

SAINT HELEN'S PARISH
 34th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
 THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING
 "YOUTH SUNDAY"



26th November 2017

"Come, You Whom My Father Has Blessed"

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Today we hear the last words of Jesus' teaching before his saving passion begins. It is a summary of everything Matthew has said about the Kingdom, and how we find our way into it. And as such it thrills and consoles in equal measure. To all that Jesus has taught us so far, the involvement, encounter, love, and care he has urged us to in so many parables of the Kingdom, he now adds the clincher - they were all done to him: Christ is in each and every person, no matter how humble or insignificant. And the prophet suggest he is also in us, working through us when we do these good things. The shepherd draws us in; Saint Paul assures us we can follow him all the way to the kingdom. So Shepherd or King – ruler or guide? 'King', which both challenges and reassures us was used by Pius XI in 1925 as the title of Christ for a feast of the universal church to counter growing nationalism after the First World War – Is it becoming relevant again today?

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: (Psalter: Week 2)

Ezekiel 34: 11 – 12, 15 – 17.

As for you, my sheep, I will judge between sheep and sheep.

Response: Psalm 22. Laudate no. 806

1 Corinthians 15: 20 – 28.

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Acclamation for the Gospel:

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

Matthew 25: 31 – 46.

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate one from another.

Prayer of the Faithful: R/. Good Shepherd, watch over us.



PRAYERS, BLESSINGS, + CONGRATULATIONS to the children who will celebrate

the **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** for a first time this Saturday: Khloe Apostol,

Lucas Burford, Jessica Carosen, Max Curtis, Logan Dacey, Luke Davies, Kristina Divers,

James Everitt, Maksymilian Figurski, Alexander Figurski, Brogan Foad, Cerys Higgs, Julia

Kaczor, Oisin Knowles, Adrian Kuzbinski, Paula Lewinska, Victoria Malecka, Jakub Malecki,

Monia Maramba, Maria Mawdsley, Lucas Mawdsley, Cian McGee, Anais Corcoran-Morales,

Chloe Murphy, William Newton, Sean Nolan, Lilliana Pior, Joel Slocombe, Iwan Underwood,

Julia Wnuk, Piotr Zawistowski.



Thanks and congratulations to their parents, families, catechists, and teachers for the help and direction to bring them to this important moment. The celebration will be at 11am, and we are all invited to pray and rejoice with our young brothers and sisters.



MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

Sat 25 th November	6.30pm	34th SUNDAY, CHRIST THE KING Patricia Green (S.V.P.)
Sun 26 th November	10.30am	34th SUNDAY, CHRIST THE KING For the People of the Parish with the Baptism of Darragh Gilleran
Mon 27 th November	6.45pm 7.00pm	Evening Prayer of the Church Eithne and Robert Morgan
Tues 28 th November	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Holy Souls
Wed 29 th November	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Deceased Priests of the Parish Adoration 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 8 pm
Thurs 30 th November	9.45am 10.00am	SAINT ANDREW , Apostle, Patron of Scotland Morning Prayer of the Church John Fernandez (TT)
Fri 1 st December	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Seamus Robinson (JB)
Sat 2 nd December	5.45 – 6.15pm 6.30pm	The Sacrament of Reconciliation 1st Sunday of ADVENT (year B) For the People of the Parish
Sun 3 rd December	10.30am	1st Sunday of ADVENT (year B) Mae Hartnell (WS)



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

Also a **Shared CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION** this Saturday, 11am, with 4 Confessors.

In Advent we will again have 'The Light is On', with a visiting confessor, on the first and third Wednesday, 7 -8pm, to allow us all to make good preparation to welcome Christ at Christmas

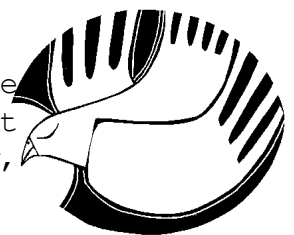
SHARING FAITH



CELEBRATING STEPS ALONG THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

A CHILD FOR BAPTISM? To join the Parish preparation, 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.

PREPARING for CONFIRMATION: Next weekend the young people who ask us to help them prepare to be confirmed as full adult members of our Parish will make their commitment to the journey, at their usual Mass.



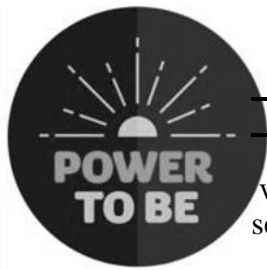
JOINING THE CHURCH AS AN ADULT: To know more about the Catholic Faith, please come along to the Hall every second Thursday at 7.30pm for 'Catholicism, an introduction', and meanwhile come along to the church and ask anyone there to help you come and see.

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.

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



POWER TO BE is a campaign to spread and develop access to energy, using renewable sources, to empower communities around the world whose development and future are held back by lack of electricity. In your pew you will find cards to sign and send to the UK's representative at the World Bank, set up to end poverty, to do more to promote local, reliable energy sources.



WELCOME to the pupils, staff, and families of Saint Helen's School, who will lead our celebration of **Christ the King** on Sunday morning.

CONGRATULATIONS to the families who will be sent out ('missioned') from Mass this weekend for the celebration of Reconciliation next Saturday morning.

WELCOME to Darragh Gilleran who will be **Baptised** at Mass on Sunday morning.



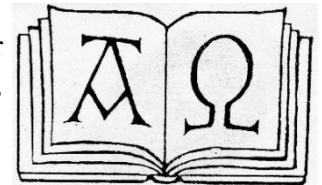
CAFOD
Just one world

Cafod's WINTER WARMER is this Friday, 1st December, 10.30am: come along for cake, mulled wine, and a warm and welcoming get-together. Monies made will go to support our link-parish of Sebeya in Ethiopia.

Further donations of cakes, and raffle prizes, are urgently sought. If you can help, please contact Berenice on 20861930. Thank you

CAFOD
On the side of people in need

Congratulations to **The PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD** who came for a short hour's training last Tuesday. Those who wish to continue in the Ministry, will be commissioned for the new year on the weekend of 2nd/3rd December.



Next Sunday we begin **A NEW CHURCH YEAR** with the Season of **ADVENT + CHRISTMAS**. We will leave Saint Matthew, who today has led us up to the last judgment, and start to listen to Saint Mark, who writes to help us to know Jesus, who is the Christ.



THE DAY OF PRAYER OF THE POOR last Sunday hasn't gone away: Pope Francis asks all of us to recognise Christ's call, repeated and renewed in today's Gospel, to care for each person we meet, as if we were meeting and caring for Jesus himself. This is not a 'charity appeal' for money, goods, or even time; We are called to conversion of our heart, to a re-opening of our eyes, to a re-focusing of perspective, and removal of our protective barriers, today and for the coming year, so that next year's Day of the Poor will be a very different gathering, enriched by many new brothers and sisters sharing our wealth of poverty and openness.

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.

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) course is being relaunched with modules including 'Equipped for Mission', 'Transformation', 'Discipleship', and 'Ministry'. The course is especially useful for teachers in Catholic schools, Catechists, and anyone seeking to deepen their understanding of our faith. If you are interested, please come to our information evening on Tuesday December 12th, 7pm in the Pastoral Resources Centre, Cardiff, CF3 4LL. Please contact Madeline on ccrs@rcadc.org to book your place.

A BIG THANK YOU to Kasia and Pawel Zawistowski for doing a brilliant job of cleaning the Sanctuary carpet last Tuesday: It once again looks fit to welcome a King!

SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:

Date	Time	Event
Mon 27 th November	9.30am 7.30pm	Parents & Toddlers S.V.P. (s.m.r.)
Tues 28 th November	10.30am 6.30pm	Music Appreciation Reconciliation Practice (in church)
Wed 29 th November	9.30am	Parents & Toddlers
Thurs 30 th November	9.30am 2.00pm – 4.00pm 6.15pm	Parents & Toddlers Sunshine Club Youth Club
Fri 1 st December	10.30am – 12.30pm 1.00pm – 3.00pm 7.00pm	Cafod Winter Warmer History Group School of Prayer
Sat 2 nd December	9.30am – 12.30pm	Dance
Sun 3 rd December	11.30am 3.00pm – 5.00pm	Tea, Coffee, & Biscuits Party



OFFERTORY COLLECTION	19 th November 2017
Gift Aid Weekly	£ 116.50
Non Gift Aid Weekly	£ 120.10
Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 502.04
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 65.00
Loose	£ 220.42
TOTAL	£1024.06 <i>Many thanks</i>

We will hold **an S.V.P. Collection for Christmas** after Mass next weekend, the first Sunday of Advent. All our contributions will be gratefully accepted. Thank you.

LOTTERY BONUS BALL CONGRATULATIONS to Bernard Jones, Jim McGowan, and Ann Head, the winners of the Bonus Ball no.42. A total of £59.00 was made for parish funds. **TRY YOUR LUCK AGAIN THIS WEEK.**

200 CLUB DRAW for November – The winners are: 1st prize £25.00 (No. 18) Mrs M. Conant; 2nd prize £20.00 (No. 10) Lexi Dacey; and 3rd prize £15.00 (No. 179) Graham Jenkins.

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

Article 3: **The Seven Petitions.** III. 'Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread'

(2837) '*Daily*' (*epiousios*) occurs nowhere else in the New Testament. Taken in a temporal sense, this word is a pedagogical repetition of 'this day', to confirm us in trust 'without reservation'. Taken in the qualitative sense, it signifies what is necessary for life, and more broadly every good thing sufficient for subsistence. Taken Literally (*epi-ousios*, super-essential) it refers directly to the Bread of Life, the Body of Christ, the 'medicine of immortality', without which we have no life within us. Finally in this connection, its heavenly meaning is evident: 'this day' is the 'Day of the Lord', the day of the Feast of the Kingdom, anticipated in the Eucharist that is already the foretaste of the Kingdom to come. For this reason, it is fitting that the Eucharistic liturgy is celebrated each day.

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992

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