

SAINT HELEN'S PARISH
1st SUNDAY of LENT (year B)
 Season of Lent + Easter
 18th February 2018



“The Kingdom of God is Close at Hand!”

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Lent – We're off! So is Jesus, driven by the Spirit. John has just finished his prophetic work by Baptising Jesus. Now Jesus takes up and mirrors the story of God's people, baptised in the Red Sea, and for 40 years in the wild, like the beasts, learning to depend on God alone. On this lenten journey we also gather up all the history of God's interaction with us, to be drawn deep into it in the Paschal Mystery.

And when we get there:	Maundy Thursday	Mass of Our Lord's Supper	7.30pm
	Good Friday	Celebration of Our Lord's Passion	3.00pm
	Holy Saturday	The Easter Vigil and Paschal Mass	8.30pm
	Easter Sunday	Morning Mass of the resurrection	10.30am

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

Genesis 9: 8 – 15.

God's covenant with Noah after he had saved him from the waters of the flood.

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 Peter 3: 18 – 22.

That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Acclamation for the Gospel:



Praise to you, O Christ, King of e-ter-nal Glory! Praise to you, O Christ, King of e-ter-nal Glo-ry!
 You have only one Father, and he is in heaven;
 You have only one Teacher, the Christ!
 Praise to you



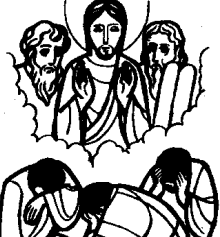
Mark 1: 12 – 15.

Jesus was tempted by Satan and the angels looked after him.

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



MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

Sat 17 th February	6.30pm	1st Sunday of LENT For the People of the Parish	
Sun 18 th February	10.30am 3.00pm	1st Sunday of LENT Adrian Walsh (GD) Celebration of Election (Cathedral)	
Mon 19 th February	6.45pm 7.00pm	Evening Prayer of the Church Our Parish Ministries Commissioning of Funeral Ministers	
Tues 20 th February	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Harro Schrott (VB)	
Wed 21 st February	9.45am 10.00am 3.00 – 4.00pm	Morning Prayer of the Church Isabelle Bourdon Adoration 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 8 pm The Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Thurs 22 nd February	9.45am 10.00am	The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle Morning Prayer of the Church Pope Francis Intention	
Fri 23 rd February	6.30am 7.00pm	Family Fast Day For the People of the Parish Way of the Cross (in Saint Helen)	
Sat 24 th February	5.45 – 6.15pm 6.30pm	The Sacrament of Reconciliation 2nd Sunday of LENT Peter McInerney (IMCl)	
Sun 25 th February	10.30am	2nd Sunday of LENT Angela Taylor (GT)	

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

From 21st February to 14th March the Sacrament will also be celebrated on **Wednesdays from 3 till 4pm**. On 21st and 28th March the Sacrament will be from 7 till 8pm on Wednesdays.

CELEBRATING STEPS ALONG THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

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 this Wednesday, 21st February.

JOINING THE CHURCH AS AN ADULT: To learn more about the Catholic Faith, please come to '**Catholicism, an introduction**'. The next gathering will be this Thursday, 7.30pm, in the small meeting room of the hall. 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.

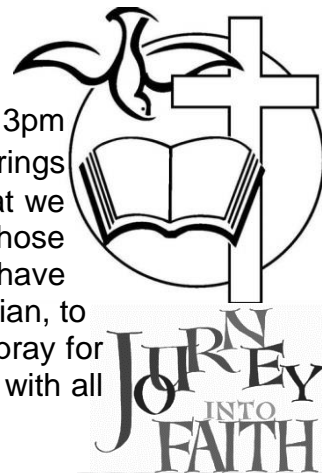
Now, as we come closer to the season which is specially marked by the mysteries of redemption, the days leading up to the Easter festival, the need for our religious preparations is proclaimed ever more insistently. The special feature of Easter is that it is the occasion when the whole Church rejoices over the forgiveness of sin. This forgiveness takes place, not only in the case of those who are freshly reborn through Easter Baptism, but also in the case of us others who for some time have been counted among God's adopted children.

From a sermon of Pope Saint Leo the Great

CATECHESIS



“The RITE of ELECTION” ? In our Cathedral (Saint David, Cardiff), 3pm **this Sunday. ? ‘Election’ ?** It is God who chooses and picks us, and brings us, in the Body of Christ the Church, to Life (eternal) with him. This is what we celebrate, with the Bishop, each First Sunday of Lent with all those (‘Catechumens’) preparing for Easter Baptism in the Diocese. This year we have no catechumens to bring, but we will present **Dawn Owen**, a Baptised Christian, to the Bishop for acceptance as a Candidate for Easter Communion. Please pray for her, and come to the Cathedral on Sunday afternoon to pray and celebrate with all who are being called and elected as new Christians and new Catholics.



LAY MINISTERS OF FUNERALS: This Monday (19th) Archbishop Stack will come to celebrate Mass with us at 7pm and will commission our new Parish Lay Ministers of Funerals, Sue Acreman and Bernard Jones. The Ministers will officially carry out the ministry to which we are all called, ‘To Bury The Dead’, one of the corporal works of mercy, and which we as a Parish already do well. They will help us prepare funerals, both those of our loved ones, and our own; and they will take various parts and ministries in the celebrations of funeral rites in the parish, either assisting or leading.

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LENT FAST DAY
Friday 23rd
February

FAMILY FAST DAY is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don't have enough to eat. This Friday can you give up a meal, or eat a simple meal, in solidarity? With malnutrition still killing almost three million children a year, your fasting, prayers and almsgiving will ensure more of God's children have enough good food to eat. And this Lent, your donation will make double the difference: For every pound you donate to CAFOD, the UK Government will also donate a pound, up to a total of £5 million, meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed. Please collect your Fast Day envelope from church today and give generously.

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“LEADING TO THE PASSION” - A day's reflection for Lent: On Saturday 24th February, Father Tim McGrath will take us through the biblical events that lead up to the passion of Jesus and help us to be more passionately inspired by the life of Christ. Saint Mary's Church, Bridgend, 10am until 3pm. Free and no need to book: donations to help cover costs gratefully received. Tea, coffee, and biscuits provided but please bring your own packed lunch. For more information visit www.catholic-bible-school.org/south-wales-events/jan18

A PUBLIC PROTEST about Pwll y Pant roundabout and the impact on our children's education (organised by Beci Newton): **11.00am on Wednesday 21st at Ty Penallta.**

Parish Family Group NIGHT OUT:
Friday 2nd March at 7pm in the Ffynnon Wen Pub, Children welcome too. Please phone or message Tracey for reservation on 07969017214.

An Ecumenical FAIRTRADE FASHION Show, at Mount Carmel, Pontygwindy Road, on Saturday 10th March at 7pm. Free entry. Goods and clothes to buy or order.

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 |
| Martyn Western | Maureen Yemm | Terry Wilson | Mary + Bill Morrissey. | |

SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:

Date	Time	Event
Mon 19 th February	7.30pm	S.V.P. (s.m.r.)
Tues 20 th February	10.30am	Music Appreciation
Wed 21 st February	7.00pm	Baptism Preparation (s.m.r.)
Thurs 22 nd February	2.00pm – 4.00pm 7.30pm	Sunshine Club Journey of Faith (s.m.r.)
Fri 23 rd February	7.00am 1.00pm – 3.00pm	Breakfast History Group
Sat 24 th February	9.30am – 12.30pm	Dance
Sun 25 th February	11.30am 2.00pm – 6.00pm 6.00pm	Tea, Coffee, & Biscuits Marriage Care Preparation The Night Shelter

OFFERTORY COLLECTION	11 th February 2018
Gift Aid Weekly	£ 140.00
Non Gift Aid Weekly	£ 116.57
Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 502.04
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 65.00
Loose	£ 326.47
TOTAL	£1150.08 Many thanks



LOTTERY BONUS BALL CONGRATULATIONS to Mary Hartley and Terry Wilson the winners of the Bonus Ball no. 5. A total of £108.00 (this includes a £25.00 donation) 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.**

VI. 'And Lead Us Not into Temptation'

(2848) 'Lead us not into temptation' implies a *decision of the heart*; 'For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also...No one can serve two masters.' (*Matthew 6: 21, 24.*) 'If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit'. (*Galations 5: 25.*) In this assent to the Holy Spirit the Father gives us strength. 'No testing has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, so that you may be able to endure it.' (*1 Corinthians 10: 13.*)

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992



The earth is always filled with the mercy of the Lord. For every one of us Christians nature is full of instruction that we should worship God. The heavens and the earth, the sea and all within them, proclaim the goodness and the almighty power of their maker. The wonderful beauty of these other elements of nature demands that we, intelligent beings, should give thanks to God.

From a sermon of Pope Saint Leo the Great

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