

SAINT HELEN'S PARISH

26th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

1st October 2017



"He said 'I will not',
but after thought better of it and went".

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Saint Matthew loves simple parables contrasting 'goodies' and 'baddies' like these two sons, with everything in black and white with no shades of grey. Are these two boys, who both change their minds, an earlier version of Saint Luke's parable of the 'prodigal son'? Matthew's two sons change their mind, but unlike Luke's two, no reason or character development is given. They simply remind us that change is possible, for better, or worse; and that part of true goodness and sonship is Ezekiel's 'integrity', doing what we say. It is not enough simply to say that Christ is 'Our Lord'; We have to express it in our behaviour, live it in what we do. Actions speak louder than words.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: (Psalter: Week 2)

Ezekiel 18: 25 – 28.

When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live.

Response: Psalm 24.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord, //
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor.

Philippians 2: 1 – 11.

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

Acclamation for the Gospel:

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

If anyone loves me they will keep my word
and my Father will love them,
and we shall come to them,
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

Matthew 21: 28 – 32.

"Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you."

Prayer of the Faithful: R/. Lord, remember your mercy.



MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

Sat 30 th September	6.30pm	26th SUNDAY of the Year For the People of the Parish	
Sun 1 st October	10.30am	26th SUNDAY of the Year Thanksgiving (TT)	
Mon 2 nd October	10.00am 6.45pm 7.00pm	The Holy Guardian Angels Funeral Service for Janet Poley Rosary Luigi Antoniazzi (LA)	
Tues 3 rd October	9.45am 10.00am	Rosary Margherita Antoniazzi (LA)	
Wed 4 th October	9.45am 10.00am	Saint Francis of Assisi Rosary Don Jones (AJ) Adoration 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 8 pm	
Thurs 5 th October	9.45am 10.00am	Rosary All who are hungry	
Fri 6 th October	9.45am 10.00am	Rosary Mike Dacey (GD) HARVEST FAST DAY	
Sat 7 th October	am 5.45 – 6.15pm 6.30pm	Our Lady of the Rosary The Sacrament of Reconciliation 27th SUNDAY of the Year Anthony Gambetta (JG)	
Sun 8 th October	10.30am	27th SUNDAY of the Year For the People of the Parish	THE LORD OF THE VINEYARD

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

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, which starts on Wednesday 11th October.

Preparing for RECONCILIATION: Parents and Children gather in the Hall on Tuesday, 6.30pm, to remember how God gives us life, and celebrate how God gives us love.

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 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 |
| Alice Jones | David Warmsley | Mary + Bill Morrissey | | |

PLEASE PRAY ALSO for the repose of the soul of Eric Brown, Paul Brown’s father, who died on Tuesday night. We offer our condolences to Paul and his family, who have recently moved to the Parish.

CATECHESIS



WELCOME to the pupils and teachers, staff, governors, and families of Saint Joseph's Primary School, who today will take responsibility for most of the ministries at Mass. As well as the crop of new pupils, the school will bring a harvest-celebration offering of food for the food-bank to lay before the altar.



Give Big Morning Tea! The Parish Family Group offers a special morning tea in the hall after Sunday Mass this weekend to welcome us all back.

Mae croeso i bawb! Každy jest mile widziany! Jeder ist herzlich willkommen! everybody is welcome!

Friday is **HARVEST FAST DAY**: Please take the envelope offered to you as you came into church today, fill the envelope with what you save by eating or drinking, grazing or celebrating less on Friday in solidarity with those who have no choice, and bring the (full) envelope back next week to put in as part of your offertory in eucharistic thanks for all the goodness we rejoice in. You may also wish to bring 'Harvest' gifts of (non-perishable) food, for the food-bank.

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

A **PARISH CELIGŌ** on Friday 13th October (*superstitious?* Not us!) Tickets go on sale today, £2 per person, or £5 for a family. There will be a bar, but no food - eat before you come, or dance light. Don't miss out!



SAINT VINCENT de PAUL, Apostle of the Poor. You are invited to celebrate 400 years of the Charism of Saint Vincent de Paul on Saturday, 14th October. Mass will be celebrated at 12.00 noon by Archbishop George Stack and Father Paul Roche CM. At the end of Mass there will be a short presentation from some of the 'Vincentian Family' including some of the youngest members. Refreshments will follow opposite at The Cornerstone.

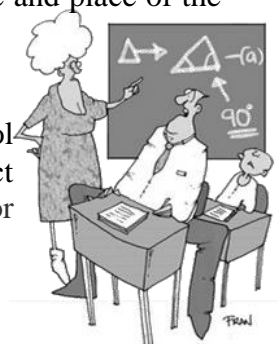
'WORLD DAY OF PRAYER OF THE POOR': Pope Francis has been recognised both within and outside the Church as a champion of the poor. He has identified himself totally with those who are 'on the margins' and have need of respect for their human dignity. He has invited Catholics throughout the world to join him on **Sunday 19th November** in a **World Day of Prayer of the Poor**. (*The title is important. It is not "for" the poor but "of" the poor, reminding us of the words of mother Teresa that here in the West we have different kinds of poverty, including poverty of spirit.*) On that day, we are hoping to hold an Archdiocesan awareness event in The Cornerstone, supported by the Catholic Social Action Network. There will be a Deanery preparation at 7pm on October 25th in Saint Dyfrig, Treforest, to which we will send two parish delegates, though anyone else interested is also invited.

Pope Francis has written an outstanding letter on the subject which is available on the Vatican website: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/papa-francesco_20170613_messaggio-i-giornatamondiale-poveri-2017.html



A SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARY? On Saint Dwynwen's Day, January 25th next, the Archbishop is inviting all newly-weds (in 2017) and couples celebrating a significant anniversary this year to a **Celebration of Marriage**. If you (or someone in your family) fits this, please give Father your names, with details of the date and place of the marriage, for an invitation to be arranged.

Would you like to become a **school governor**? Cardinal Newman High School is looking for new foundation and parent governors. Interested? Then please contact the school by emailing Rebecca McMahon mcmahonr@cardinalnewman.co.uk or telephone the school - 01443 494110.



SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:

Date	Time	Event
Mon 2 nd October	9.30am 6.00pm	Parents & Toddlers Bereavement Group
Tues 3 rd October	10.30am 6.30pm	Music Appreciation Reconciliation Preparation
Wed 4 th October	9.30am	Parents & Toddlers
Thurs 5 th October	9.30am 2.00pm – 4.00pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	Parents & Toddlers Sunshine Club Youth Club Szkola Modlitwy (School of Prayer)
Fri 6 th October	1.00pm 7.00pm	History Group Miners Institute Choir Concert
Sat 7 th October	9.30am – 12.30pm	Dance
Sun 8 th October	11.30am	Tea, Coffee, & Biscuits

OFFERTORY COLLECTION	24 th September 2017
Gift Aid Weekly	£ 98.50
Non Gift Aid Weekly	£ 122.41
Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 502.04
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 65.00
Loose	£ 263.41
TOTAL	£1051.36 <i>Many thanks</i>



LOTTERY BONUS BALL CONGRATULATIONS

to Gabrielle Dacey and John Starynski, the winners of the Bonus Ball no. 40. A total of £79.00 was made for parish funds. There was no winner on the third sheet. **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'

(2829) 'Give us' also expresses the covenant. We are his and he is ours, for our sake. But this 'us' also recognizes him as the Father of all men and we pray to him for them all, in solidarity with their needs and sufferings.

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992



'OCTOBER ROSARY': For **October** we will replace the Prayer of the Church recited quarter an hour before weekday Mass with the **Rosary**.

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