



Christ is Risen, Alleluia! Risen indeed, Alleluia!

SAINT HELEN'S PARISH

6th EASTER, ALLELUIA!

The Season of LENT+EASTER

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I am in the Father, and You in Me, and I in You.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Though we are some distance away from the start of Easter, the season is still permeated with the Easter message: Christ is risen, we are baptised in him. But today a new dimension of the story comes out: Easter is not complete until the risen Lord returns to the Father and sends the Holy Spirit. So in the Gospel today we begin two weeks of looking forward to the coming of that Spirit of truth which sets us apart from the world. This is a Spirit of power, which flows through the life of the Church, enabling its members to proclaim the Christ and, dwelling in our hearts, to live in the midst of the world's slander and accusations.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: (Psalter: Week 2)

Acts 8: 5 – 8. 14 – 17.

They laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

Response: Psalm 65.

1 Peter 3: 15 – 18.

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Acclamation for the Gospel:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus said, 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

John 14 – 23.

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Prayer of the Faithful: R/. Lord, live in us.



CONGRATULATIONS, PRAYERS, AND MANY BLESSINGS on the children joining us in Sacramental Communion for a first time this Eastertide, and on their parents and families.

Please pray for them all:

Mollie Dacey, Emily Morgan, Emma Raven, and Erin Thomas on Saturday;

Clint Alleyne, Nancy Barrett, Hanna Boswell, Maja Daleka, Seren Kibble, Maksymilian Lewinski, Natalia Luczka, Dylan Murphy, Arabella Naparan, Karolina Palus, Seren Smith, Philippa Trodd, and Piotr and Suzanna Wlodarczyk on Sunday;

and Alexandra Haines on 17th June.

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MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

Sat 20 th May	6.30pm	6th EASTER Giovanni and Faustina Fecci (GF) with a first celebration of Communion.
Sun 21 st May	10.30am	6th EASTER For the People of the Parish with a first celebration of Communion.
Mon 22 nd May	6.40pm 7.00pm	Rosary Varghees Neyyan (TT)
Tues 23 rd May	9.40am 10.00am	DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH Rosary Margherita Antoniazzi (PJ)
Wed 24 th May	9.40am 10.00am	Rosary Jill Goldsmith (GG) Adoration 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 8 pm
Thurs 25 th May	9.40am 10.00am	Rosary Service of the Word with Communion
Fri 26 th May	10.30am	Saint Philip Neri, Priest Requiem Mass for Peter McInerney
Sat 27 th May	5.45 – 6.15pm 6.30pm	The Sacrament of Reconciliation ASCENSION OF THE LORD Mona Clinch (J.O'Brien) with the Baptism of Aoife-Lilly King
Sun 28 th May	10.30am 2.00pm	ASCENSION OF THE LORD For the People of the Parish Baptism of Daniel Jones



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

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CELEBRATING STEPS ALONG THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

SHARING FAITH

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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 next Preparation, starting soon.

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 07895 092009.

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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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| Pamela Griffiths | Teresa Meade | Sheila Harris | Gerry Phenis | Graham Jenkins |
| Sandra Bray | Jean Kerrigan | Lloyd Jones | John Maguire | Cecelia Mawby |
| Pat Emanuelli | Dorothy Warmsley | Isobel Cummins | Pauline Richards | David Mabey |
| Valerie Donovan | Paul Costigan | Margaret Jones | Carol Morrissey | Claris Howell |
| Tess Thomas | Grace Donovan | Mary Camwell | Wilson Brown | Nick Davies |
| Mary + Bill Morrissey | Tim Crosse | | | |

PLEASE PRAY ALSO for **Peter McInerney** who died last Sunday morning, and for Iris and the family in their bereavement. May he rest in peace.

As well as praying and celebrating with the Families **Sharing Communion** for a first time today, we remember and pray for the coach load of pupils and their helpers from Saint Helen's School setting out to **BELGIUM** on a sight-seeing and educational trip early on Sunday morning.

The Parish **LITURGY GROUP** meets on Wednesday, 7.00pm in the Small Meeting Room.

"THY KINGDOM COME", a national Novena. Building on the most ancient liturgical tradition of nine-days prayer for the coming of the Spirit after the Ascension, the Archbishop of Canterbury is inviting people throughout the United Kingdom to set aside ten minutes of prayer each day leading up to Pentecost. The prayer cards will be distributed today, to start on Thursday 25th. Please take one per household, and follow it so that together we may allow the "breath of the Spirit" to pray within us, even when we cannot find the words to say.



MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: The Ministers of Communion will be invited to renew their commitment on the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, June 18th. Meanwhile, an afternoon of reflection will be arranged for them. New Ministers will also be recruited in the coming weeks, with initial training on Monday 5th June.

Wales and the Marches Catholic History Society **ANNUAL HISTORY DAY** Saturday 10th June 10th at Saint. David's College, Cardiff: Mass at 10 am; 11.15 Rev Dr. Trystan Owain-Hughes "Winds of Change Revisited: New Perspectives on the Catholic Church in Wales in the Twentieth Century"; 2.15 Prof. Madeleine Gray "Sin, Mercy, Death and the Gallant: the Llancafarn wall paintings as a coherent scheme". Cost for the Day: £10 (Members) £12.50 (non-Members) includes lunch, teas, coffees, pastries and a glass of wine. All are most welcome to join us. For more information please contact: Tricia Coulthard: triciacoulthard@outlook.com, 02920595899.

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ALL SOULS, SENGHENYDD:

The Aber Valley Heritage Group is seeking photos and other information for display in a new 'Walking Through Time' electronic record and facility: Please see the notice in the porch.

FAMILY MINISTRY SHOWCASE DAY open to all, on the **Saturday 24th June** 10am – 4pm, at the Holiday Inn, Newport, NP18 2YG. Focusing broadly on 'ministry to marriage and family life', facilitated by the Archdiocesan Family Life Commission, with break-out style workshops on: Bereavement support; Dementia awareness; Family Groups; Family spirituality in the Our ordinary daily Lives; Marriage preparation; Mental health; and Parenting skills.

Also stalls of information & resources from organisations raising awareness of their work and how they do/can offer support/pastoral care to families either directly or through parishes. To attend, please contact Joanne White, Family Life Worker, parenting@rcadc.org /telephone 02920 365964 or at the Pastoral Resources Centre, 910 Newport Road, Cardiff, CF3 4LL

There is still time to apply for **CAFOD's GAP YEAR** for this September. For anyone aged 18 – 30, it is an opportunity to volunteer in the UK, gain experience, develop leadership skills and visit CAFOD partners overseas. Interested? Please ask Father to send you the link.



50 DAYS FOR OUR DELIGHT: FOR CHRIST IS RISEN AS ALL THINGS TELL. GOOD CHRISTIAN, SEE YE RISE AS WELL. 

"To be complete we need no one else's blessings, only our own. The face that is truly ours is the one we see reflected back to us by God. That is the meaning of the priestly blessing 'may God *turn his face* towards you and grant you *peace*' (Numbers 6:26). Peace comes when we see our reflection in the face of God, and let go of the desire to be someone else."

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks - "Not in God's Name"

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SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:

Date	Time	Event
Mon 22 nd May	9.30am 7.30pm	Parents & Toddlers S.V.P. (s.m.r)
Tue 23 rd May	2.00pm	History
Wed 24 th May	9.30am 7.00pm 7.00pm	Parents & Toddlers W.I. Liturgy Committee (s.m.r.)
Thurs 25 th May	9.30am 2.00pm – 4.00pm	Parents & Toddlers Sunshine Club
Fri 26 th May	1.00pm – 3.00pm 7.00pm	History Group Parish Quiz Night
Sat 27 th May	9.30am – 12.30pm 5.00pm	Dance Music and Movement
Sun 28 th May	11.30am	Tea, Coffee, & Biscuits



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OFFERTORY COLLECTION	14 th May 2017
Gift Aid Weekly	£ 138.60
Non Gift Aid Weekly	£ 133.62
Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 502.04
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 65.00
Loose	£ 397.10
TOTAL	£ 1,236.36 <i>Many thanks</i>

LOTTERY BONUS BALL CONGRATULATIONS to Sandra Andrews, Theresa Erwin, and Paul Harrington, the winners of the Bonus Ball no. 41. A total of £62.00 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.** II. 'Thy Kingdom Come'

(2816) In the New Testament, the word *basileia* can be translated by 'kingship (abstract noun), 'kingdom' (concrete noun) or 'reign' (action noun). The Kingdom of God lies ahead of us. It is brought near in the Word incarnate, it is proclaimed throughout the whole Gospel and it has come in Christ's death and Resurrection. The Kingdom of God has been coming since the Last Supper and, in the Eucharist, it is in our midst. The Kingdom will come in glory when Christ hands it over to his Father:

It may even be...that the Kingdom of God means Christ himself, whom we daily desire to come and whose coming we wish to be manifested quickly to us. For as he is our resurrection, since in him we rise, so he can also be understood as the Kingdom of God, for in him we shall reign. (Saint Cyprian, *De Dom. Orat. 13: PL 4, 544-545.*)

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