

SAINT HELEN'S PARISH 2nd SUNDAY of LENT (year B)

Season of Lent + Easter
25th February 2018



It is Wonderful to Be Here!

THE WORD THIS WEEK

'With God on our side, who can be against us?' It was about that certainty that 'God put Abraham to the test', and about which he tests us through Lent: Do we dare risk giving up even the small things we are used to having, let alone our treasures, to walk in the way of Jesus, and seek the perfect and limitless love of God? Dare we face the terrifying reality that the disciples glimpsed on the mountain? What could 'rising from the dead' mean? We are invited to come and see:

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 2*)

Genesis 22: 1 – 2, 9 – 13, 15 – 18.

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

Response: Psalm 115.

I trusted even when I said:

'I am sorely afflicted.'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Romans 8: 31 – 34.

God did not spare his own Son.

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 9: 2 – 10.



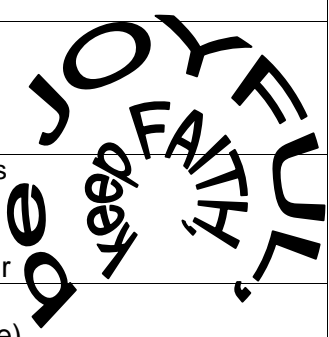

This is my Son, the Beloved.

Prayer of the Faithful: R/. Lord, Loosen our bonds.

FAMILY
FAST DAY
offertory
Today



MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

Sat 24 th February	6.30pm	1st Sunday of LENT Peter McInerney	
Sun 25 th February	10.30am	1st Sunday of LENT Angela Taylor (GT)	
Mon 26 th February	6.45pm 7.00pm	Evening Prayer of the Church Joyce + Dennis Western (MW)	
Tues 27 th February	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Pat Cronin (DC)	
Wed 28 th February	9.45am 10.00am 3.00 – 4.00pm	Morning Prayer of the Church Michelle Clift (SW) Adoration 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 8 pm The Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Thurs 1 st March	9.45am 10.00am 12.00noon	SAINT DAVID , Bishop, Patron of Wales Morning Prayer of the Church Rhoda Whittaker (Family) Funeral Service for Rhoda Whittaker	
Fri 2 nd March	6.30am 7.00pm	Jan Bolus (Parish) Way of the Cross (in Saint Catherine)	
Sat 3 rd March	5.45 – 6.15pm 6.30pm	The Sacrament of Reconciliation 2nd Sunday of LENT Elena Antoniazzi (LA)	
Sun 4 th March	10.30am	2nd Sunday of LENT For the People of the Parish	

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

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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.



SHARING FAITH



Preparing for COMMUNION: The Parents and Children preparing for Communion come together this Tuesday, 27th February, 6.30pm in the Hall, to review chapters 3 + 4 and look at offering and giving thanks.

MARRIAGE At least **6 months notice** must be given, by Church law. *Before you Make any arrangements please see the priest to avoid disappointments.* Once you have booked the date for the ceremony, please 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.



LENT: What's that all about?

Four Parents' mornings in Saint Helen's School

A 25 minute DVD, a cuppa, and shared questions. Fridays, starting at 9am, in the resources room.

This Friday, 2nd March: Jesus – Know him?



**LENT
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Collection
Today**

HUNGRY? Thank you and congratulations on your Friday Lenten Fast in solidarity with those who hunger: Please put the financial returns on it in your Cafod Lent Fast Day envelope, if possible with the gift-aid form also, and add the envelope to the offertory plate with your usual offering.



Not the end of FASTING! Each Friday of lent, and the whole Lenten season, call us to a change in our habits and dependencies, for our own freedom and well-being, and out of care and concern for all who hunger for freedom and safety: The Archbishop has asked for our Lenten Alms to go to the relieve of **Syrian Refugees**, so from this weekend we will keep a basket for **Lenten Alms** in front of the altar.

THE FAMILIES GROWING INTO COMMUNION meet this Tuesday, 6.30pm in the Hall, to look at offering and giving thanks.



THE FAMILIES PREPARING TO BAPTISE THEIR CHILD meet again this Wednesday, 7.00pm.



Parish Family Group NIGHT OUT: Friday 2nd March at 7.00pm in the Ffynnon Wen Pub: Children welcome too. Please phone or message Tracey for reservation on 07969017214.

THE DEANERY STATION MASS this Lent will be In Saint Illtyd, Dowlais on Wednesday 14th March, 7pm. Please sign up on the list in the porch for a place on the bus.

CONGRATULATIONS, PRAYERS, + BLESSINGS

to **Dawn Owen**, Called to Continuing Conversion by the Archbishop in the Cathedral last Sunday afternoon, and to **Sue Acreman** and **Bernard Jones**, commissioned on Monday evening by the Archbishop as Lay Ministers of Funerals in our Parish.



A.P.F. (red) MISSION BOXES are due to be emptied during March. Please bring yours to church as soon as possible. Thankyou. *Not Got One? Please see Ann Head in the porch.*

'40 DAYS FOR LIFE' holds a prayerful picket in Saint Mary Street, Cardiff, on the pavement outside Elgin House, the abortion facility throughout Lent, from 14th February (Ash Wednesday) until 25th March (Palm Sunday). Could you volunteer for AN HOUR (between 11.00a.m. to 4.00p.m), just once, or regularly? Please contact Janet on 07901713077 or jelthomas@btinternet.com.

OFFEREN DYDD GWYL DEWI: Mass in Welsh for Saint David's Day at Saint Teilo's Church, Whitchurch, 4.30pm on March 1st. Bilingual booklets will be provided and all are welcome; refreshments afterwards. Croeso cynnes i bawb. carys@caerdelyn.com

"LITTLE IRELAND" – the story of Newtown and the Newtown Association: Wales and the Marches Catholic History Society talk at Saint David's Sixth Form College, Sunday 4th March, 3pm. For further details please contact Tricia Coulthard - 02920 595 899

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

SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:

Date	Time	Event
Mon 26th February	9.30am 7.30pm 7.30pm	Parents & Toddlers Finance Committee S.V.P. (s.m.r.)
Tues 27th February	10.30am 6.30pm	Music Appreciation Communion Preparation
Wed 28th February	9.30am 7.00pm 7.00pm	Parents & Toddlers W.I. Baptism Preparation (s.m.r.)
Thurs 1st March	2.00pm – 4.00pm 6.30pm	Sunshine Club Youth Club
Fri 2nd March	7.00am 12.00 – 1.00pm 1.00pm – 3.00pm	Breakfast Lenten Lunch (in Wesley) History Group
Sat 3rd March	9.30am – 12.30pm 1.30pm – 5.00pm	Dance 'Myawave' Meeting
Sun 4th March	11.30am 4.00pm 6.00pm	Tea, Coffee, & Biscuits Marriage Preparation (s.m.r.) The Night Shelter

OFFERTORY COLLECTION	18th February 2018
Gift Aid Weekly	£ 108.00
Non Gift Aid Weekly	£ 92.32
Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 502.04
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 65.00
Loose	£ 256.28
TOTAL	£1023.64 Many thanks



LOTTERY BONUS BALL CONGRATULATIONS to Frank Marks and Pat Davies, winners of the Bonus Ball no 38. A total of £ 76 was made for parish funds. No winner on the third sheet.

CHRISTIAN PRAYER.

Section Two: **The Lord's Prayer: 'Our Father'** Article 3: **The Seven Petitions.**

VI. 'And Lead Us Not into Temptation'

(2849) Such a battle and such a victory become possible only through prayer. It is by his prayer that Jesus vanquishes the Tempter, both at the outset of his public mission and in the ultimate struggle of his agony. (Cf. *Matthew 4: 1 – 11; 26; 36 – 44.*) Christ unites us to his battle and his agony. He urges us to *vigilance* of the heart in communion with his own. Vigilance is 'custody of the heart and Jesus prayed for us to the Father: 'Keep them in your name.' (Cf. *John 17: 11; cf. Mark 13: 9, 23, 33 – 37; 14: 38; Luke 12 12: 35 – 40.*) The Holy Spirit constantly seeks to awaken us to keep watch. (Cf. *1 Corinthians 16:13; Colossians 4:2; 1 Thomas 5:6; 1 Peter 5:8.*) Finally, this petition takes on all its dramatic meaning in relation to the last temptation of our earthly battle; it asks for final perseverance. 'Lo, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is he who is awake.' (*Revelations 16: 15.*)

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