



SAINT HELEN'S PARISH 33rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR DAY OF PRAYER OF THE POOR

19th November 2017



Talents for Life

THE WORD THIS WEEK

TALENTS: Bankable, or serviceable? God given gifts for life, or just dead cash? And who has them? The perfect wife is very gifted – like last Sunday's picture of 'Wisdom', the female of God, whom Jesus will reveal fully as the Holy Spirit. If that's who she is, are we married to her, working with her, 'profiting' from her – or are we hiding her and the gifts she brings, hiding from her fearfully? Another undefined character this week is the Master who has gone away - to some paradise maybe – and will 'come again' a long time later. As we come to the end of the year, Saint Paul also reminds us to be ready, not to bury ourselves in darkness or fear but to use well all we have been given, and live every moment in the full light of faith.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: (*Psalter: Week 1*)

Proverbs 31: 10 – 13, 19 – 20, 30 – 31.

A perfect wife – who can find her?

Response: Psalm 127.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
Your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion //
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life.

1 Thessalonians 5: 1 – 6.

Let not the Day of the Lord overtake you like a thief.

Acclamation for the Gospel:

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

Make your home in mem as I make mine in you,
says the Lord,

Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

Matthew 25: 14 – 30.


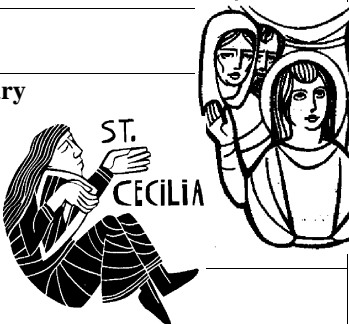

You have been faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness.

Prayer of the Faithful: R/. Lord, bless your children.



WORK FOR THE LORD!

MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

Sat 18 th November	6.30pm	33rd SUNDAY of the Year Pat Geraghty (ME)	
Sun 19 th November	10.30am	33rd SUNDAY of the Year For the People of the Parish	
Mon 20 th November	6.45pm 7.00pm	Evening Prayer of the Church Holy Souls	
Tues 21 st November	9.00am	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Souls	
Wed 22 nd November	9.45am 10.00am	Saint Cecilia , Virgin and Martyr Morning Prayer of the Church Josephine Hall (GM) Adoration 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 8 pm	
Thurs 23 rd November	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Holy Souls	
Fri 24 th November	9.45am 10.00am	Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs Morning Prayer of the Church Holy Souls	
Sat 25 th November	5.45 – 6.15pm 6.30pm	The Sacrament of Reconciliation CHRIST THE KING Patricia Green (S.V.P.)	
Sun 26 th November	10.30am	CHRIST THE KING For the People of the Parish with the Baptism of Darragh Gilleran	

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

SHARING FAITH

CELEBRATING STEPS ALONG THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

A CHILD FOR BAPTISM? To join the next Parish preparation, please take the (green) form 'Your Child and Baptism' available in the porch, fill it in, and return it.

PREPARING for CONFIRMATION: Welcome to the young people who gathered on Wednesday to ask the Parish help them prepare, and thanks to their parents and the Catechists who will lead us in this: They meet again this Thursday, 23rd, at 6.45pm.

JOINING THE CHURCH AS AN ADULT: To know more about the Catholic Faith, please come along to the Hall this Thursday at 7.30pm for 'Catholicism, an introduction', and meanwhile come along to the church and ask anyone there to help you come and see.

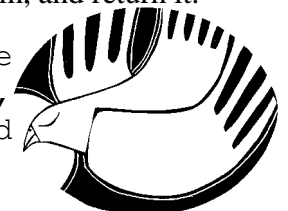
Bereaved? BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT provides a safe place to enable you to come to terms with your grief. One-to-one and group support available. For details contact 02920 863450.

"WALK WITH ME", a Journey of Prayer for Advent, is now on sale in the Porch, £1.00.

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

CATECHESIS





THE DAY OF PRAYER OF THE POOR: This is the first ‘World Day of the Poor’, called by Pope Francis as a new way of inviting us to understand that sharing with those living in poverty “enables us to understand the deepest truth of the Gospel”. In his message for this Day of the Poor Pope Francis asks all of us, whatever our means, to unite in love and in acts of service to one another. He explains: “it is my wish ... that Christian communities will make every effort to create moments of encounter and friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance.”

Let us all, individually and together as a Parish, consider how we can create moments of encounter and friendship today, and how we can build on that towards a fuller response next November.



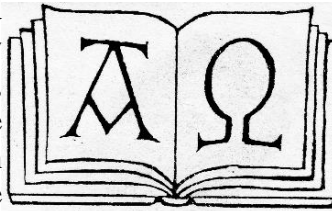
Tickets are on sale this weekend for **CAFOD'S Winter Warmer** on Friday 1st December: Monies made will go to the parish in Sebeya, Ethiopia, which we support.



MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Please pick up an availability to read form from the porch, ready for the new rota, and return it by this weekend, 18th/19th November. If you would like to be added to this list, or if you are an existing reader who would like to be removed, please let us know.

Thanks, Berenice Williams, and Chris Jones.



Those who wish to continue in the Ministry, and anyone who would like to join it, are asked to come to a Readers’ Prayer and Training evening on Tuesday 21st November. The ‘Proclaimers of the Word’ will

be commissioned for the new year on the weekend of 2nd/3rd December

THE FAMILIES preparing for **RECONCILIATION** meet on Tuesday evening, and then on the Feast of **CHRIST THE KING** next Sunday they will be sent forth to celebrate the Sacrament.

The celebration of the Mass next Sunday will be organised and led by the pupils, staff, and families of Saint Helen’s Primary School.

The celebration of Reconciliation for a first time with the children, to which we are all invited, will be on Saturday 2nd December, 11am.



THE BAPTISM CATECHISTS meet for training on Wednesday evening, 7.00pm: Interested? - please talk to Father or Barbara.

THE PARISH LITURGY GROUP will prepare and plan for the Season of Advent and Christmas, Wednesday 7.00pm in the presbytery.

CONFIRMATION candidates and catechists in the Sacristy, Thursday 6.45.

Find out more about **THE CATHOLIC FAITH:** come to the small meeting Room on Thursday, 7.30pm First of a regular fortnightly gathering to learn, deepen, and grow in faith: All welcome.

CAERPHELLY CHURCHES NIGHT SHELTER here on Sundays 3rd December to 25th February. Volunteers briefing **this Thursday**, 7.30pm in the main hall.

SAINT HELEN’S SCHOOL NURSERY: If your child is 3 years old on or before 31st August 2018 and you would like to apply for a place at Saint Helen’s School Nursery, please contact the school on 029 2085 2532. The closing date for applications is 22nd December 2017.

BRAINS, PLEASE! Come and take yours out for a bit of exercise in the monthly Quiz, on Friday 7.30pm. Bar (no Brains , sorry), Fecci’s Fish’n’chips, and plenty of laughs.



The Senior Citizens Lunch in preparation for Christmas will be on Saturday December 9th in Saint Helen’s School, followed by an afternoon of entertainment. Open to everybody over the age of 65; Booking forms available at the back of the Church or from Cliff Bray or Lorraine Jones. Come along, and please tell your friends or parishioners who cannot get to Church. If you require transport or assistance, please mark it on the form.

SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:

Date	Time	Event
Mon 20 th November	9.30am	Parents & Toddlers
Tues 21 st November	10.30am 6.30pm 7.30pm	Music Appreciation Reconciliation Preparation Ministers of the Word
Wed 22 nd November	9.30am 7.00pm 7.00pm 7.00pm	Parents & Toddlers W.I. Baptism Catechists (s.m.r.) Liturgy Group (Presbytery)
Thurs 23 rd November	9.30am 2.00pm – 4.00pm 6.15pm 6.45pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Parents & Toddlers Sunshine Club Youth Club Confirmation (Sacristy) Night Shelter Meeting Catholicism (s.m.r.)
Fri 24 th November	1.00pm – 3.00pm 7.00pm	History Group Parish Quiz Night
Sat 25 th November	9.30am – 12.30pm	Dance
Sun 26 th November	11.30am	Tea, Coffee, & Biscuits

OFFERTORY COLLECTION	12 th November 2017
Gift Aid Weekly	£ 137.50
Non Gift Aid Weekly	£ 95.95
Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 502.04
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 65.00
Loose	£ 279.71
TOTAL	£1080.20 <i>Many thanks</i>



LOTTERY BONUS BALL CONGRATULATIONS
to Graham Taylor and Margaret Warren, the winners of the Bonus Ball no.7. A total of £81.00 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'

(2836) '*This day*' is also an expression of trust taught us by the Lord, (Cf. *Matthew 6: 34; Exodus 16: 19.*) which we would never have presumed to invent. Since it refers above all to his Word and to the Body of his Son, this 'today' is not only that of our mortal time, but also the 'today' of God.

If you receive the bread each day, each day is today for you. If Christ is yours today he rises for you every day. How can this be? 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you.'

Therefore, 'today' is when Christ rises. (Saint Ambrose, *De Sacr.* 5, 4, 26; PL 16, 472. *Psalm 2: 7.*)

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992

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