

SAINT HELEN'S PARISH  
**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY of the Year (year B)**  
**Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity**

21<sup>st</sup> January 2018



The walls of separation  
do not rise as far  
as heaven

"Repent, and believe the good news!"

**THE WORD THIS WEEK**

Where does Jesus begin his ministry? Where John the Baptist left off - preaching a message of repentance, of change, to welcome the new Kingdom of God. There is a simplicity about this message, which is not compromised by anything – today's Gospel has these simple words from Jesus, and then the story of his calling disciples to follow him and share in the work of spreading the Good News. Repentance has something of a bad press - we tend to think of it as an old-fashioned concept. But every age needs to hear this call: to look and look again at what we do and say and assume, and see again that there are such things as right and wrong, and that sometimes we need an about turn. To follow Jesus, and to accept the Kingship of God, demands that we make a radical choice, which may well change our lives.

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

**Jonah 3: 1 – 5, 10.**

*The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour.*

*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.  
 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.

**1 Corinthians 7: 29 – 31.**

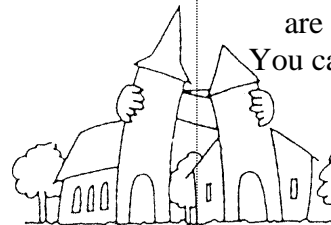
*The world as we know it is passing away.*

*Acclamation for the Gospel:*  
 Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!  
 The kingdom of God is close at hand;  
 believe the Good News.  
 Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

**Mark 1: 14 – 20.**

*Repent, and believe the Good News.*

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









Reconciling God,  
 Christ's nail-pierced hands  
 are your intent from eternity.  
 You call us to be signs of peace  
 in the midst of violence,  
 the embodiment of hope  
 in the midst of despair.  
 May Christ so live in us  
 that we might spend and be spent  
 in his ministry of reconciliation.  
 Amen.

*From the Christian Unity Service*



**MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:**

Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> Barbara + Anthony Burns (MM)	
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> January	<b>10.30am</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> For the People of the Parish Unity Service, Carmel (with Street Pastors)	
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	6.45pm 7.00pm	Evening Prayer of the Church Eithne + Robert Morgan	
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	10.30am <b>6.45pm</b> <b>7.00pm</b>	Joint Eucharist, Saint Martin Morning Prayer of the Church For the Christians of Caerphilly	
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> January	9.45am 10.00am  6.00 – 7.00pm	<b>Saint Francis de Sales</b> , Bishop and Doctor of the Church Morning Prayer of the Church Jones + Lewis Families (MMJ) Adoration 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 8 pm The Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> January	9.45am <b>10.00am</b>	<b>The CONVERSION of SAINT PAUL the Apostle</b> Evening Prayer of the Church For Christian Unity	
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> January	9.45am 10.00am	<b>Saint Timothy and Saint Titus</b> , Bishops Morning Prayer of the Church Gianfranco Maini	
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> January	5.45 – 6.15pm  <b>6.30pm</b>	<i>No Reconciliation</i> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> For the People of the Parish	
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>10.30am</b> <b>12.30pm</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> Boase Family Intention Baptism of Oliver Batten	

**N.B:** **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**  
Wednesday 6.00pm to 7.00pm, or at any time by arrangement with the priest.

**CELEBRATING STEPS ALONG THE JOURNEY OF FAITH**

CATECHESIS

**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 21<sup>st</sup> February.

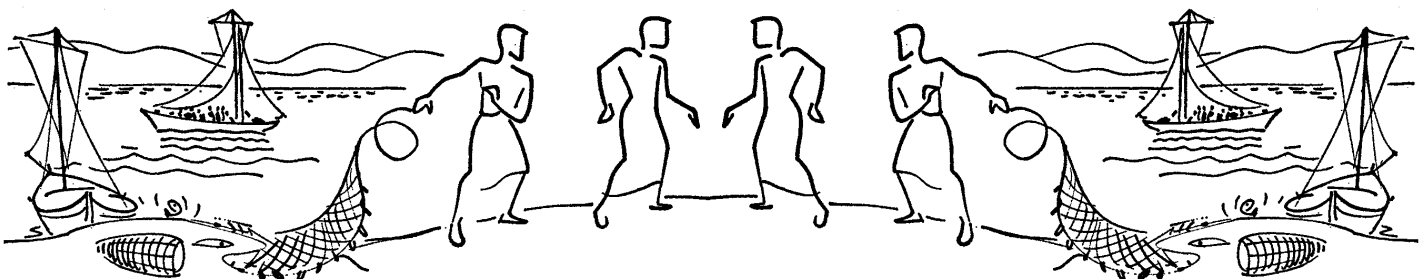


SHARING FAITH

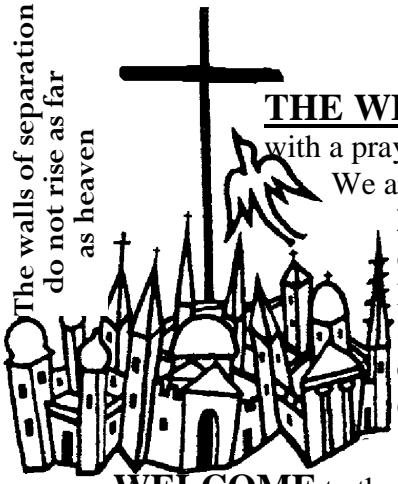
**JOINING THE CHURCH AS AN ADULT:** To learn more about the Catholic Faith, please come along to the Hall every second Wednesday at 7.30pm for 'Catholicism, an introduction'. The next gathering will be on January 24<sup>th</sup>, in the small meeting room. Come and see.

**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.* Once you have booked the date for the ceremony, you also need to ring Marriage Care on 0800 389 3801 to book into their preparation.

**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.



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**THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** began on Thursday with a prayer meeting in Wesley church: thanks to those from the Parish who joined in. We are all asked to make this our prayer: Sunday morning Mass this weekend is a **Mass for the Unity of Christians**. On Sunday evening we are invited to join our Christian brothers and sisters in a **Joint Service** at **6.00pm** in **Carmel** on Pontygwindy Road. There will be a **Joint Service** at **10.30am** on Tuesday in **Saint Martin's Church**: To allow people to get to that, our Mass will be in the evening, at 7pm. As always the week culminates on the 25<sup>th</sup> January, the feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, with the Feastday Mass at 10am.



**WELCOME** to the Families setting out to show their children how we 'Walk with Jesus' in the visible Communion of the Body of Christ, the Church. They present their children to us today to request our prayer and support for them on this spiritual and physical journey.



A Collection for **'LIFE'** as we leave Mass today: **LIFE** campaigns against abortion, and also supports and sometimes houses young mothers who would otherwise turn to abortion to avoid a difficult pregnancy. To find out more, go to 'lifecharity.org.uk'. There is also some literature available in the porch, and forms to gift aid your contribution.

**The CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Can you help? Please stay after Mass on Sunday for a quick introduction, to see what too you can do.

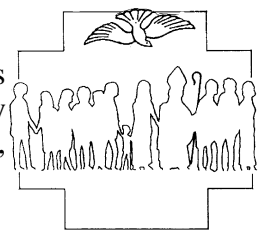
### THE LION'S ROAR

Are you looking for something for you and your family to do on a Saturday in those dark afternoons after Christmas? Well look no further. On **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January** we will be running an afternoon for all the family. There will be workshops looking at the **Lion's Roar: Mark's Gospel**. The afternoon starts at **11am and ends at 2.45pm** (with a bring-and-share lunch). There will be sessions for small children up to age 9; a youth drama session for young people from 10 to 16 and two separate workshops for adults:- something for everyone! Last chance to register today! Please fill in the registration form in your pew, to be collected as you leave Mass.



.....oh, and by the way it's **FREE**

**PREPARING TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC COMMUNION:** Adults interested in joining the Catholic Faith are invited to make a 'journey of faith' usually fortnightly, but this week we are skipping a week, and meeting this Wednesday, 24th, 7.30pm in the small meeting room to look at 'The Paschal Mystery'. All welcome.



**A RESOUNDING SUCCESS:** Thank you to all involved in the organising, preparing, enjoying, and clearing-up-after the Evening with Mike St John: Especial thanks to the 'volunteer' bar staff. (Apologies to those who have lost their hearing since). The next social evening is planned for the 6<sup>th</sup> April.

**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     | David Warmsley |
| Maureen Yemm     | Mary + Bill Morrissey |                |                  |                |

**Please Pray Also** for the repose of the soul of **Alice Jones** who died on Saturday last after a long sickness. May she rest in peace. We offer our condolences and prayers also to Gemma and to all her bereaved family. The Requiem Mass for Alice will be on 5<sup>th</sup> February, at 10.45am.



## SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:

Date	Time	Event
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	9.30am 7.30pm	Parents & Toddlers S.V.P. (s.m.r.)
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	10.30am	Music Appreciation
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am 7.00pm 7.30pm	Parents & Toddlers W.I. Journey of Faith (s.m.r.)
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> January	1.00pm 2.00pm – 4.00pm 6.30pm	Street Pastor Trustees (s.m.r.) Sunshine Club Youth Club
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> January	1.00pm – 3.00pm	History Group
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00am – 10.45am 11.00am – 3.00pm	Dance <b>The Parish Event</b>
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> January	11.30am 6.00pm	Tea, Coffee, & Biscuits The Night Shelter

OFFERTORY COLLECTION	14 <sup>th</sup> January 2018
Gift Aid Weekly	£ 136.60
Non Gift Aid Weekly	£ 96.02
Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 502.04
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 65.00
Loose	£ 262.81
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1062.48</b> <i>Many thanks</i>



**LOTTERY BONUS BALL CONGRATULATIONS** to Sylvia Miles and Kay Cronin, the winners of the Bonus Ball no. 46. A total of £81.00 was made for parish funds. 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.**  
 V. 'And Forgive Us Our Trespases As We Forgive Those Who Trespass Against Us'.  
 ...as we forgive those who trespass against us

(2844) Christian prayer extends to the *forgiveness of enemies*, (Cf. *Matthew 5: 43–44.*) transfiguring the disciple by configuring him to his Master. Forgiveness is a high-point of Christian prayer; only hearts attuned to God's compassion can receive the gift of prayer. Forgiveness also bears witness that, in our world, love is stronger than sin. The martyrs of yesterday and today bear this witness to Jesus. Forgiveness is the fundamental condition of the reconciliation of the children of God with their Father and of men with one another. (Cf. *2 Corinthians 5: 18–21*; John Paul II, DM 14.)

*Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992*

### Parish Directory

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