

SAINT HELEN'S PARISH

23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

10th September 2017



O That Today You Would Listen To His Voice.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

It is striking that from Saint Matthew's 18th chapter, which is on relationships within the community, the Church has chosen this passage. The first part is all about sorting out disagreements and about forgiveness. Despite the presence of Christ in the Christian community, there are disagreements and misunderstandings in every community and every family. The vital thing is to sort them out before they fester. So here we are given a safe process. We also get a reminder that Christ is present always in his community. So the decisions of the community will be considered binding in the sight of God. It is especially striking that the same promise is here given to the Church as had earlier been given to Peter: The authority Peter exercises is that of the whole Church.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: (*Psalter: Week 3*)

Ezekiel 33: 7 – 9.

If you do not speak to the wicked man, I will hold you responsible for his death.

Response: Psalm 94.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the lord.

Come in, let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we //

the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert //
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

Romans 13: 8 – 10.

Love is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Acclamation for the Gospel:

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

Matthew 18: 15 – 20.

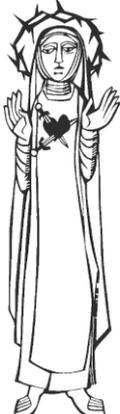
If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.

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



MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

Sat 9 th September	6.30pm	23rd SUNDAY of the Year Gemma Jones intention (AJ)	
Sun 10 th September	10.30am	23rd SUNDAY of the Year For the People of the Parish	
Mon 11 th September	6.45pm 7.00pm	Saint Deiniol , Bishop Evening Prayer of the Church Private intention (TT)	
Tues 12 th September	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mervyn Williams (SW)	
Wed 13 th September	9.45am 10.00am	Saint John Chrysostom , Bishop and Doctor of the Church Morning Prayer of the Church Michael Egan (LE) Adoration 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 8 pm	
Thurs 14 th September	9.45am 10.00am	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Morning Prayer of the Church Joyce Western (MW)	
Fri 15 th September	10.00am	Our Lady of Sorrows Service with Word and Communion	
Sat 16 th September	am 5.45 – 6.15pm 6.30pm	Saint Cornelius , Pope, and Saint Cyprian , Bishop, Martyrs The Sacrament of Reconciliation 24th SUNDAY of the Year Aloysius Thomas (TT)	
Sun 17 th September	10.30am	24th SUNDAY of the Year Private Intention (VT) with the Baptism of Zachary Good.	



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 5.45pm to 6.15pm, with a visiting Confessor.

CELEBRATING STEPS ALONG THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

SHARING FAITH

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 Preparation.

A CHILD FOR RECONCILIATION (and Communion)? Please pick up a registration form from the porch, and return it to the Parish Office this week. Parents are invited to a first Introduction to the plan of preparation, in the hall at **6.30pm** this Tuesday 12th September

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.

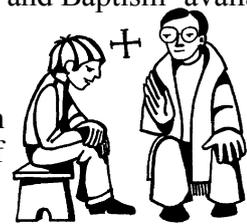
MARRIAGE At least **6 months notice (preferably 12 months)** must be given, by Church law. *Before making any arrangements please see the priest to avoid any disappointments.*

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.

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 Warmasley | 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 |
| Alice Jones | Evie Fisher | Mary + Bill Morrissey | | |

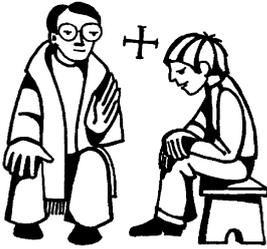
CATECHESIS



A BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP will start this Monday September 11th for 6 weeks. Attendance on the group will give you the chance to deal with the grief of your loss by talking to others in a similar situation and through learning about the process of grief. Please call 07895092009 for more details and to book a place.



'KAROL', a film on Saint Pope John Paul, will be shown in the hall at 7.30pm on Monday, in preparation for the Pilgrimage to Krakow in Poland. All welcome.



A CHILD FOR RECONCILIATION? Parents of children in year three or older who want to prepare them for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (and later for Communion) are invited to come to the Hall on Tuesday at 6.30pm (parents only, no children for this introduction). If you have not yet returned an enrolment form (purple, on the welcome desk in the church porch), please do so today.

On Friday (*very early in the*) morning the **PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND** leaves. Please pray for us, as we will for you, especially as we visit Our Lady of Czestochowa.

Next Weekend we will have a **MISSION APPEAL** by the **COMBONI FATHERS**. There will be a retiring collection for their missions as we leave Church: Please be generous!

'ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING' Our regular opportunity to look at what has happened over the past year, think about what we would like to happen in this coming year, and start planning it, will be on the evening of **Tuesday 26th September**. Reports from the parish groups and ministries available in the porch. Please pick up yours, enjoy it, and book this date.

A deanery hour of **Intercessory Prayer for Evangelisation** before the Blessed Sacrament: Saint Dyfrig's Church, Treforest, Friday 29th September, 6.30 - 7.30pm, followed by light refreshments.

BIG MORNING TEA to Welcome Everybody Back from the Summer holidays! The Parish Family Group are organising a special morning tea after Sunday Mass on October 1st. Feel free to contribute something sweet or savoury if you're in a baking mood but it's not a requirement: Donations to CAFOD on the day. *Mae croeso i bawb! Každý jest mile widziany! Ang lahat ay malugod! सभी का स्वागत है, Jeder ist herzlich willkommen! Kulhadd huwa milqugh! 欢迎大家, Tout le monde est le bienvenu! Todo el mundo es bienvenido! Everybody is welcome!*

The Macmillan Coffee Morning, in the hall, 10.30am Friday 29th September. Tickets £2.00 on sale next week.

A charity ball in aid of Noah's Ark Children's Hospital of Wales in Caerphilly Castle on 6th October. For tickets contact Beci Newton on 07969743799.

A PARISH CELEBRATION on Friday 13th October (*superstitious? Not us!*) Tickets go on sale today, £2 per person, or £ 5 for a family.

CALLING ALL: As school starts up again, the Parish also swings into its educative cycle. But we speak of 'catechesis', rather than teaching. They are close, but should not be confused. RE is teaching and learning about religion – a subject which doesn't necessarily demand belief from teacher, or pupil. But Catechesis, such as preparing for the sacraments, or the children's liturgy of the Word, is something very different: It is **faith talking to faith**. The faith of the catechist speaks to and stirs up the faith of the children, young people, or adults they work with (and often the other way too). In this way, we are all called to be Catechists for one another in the Parish, and to be Catechised. This is what we will enjoy with Elliot; this is what parents are called to at home; This is what we work at in sacramental preparation; this is the 'added on' that our teachers give in our 'faith schools'; and this is the life of our Parish. Where and how do you share faith now (you might be surprised!)? Where and how could you, or would you like to do more?



SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:

Date	Time	Event
Mon 11 th September	9.30am 6.00pm – 7.00pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Parents & Toddlers Bereavement Support Group Finance Committee (s.m.r.) 'Karol', a film for all
Tues 12 th September	6.30pm	Parents of Children to Prepare for Reconciliation
Wed 13 th September	9.30am 7.00pm	Parents & Toddlers W.I.
Thurs 14 th September	9.30am 2.00pm – 4.00pm 6.30pm	Parents & Toddlers Sunshine Club Youth Club
Fri 15 th September	7.00pm	School of Prayer
Sat 16 th September	9.30am – 12.30pm 12.30 – 6.00pm	Dance Polish Family Group
Sun 17 th September	11.30am	Tea, Coffee, & Biscuits

OFFERTORY COLLECTION	3 rd September 2017
Gift Aid Weekly	£ 180.10
Non Gift Aid Weekly	£ 100.20
Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 502.04
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 65.00
Loose	£ 271.02
TOTAL	£1118.36 <i>Many thanks</i>



LOTTERY BONUS BALL CONGRATULATIONS to John Starynski and Sylvia Miles, the winners of the Bonus Ball no. 46. No winner on the 3rd sheet. A total of £81.00 was made for parish funds. **TRY YOUR LUCK AGAIN THIS WEEK.**

CAFOD: Please bring your Cafod boxes today for emptying, **just one world** so we can get rid of any old £1 coins! Many thanks.

RED MISSION BOXES: Please bring yours in as soon as possible please so that all the old £1 coins can be banked before the October deadline. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN PRAYER. Section Two: The Lord's Prayer: 'Our Father'

Article 3: **The Seven Petitions.** III. 'Thy Will Be Done On Earth, As It Is In Heaven'

(2826) By prayer we can discern 'what is the will of God' and obtain the endurance to do it. (*Romans 12:2; cf. Ephesians 5:17; Hebrews 10.36*) Jesus teaches us that one enters the kingdom of heaven not by speaking words, but by doing 'the will of my Father in heaven.' (*Matthew 7: 21.*)
Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992

Parish Directory

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