THE WORD THIS WEEK
Familiarity with Jesus’ answer to the question about the greatest commandment blunts our awareness of its startling directness. Lots of answers could have been given, singling out one of the Ten Commandments, or any other from the Jewish Scriptures, which might have pleased the Pharisees more. Instead Jesus reminds them, and us, of the fundamentals of religious observance on which the whole of law depends: Love. It is always easier to love God, or at least say we do, than to love the neighbour we cannot avoid. The commentary on the ten commandments in the exodus reading makes this topical at a time when suspicion of strangers, foreigners, and migrants has poisoned public life, and private and public debt is dangerously high.

TODAY’S SCRIPTURE: (Psalter: Week 2)
If you are harsh with the widow, the orphan, my anger will flare against you.
Response: Psalm 17.
I love you, Lord, my strength //
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge; //
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me,
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed.

1 Thessalonians 1: 5 – 10.
You broke with idolatry and became servants of God; you are now waiting for his son.

Acclamation for the Gospel:
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!
If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

You must love the Lord your God, and your neighbour as yourself

Prayer of the Faithful: R/. Lord, save us.

The weekend of September 17th/18th, when Father Angelo appealed for the Comboni Missions abroad, was meant to be ‘Home Mission Sunday’ with a collection for evangelisation here at home. This weekend is meant to be ‘Mission Sunday’, with a collection for foreign Missions: Since we missed both, next weekend we will have a retiring collection to split between the two.
MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

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THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Saturday 5.45pm to 6.15pm, or at any time by arrangement with the priest.

CELEBRATING STEPS ALONG THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

**A CHILD FOR BAPTISM?** The Parish PREPARATION for BAPTISM continues on Wednesday evening. If you have missed this series, please take the (green) form ‘Your Child and Baptism’ available in the porch, fill it in and return it to book in to the next Preparation.

**JOINING THE CHURCH AS AN ADULT:** To know more about the Catholic Faith, please contact the parish priest, or ask someone in church and ask them to help you come and see.

**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 02920 863450.

“In the strength of their Baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary Disciples”  

Pope Francis – Evangelii Gaudium # 120

PARISH PRAYER LIST: In our prayers we are asked to pray for all who are sick or housebound, and those who care for them, including:

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SHARING FAITH

CATECHESIS
HAPPY HALF-TERM HOLIDAY – Wishing the teachers and staff well-earned rest and recuperation, the children fun, and all parents survival!

RUDRY RAMBLE – Sunday 29th October: Family Group is planning a walk around Rupera Castle followed by a lemonade or two at the pub. A great way to see out British Summer time and a general catch up! For more information contact Stephen hoy@hotmail.co.uk or Tracey hoy@hotmail.co.uk

Reformation 500 Wales’ National Service of Commemoration and commitment, in Saint David’s Cathedral, this Tuesday 31st October, 11am. Also a lecture by Professor Densil Morgan at 2pm. For details, please see the notice in the porch.

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Wednesday is the lovely Feast of ALL SAINTS, celebrating all the famous ones, and also the holy people we have been privileged to know, people like our parents or our teachers, or fellow-parishioners who have shared God’s love with us, ‘All Hallows’. We are called to celebrate the feast with Mass at 10am or 7pm, and with family celebrations of our own between. Happy Feast Day!

Then on Thursday we celebrate the Feast of ALL SOULS, a chance to pray for all who have died, and the start of a month of prayer for all our loved ones who have gone to God. Mass through the month will be offered for the Holy Souls, except where there is a pre-booked intention:- Please place the names of the members of your family and friends whom you would like prayed for in the basket on the corner of the altar.

A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE for all the members of the Parish family who have died will be held on the evening of Monday 6th November. The names of those who died in the past year will be called out, and their families will be invited to light a candle for them. If you have a family member or friend whom you would like remembered, please contact the Bereavement Group on 02920 863450 to register their name.

THE CAERPHILLY CHURCHES NIGHT SHELTER will run here from Sunday 3rd December to Sunday 25th February. We are looking for volunteers: If you can help at all please fill in a form that you will find on the stand at the back of Church. The Sunday NIGHT SHIFT is understandably the most difficult to cover – if you can cover just one, it would help ensure the running through to February – a few would be magic! For any queries, please contact Cliff Bray. Thank you.

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CATHOLICISM, in or out? A time for adults who want to explore joining the Church, or learn more about the faith, starting on Thursday 9th November.

STRENGTH for TEANAGERS: On April 28th the Archbishop will come to Confirm our young people in faith. If you are 12 or over and wish to be strengthened with the Sacrament, please take, fill in, and return a (red) registration form from the porch, and come to find out more on Wednesday 15th November.

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“We no longer say that we are ‘Disciples’ and ‘Missionaries’, but rather we are always ‘Missionary Disciples’”

Pope Francis – Evangelii Gaudium # 120
SAINT HELEN’S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:

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**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
22nd October 2017

- Gift Aid Weekly £ 92.40
- Non Gift Aid Weekly £ 128.42
- Gift Aid Standing Orders £ 502.04
- Non Gift Aid Standing Orders £ 65.00
- Loose £ 269.01

**TOTAL** £1056.87  
*Many thanks*

**LOTTERY BONUS BALL CONGRATULATIONS** to Jayne McFarland, Alice Jones, and David Hughes, the winners of the Bonus Ball no. 21. A total of £61.00 was made for parish funds.  
**TRY YOUR LUCK AGAIN THIS WEEK.**

**CHRISTIAN PRAYER.**  
Section Two: *The Lord’s Prayer: ‘Our Father’*  
Article 3: *The Seven Petitions.*  
III. ‘Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread’  
(2833) ‘Our’ bread is the ‘one’ loaf for the ‘many’. In the Beatitudes ‘poverty’ is the virtue of sharing: it calls us to communicate and share both material and spiritual goods, not by coercion but out of love, so that the abundance of some may remedy the needs of others.  
*Cf. 2 Corinthians 8: 1 – 15.*  
*Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992*

“Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelisation; indeed anyone who has truly experienced God’s saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love. Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus.”  
*Pope Francis – Evangelii Gaudium # 120*

**Parish Directory**

- **Priest:** Revd. John Kelly 20883192;  
- **Chair of Parish Council:** Graham Taylor 20860919  
- **Church Student:** Elliot Hanson: 20883192;  
- **Safeguarding Officer:** 20864112  
- **SVP:** 20866838  
- **Bereavement support:** 07895092009  
- **Cafod:** 20861930  
- **Marriage Care:** appointments@marriagecare.co.uk  
- **Music:** Brett Pugh 07971848734.  
- **Hall:** 20883192  
- **Piety shop:** Norma Bromily 20862998  
- **Saint Helen’s School:** 20852532  
- **Cardinal Newman School:** 01443 494110  
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- **Calendar Additions:** calendar@sthelenscaerphilly.com  
- **Parish@sthelenscaerphilly.com**  
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