the Manifestation', or the Showing of the Saviour to the whole world, to all nations. In the wise men who travel from the East, we see all the nations other than the people of Israel being welcomed at the New Temple of the New Covenant - the new born child in the manger. A look at the Psalm response shows this: "All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord." The same is true of the key word in the second reading: "Revelation". Remember that for the people of Israel this was to be their Messiah, come to restore their fortunes. By this feast, we proclaim God's plan was to extend his salvation to men and women of every nation, of every time and every place - including us. In many ways this is our Christmas Feast, when we celebrate the Good News of the Saviour's birth revealed at last to us.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: (Psalter: Week 2)

Isaiah 60: 1 – 6.

Response: **Psalm 71.**

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement.

In his days justice shall flourish,
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts/
shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba//
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him.

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor.

Ephesians 3: 2 – 3, 5 – 6.

Acclamation for the Gospel:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
We saw his star as it rose
and have come to do the Lord homage.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Matthew 2: 1 – 12.

Prayer of the Faithful: R/. Lord, save the needy when they cry.

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A Blessed and Happy New Year to all our Readers!

MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

Sat 3 rd January	6.30pm	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD For the People of the Parish
Sun 4 th January	10.30am	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Renee Marie Kelly
Mon 5 th January	6.45pm 7.00pm	Evening Payer of the Church Guiseppe Antoniazzi (LA)
Tues 6 th January	9.45am	Morning Prayer with Scripture and Communion
Wed 7 th January	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Deacon Noel Williams (MM) ADORATION 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 8 pm.
Thurs 8 th January	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Fred Clemas (JG)
Fri 9 th January	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Robinson + McGowan Families (CMcG)
Sat 10 th January	5.45 – 6.15pm 6.30pm	The Sacrament of Reconciliation – Confessions THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Mary Higgins (BL)
Sun 11 th January	10.30am	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD For the People of the Parish



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5.45pm to 6.15pm, or at any time by arrangement with the priest.

A CHILD FOR BAPTISM? To have your child baptised, make sure you book into the Parish **PREPARATION for BAPTISM:** Please take the form ‘Your Child and Baptism’ available in the porch, fill it in and return it to book in to the next parish Preparation, starting on 3rd February.



Are You Interested in Finding Out about the CATHOLIC FAITH?

Come and explore on late Thursday evenings, 7.45pm in the Hall.

Time to be CONFIRMED? The Archbishop is coming to Saint Helen’s on Pentecost eve, 23rd May. We will start preparing on January 29th (6.30pm, in church): It’s time to **enrol now** – Please pick up an enrolment form from the porch.



MARRIAGE At least **6 months notice (preferably 12 months)** must be given, by Church law. *Before making any arrangements please see the priest to avoid any disappointments.*

Bereaved? BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

provides a safe place to enable you to come to terms with your grief. One-to-one and group support available. For details contact 07895 092009.

The S.V.P. meets on Monday at 7.30pm in the small meeting room.

TODDLERS GROUP – A reminder that we will be recommencing next Monday, 12th January.

‘**Thank you** to Father John for his continued support whilst Mike was in hospital and his support to the family over the last few weeks. We would also like to thank the parishioners for their prayers and kind wishes and also the donations to S.V.P.’ Gay Dacey and family.



“The safest thing (*in the spiritual life*) is to will only what God wills, for he knows us better than we know ourselves, and he loves us”
Saint Teresa of Avila



SHARING FAITH CATECHESIS

£250,000! Thanks to Barbara Burns' massive generosity, we now have this 'cushion' in our deposit account. Not just a 'slush fund', nor to be frittered away carelessly or just used to save us from our regular financial responsibilities - instead it is lodged with the Trustees of the Diocese, according to Charities law, and loaned out to less fortunate neighbouring parishes for approved major projects. Meanwhile, we can access it whenever we have a necessary large project.

To consider this and look/dream together at possible projects that would honour Barbara and her many hours and years of service and care for the Parish, and help us continue it, we are all invited to meet in the Hall after Mass **this weekend**, the Epiphany, which is the feast of gifts.

MARRIAGE and the FAMILY: The Bishops of England and Wales have issued an invitation to us all to become involved in the preparations for the October Synod of Bishops called by Pope Francis to look at **Marriage and the Family**. A text was printed in last week's newsletter – if you missed your copy, there are still some spares in the porch. The original, complete with colour pictures we couldn't reproduce, is displayed on the notice board, or you can access it on rcdow.org.uk/att/files/the+call+journey+mission+of+the+family.pdf. Please take the text home, and begin to work with it within your own family. In the next month we will think about how we can respond to it in the Family of the Parish, maybe as a Lenten exercise.



A COLLECTION FOR S.P.U.C. (Society of the Protection of the Unborn Child) will be taken as we leave Church next weekend.

ANOTHER RIP-ROARING EVENING of entertainment and dancing for the Parish: **SONGS FROM THE SHOWS** with **David Rhys-Morris**, Friday 23rd January, 7.30pm in the hall: Still a few tickets left, £5, from Bernard, 20 881331.



TIME FOR CONFIRMATION IN FAITH? If you are 12 or over and wish to be Confirmed as an adult member of the Church, please give your details to Father, using the red enrolment forms available from the porch. On Thursday 29th January you and your parents are invited to meet in the church at 6.30pm, to look at dates and plan your preparation for this important step.

THE MINISTERS OF THE WORD are invited to email either jvwilliams@talktalk.net, or the Parish – parish@sthelenscaerphilly.com – to request and receive a copy of an enlightening article on the Ministry of the Word.

Have you got your **FAMILY GROUPS EVENTS CALENDAR?** Don't miss out on a programme of fun for all the year, available today.



PARISH PRAYER LIST: In our prayers we are asked to remember Ted Cronin and Marion Silcox who are in hospital, and all who are sick or housebound:

Pamela Griffiths
Dorothy Waters
Pat Emanuelli
Paul Costigan
Johanna Greenaway
Jackie Lewis

Mary Stallone
Jean Kerrigan
Shirley Evans
Valerie Donovan
Sandra Bray
Helen Fletcher-Davies

Sheila Harris
Lloyd Jones
David Mabey
Bridie Tolan
Claris Howell

Gerry Phenis
John Maguire
Isobel Cummins
Carol Morrissey
Celia Llewelyn

Julie Bevan
Cecelia Mawby
Pauline Richards
Sheila Humphries
David Warmsley

SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:

Date	Time	Event
Mon 5 th January	9.30 – 1.30pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	'Tiny Talk' Zumba S.V.P. (s.m.r.)
Tue 6 th January	10am – 12 noon	Music Appreciation
Thurs 8 th January	7.45pm	Finding Faith
Sat 10 th January	9.30am – 12.30pm 1.00pm – 4.00pm	Dance Party
Sun 11 th January	11.30 am 1.30pm – 4.30pm 6.00 pm	Tea, Coffee, & Biscuits Party The Night Shelter



OFFERTORY COLLECTION	28 th December 2014
Gift Aid Weekly	£ 214.90
Non Gift Aid Weekly	£ 105.70
Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 559.26
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 46.00
Loose	£ 221.42
TOTAL	£1147.28
	<i>Many thanks</i>



LOTTERY BONUS BALL

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of Bonus Ball No. 22, (24th December), Geraldine Holmes, Ann Morgan, and Pam Griffiths;

AND of Bonus Ball No. 35, (31st December) Alun Fernandez-John, Theresa Meade, and Catherine Pritchard. A total of £150.00 was made for parish funds. **TRY YOUR LUCK AGAIN THIS WEEK.**

CHRISTIAN PRAYER. Section One: Prayer in the Christian Life: Chapter Two: The Tradition of Prayer

Article 2. **THE WAY OF PRAYER: In communion with the Holy Mother of God**

(2676) This twofold movement of prayer to Mary has found a privileged expression in the *Ave Maria: Hail Mary* or *Rejoice, Mary*: The greeting of the angel Gabriel opens this prayer. It is God himself who, through his angel as intermediary, greets Mary. Our prayer dares to take up this greeting to Mary with the regard God had for the lowliness of his humble servant and to exult in the joy he finds in her (Cf. *Luke 1: 48; Zephaniah 3: 17b.*)

Full of grace, the Lord is with thee: These two phrases of the angel's greeting shed light on one another. Mary is full of grace because the Lord is with her. The grace with which she is filled is the presence of him who is the source of all grace. 'Rejoice... O Daughter of Jerusalem... the Lord your God is in your midst' (*Zephaniah 3: 14; 17a.*) Mary, in whom the Lord himself has just made his dwelling, is the daughter of Zion in person, the ark of the covenant, the place where the glory of the Lord dwells. She is 'the dwelling of God... with men' (*Revelations 21: 3*). Full of grace, Mary is wholly given over to him, who has come to dwell in her and whom she is about to give to the world.

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NEWSLETTER: All items for inclusion no later than Wednesday evening please.



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