

SAINT HELEN'S PARISH
4th SUNDAY of the Year (year B)
'RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY'
28th January 2018



He Taught them with Authority.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

A Prophet? Not so much a forecaster, to reveal the future; more commentator, eye-opener, to reveal what is right in front of us, today: a 'seer'. Jesus marches into the Synagogue. The 'unclean spirit' knows him, better than the people do, knows his name – that is where power lies, why political powers (and religious) like information; it can be used to intimidate, manipulate, bully. But Jesus is unafraid, he sees through it and dismisses it. He is also unafraid of the religious institution. Though not a scribe, he formally enters the synagogue, and teaches, shares knowledge, to break their monopoly. Paul also wishes to free us from worry. But his prescription can too easily be used to build up the status of celibate religious, dis-empower ordinary ways of life. At the end of this teaching Jesus marches out of the synagogue: The Good News is not boxed up in temples, but leaves all that behind and is found in the streets and ways of everyday life.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: (*Psalter: Week 4*)

Deuteronomy 18: 15 – 20.

I will raise up a prophet and I will put my words into his mouth.

Response: Psalm 93.

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 kneel 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.'

1 Corinthians 7: 32 – 35.

I say this to help you, that you give your attention to the Lord.

Acclamation for the Gospel:

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

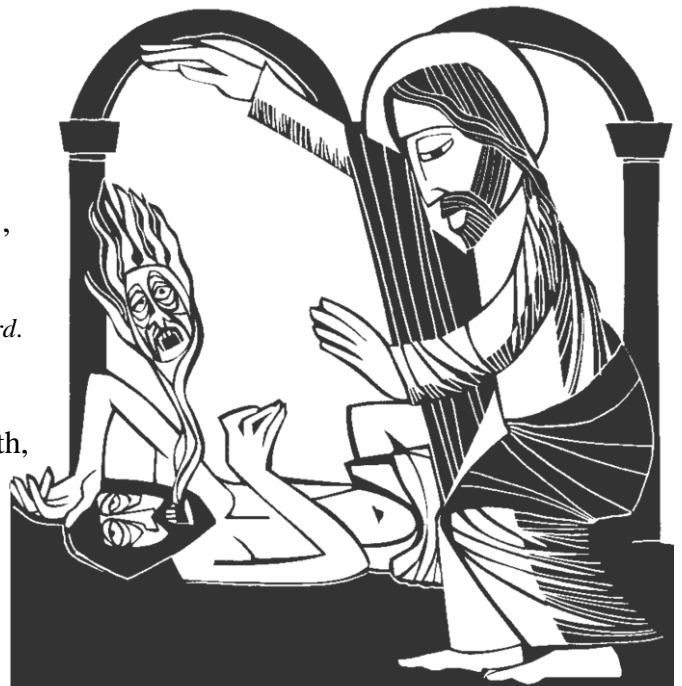
Mark 1: 21 – 28.

He taught them with authority.

Prayer of the Faithful: R/. Lord, teach us.

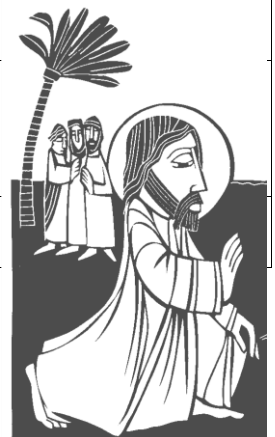
Barrier-breaking God,
You embrace all cultures and lands,
But keep a special place in your heart
For the stranger, the widow and the orphan.
Grant us the gift of your Spirit
That we may become as You are,
Welcoming all as brothers and sisters,
Your cherished children,
Citizens together in Christ's kingdom
of justice and peace. Amen

Prayer for Christian Unity



MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

Sat 27 th January	6.30pm	4th Sunday of the Year For the People of the Parish
Sun 28 th January	10.30am 12.30pm	4th Sunday of the Year Boase Family Intention Baptism of Oliver Batten
Mon 29 th January	6.45pm 7.00pm	Evening Prayer of the Church Michael Miles (TM)
Tues 30 th January	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Rosemary + Michael Kelly (SW)
Wed 31 st January	9.45am 10.00am	Saint John Boscoe, Priest Morning Prayer of the Church Alice Jones (S.V.P.) Adoration 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 8 pm
Thurs 1 st February	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Paulo Thaliyan (VT)
Fri 2 nd February	9.45am 10.00am	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, CANDLEMASS Morning Prayer of the Church Anne Jones (SW)
Sat 3 rd February	5.45 – 6.15pm 6.30pm	Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr The Sacrament of Reconciliation 5th Sunday of the Year For the People of the Parish
Sun 4 th February	10.30am	5th Sunday of the Year Our Schools



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

CATECHESIS – SHARING FAITH

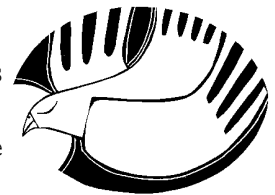
CATECHESIS – SHARING FAITH

A CHILD FOR BAPTISM? The Parish **PREPARATION** for **BAPTISM** continues on Wednesday evening. If you have missed this series, 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, which will start on 21st February.



Preparing for COMMUNION: Parents and Children continue this Tuesday 30th January, 6.30pm in the Hall. Please pray for all our children and families called into this great mystery of Communion with God in Christ.

PREPARING for CONFIRMATION continues this Thursday, 1st February, at 6.45pm in church.



Please pray for our young people as they work to discern and take on their Christian vocation.

JOINING THE CHURCH AS AN ADULT: To learn more about the Catholic Faith, please come along to the Hall every second Wednesday at 7.30pm for ‘**Catholicism, an introduction**’. The next gathering will be on February 7th, in the small meeting room. 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.

Make Sure They Get It Right! From Tuesday 6th February we will run a ‘Funeral Planning Facility’ for all Parishioners: Fortnightly, free, and non-directive help on planning and recording you wishes, so that your family and the parish mark it in the way you would wish.

Today, '**RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY**', we are called to pray and work for an end to prejudice based on racial and cultural difference, and all attitudes and institutions that disadvantage or diminish the dignity of members of our local community or larger society because of where we come from or what we look like. We remember that we are all God's children, created in his image – that is with the gift and grace of free will, the power and choice to love.



THE FAMILIES GROWING INTO COMMUNION meet this Tuesday, 6.30pm in the Hall.

THE DIOCESAN FAMILY LIFE COMMISSION holds a day on **Marriage and Marriage Preparation** in the Pastoral Centre on Wednesday. For information and late booking, go to parenting@rcadc.org.



The young people **PREPARING TO BE CONFIRMED IN FAITH** will continue their exploration on Thursday, 6.45pm in the sacristy



THE CAERPHILLY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (also working to grow and be confirmed into communion together) meets on Thursday, 7.30pm in Windsor Road.

Wales and the Marches Catholic History Society: On Sunday 4th February at 3pm in Saint David's Catholic Sixth Form College, Cardiff, a talk by **Dr. Robert Matthews** on **Roman Catholicism in South Wales at a time of persecution 1559 - 1679**. Dr. Matthews lectures in Early Modern History at the Open University, and specialises in 16th and 17th century religious history. His MA and PhD degrees were both on Roman Catholicism in Monmouthshire in the 17th century. Everyone is very welcome to attend. Further details from Tricia Coulthard: 029 2059 5899

WHERE ARE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE? **How can we help young people on their journey with Christ? How do we engage with the young people in our parish? What are young people searching for?** Ben Aldridge, Youth Chaplain at Saint Mary's School in Hereford, in conjunction with the Evangelisation department will be speaking in Cardiff to address these issues. Ben will be sharing his experiences as a young person, a youth worker and a school Chaplain. **Monday February 12th, 7:30pm - 9pm, Pastoral Resources Centre.** For more information, please email madeline.page@rcadc.org or call 029 2036 5965.



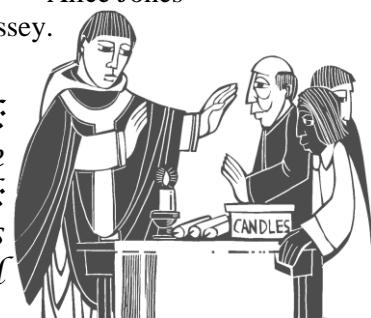
THANK YOU: The Collection for '**LIFE**' last weekend raised £419.09, with some of it gift aided to add an extra 25%. This will be sent on to the Life centre in Sollihul.

Life
LOVING LIFE, OFFERING HOPE

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:

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	Clariss Howell
Tess Thomas	Grace Donovan	Mary Camwell	Wilson Brown	Alice Jones
David Warmsley	Martyn Western	Terry Wilson	Mary + Bill Morrissey.	

*Friday is the feast of **The Presentation of Our Lord:** in accordance with Jewish law, Jesus is Presented in the temple 40 days after his birth, and two doves are sacrificed: Simeon recognises Him as the fulfilment of the promises and the Light of the World. So on this Feast, also called **Candlemas**, we bless candles and process the light into church. So we come to the end of the Christmas Season and Celebration of Light.*



SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:

Date	Time	Event
Mon 29 th January	9.30am	Parents & Toddlers
Tues 30 th January	10.30am 6.30pm	Music Appreciation Communion Preparation
Wed 31 st January	9.30am	Parents & Toddlers
Thurs 1 st February	2.00pm – 4.00pm 6.30pm 6.45pm	Sunshine Club Youth Club Confirmation (in church)
Fri 2 nd February	1.00pm	History Group
Sat 3 rd February	9.30am – 12.30pm	Dance
Sun 4 th February	11.30am 6.00pm	Tea, Coffee, & Biscuits The Night Shelter



OFFERTORY COLLECTION	21 st January 2018
Gift Aid Weekly	£ 101.05
Non Gift Aid Weekly	£ 100.12
Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 502.04
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 65.00
Loose	£ 236.29
TOTAL	£1004.50 <i>Many thanks</i>
'Life'	£ 419.09

LOTTERY BONUS BALL CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of the Bonus Ball no. 5: Mary Hartley and Terry Wilson. A total of £ 84.00 was made for parish funds. No winner on the third sheet. **TRY YOUR LUCK AGAIN THIS WEEK.**

PARISH 200 CLUB DRAW, JANUARY: 1st prize £25.00 (No. 94) Francesca Moruzzi; 2nd prize £20.00 (No. 24) Mr. N. Trodd; 3rd prize £15.00 (No. 77) Tracey Hoy. Congratulations!

CHRISTIAN PRAYER.

Section Two: **The Lord's Prayer: 'Our Father'** Article 3: **The Seven Petitions.**
V. 'And Forgive Us Our Trespases As We Forgive Those Who Trespass Against Us'.

...as we forgive those who *trespass* against us

(2845) There is no limit or measure to this essentially divine forgiveness (Cf. *Matthew 18: 21-22; Luke 17: 3-4.*), whether one speaks of 'sins' as in *Luke (11:4)*, or 'debts' as in *Matthew (6:12)*. We are always debtors: 'Owe no one anything, except to love one another.' (*Romans 13: 8.*) The communion of the Holy Trinity is the source and criterion of truth in every relationship. It is lived out in prayer, above all in the Eucharist. (Cf. *Matthew 5: 23-24; 1 John 3: 19-24.*)

God does not accept the sacrifice of a sower of disunion, but commands that he depart from the altar so that he may first be reconciled with his brother. For God can be appeased only by prayers that make peace. To God, the better offering is peace, brotherly concord and a people made one in the unity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Saint Cyprian, *De Dom. Orat.23: PL 4. 553; cf. Matthew 5: 24.*)

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