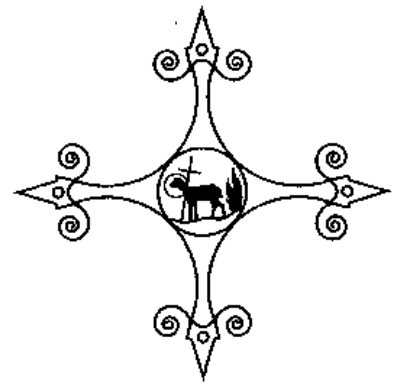




SAINT HELEN'S PARISH 3rd SUNDAY of LENT

Season of Lent + Easter

4th March 2018



In Three Days I Will Raise It Up.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Through Moses God gives his people a pattern of how to live truly in that Covenant relation which he keeps renewing with us: The Psalm says his rule 'gives wisdom to the simple'. But Paul knows God's wisdom seems folly from the outside. Jesus frees the temple building of all the exploitative 'religion business', but declares his own body is truly the place where the Spirit dwells with us, and we with him. In Lent we scrutinise and free ourselves, for Easter re-baptism into His Body:

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 3)

Exodus 20: 1 – 17.

The Law was given through Moses.

Response: Psalm 18.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding forever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.



They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb.



1 Corinthians 1: 22 – 25.

Here we are, preaching a crucified Christ.

Acclamation for the Gospel:

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory (x2)

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life.

Praise to you

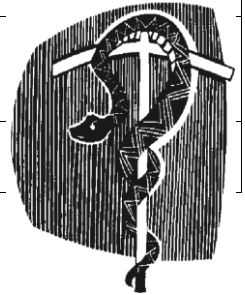
John 2: 13 – 25.

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

Prayer of the Faithful: R/. Lord, give light to our eyes.

MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

Sat 3 rd March	6.30pm	3rd Sunday of LENT (1 st Scrutiny) Elena Antoniazzi (LA)
Sun 4 th March	10.30am	3rd Sunday of LENT (1 st Scrutiny) For the People of the Parish
Mon 5 th March	6.45pm 7.00pm	Evening Prayer of the Church For Refugees
Tues 6 th March	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Trevor Evans (IS)
Wed 7 th March	9.45am 10.00am 3.00 – 4.00pm	(Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity, Martyrs) Morning Prayer of the Church Rhoda Whittaker (S.V.P.) Adoration 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 8 pm The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Thurs 8 th March	9.45am 10.00am	(Saint John of God, Religious) Morning Prayer of the Church Mary Varghees (TT)
Fri 9 th March	6.30am 7.00pm	(Saint Frances of Rome, Mother and Religious) Ted Cronin Way of the Cross (in Saint Helen)
Sat 10 th March	5.45 – 6.15pm 6.30pm	The Sacrament of Reconciliation 4th Sunday of LENT (2 nd Scrutiny) For the People of the Parish
Sun 11 th March	10.30am	4th Sunday of LENT (2 nd Scrutiny) Maher + Power Families (GJ)



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

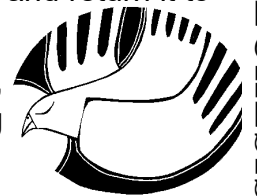
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A CHILD FOR BAPTISM? The Parish **PREPARATION** for **BAPTISM** concludes this **Tuesday** evening. If you have missed this series, please take the (green) form 'Your Child and Baptism' available in the porch, fill it in and return it to book in to the next Preparation.

PREPARING for CONFIRMATION continues this Thursday, 8th March, at 6.45pm in church. The candidates are reminded that the Bishop is coming to confirm their commitment soon - attendance is essential.

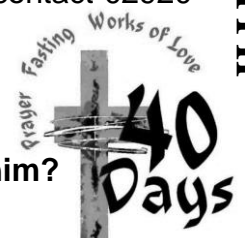


JOINING THE CHURCH AS AN ADULT: To learn more about the Catholic Faith, please come along to '**Catholicism, an introduction**'. The next gathering is this Thursday, 7.30pm, in the small meeting room, looking at the Trinity. Come and see.

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. For those booked in this year, we meet at 4pm this Sunday.

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?" was snowed off this week, so now it's only three Fridays. This Friday, 9th March: **Jesus – Know him?**

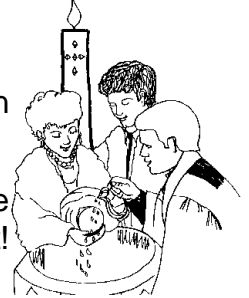




“SCRUTINY”: A HARD LENTEN LOOK, at ourselves. The ‘Scrutinies’ on the three middle Sundays of Lent are first of all for those preparing to be Baptised at Easter, and to enter into and be Confirmed in the Communion of the Risen Christ in his Body the Church. But as the first readings this Lent remind us, God’s People regularly needed the recognition of relapse to challenge them into change, and we are no different. So **The Scrutinies** this year will give us all a chance to look closely at our life of faith, and a call to catch hold of Christ’s offer of reconciliation and renewal. At Mass this weekend we will celebrate **THE FIRST SCRUTINY**.

THE FAMILIES PREPARING TO BAPTISE THEIR CHILD meet again this **Tuesday**, 7.00pm, in the **church** (weather permitting).

The CANDIDATES for CONFIRMATION of their BAPTISM meet in the church for serious preparation on Thursday, 6.45 – 7.45pm: Please don’t miss out!



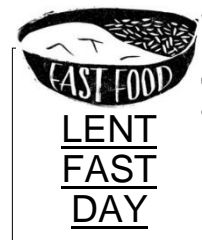
An Ecumenical FAIRTRADE FASHION Show! Next Saturday, 10th March, 7pm, at Mount Carmel, Pontygwindy Road. Free entry, to see plenty of good clothes and other fairly traded goods, and a chance to buy or order.



THE DEANERY STATION MASS this Lent will be in Saint Illtyd, Dowlais on Wednesday 14th March, at 7pm, a chance to gather with our fellow Catholics and our Bishop in our local area. There will be confessors available for the hour before. Please sign up **today** on the list in the porch for a place on the bus.

BORING BANK BUSINESS, but necessary: The (six figure) Sort Code for our bank is to be changed (the eight number ‘Account Number’ has not changed). To facilitate a smooth transfer, over the next sundays members of the Finance Committee (Veronica, Sian, and Jakub) will offer those of us with Standing Orders a new form to complete and pass on to our bank. (*What, No Standing Order!* But it makes it all so much easier – Why not ask for a form now)

CONGRATULATIONS, and THANKS! This **Family Fast Day** our parish raised £1,256.50 to help end hunger and poverty around the world. Doubled by the government this means £2,413.00 has been raised so more of our brothers and sisters can be raised to lives free from hunger. Thank you!



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

“LITTLE IRELAND”
Wales and Marches
Catholic History Society.
Talk Cancelled.

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	Claris Howell
Tess Thomas	Grace Donovan	Mary Camwell	Wilson Brown	David Warmsley
Martyn Western	Maureen Yemm	Bill Morrissey		

PLEASE PRAY ALSO for the repose of the soul of **Mary Morrissey** who died on Wednesday. We offer our condolences to Bill and to the family. May she rest in peace.

SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:

Date	Time	Event
Mon 5 th March	9.30am 7.30pm	Parents & Toddlers (Street Pastors' AGM, Bethel Penyrheol)
Tues 6 th March	10.30am	Music Appreciation
Wed 7 th March	9.30am	Parents & Toddlers
Thurs 8 th March	2.00pm – 4.00pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	Sunshine Club Youth Club Journey of Faith (s.m.r.)
Fri 9 th March	7.00am 12.00 – 1.00pm 1.00pm 7.30pm	Breakfast Lenten Lunch (in Wesley) History Group 'Entertaining Angels': A Lent Film
Sat 10 th March	9.30am – 12.30pm	Dance
Sun 11 th March	11.30am 6.00pm	Tea, Coffee, & Biscuits The Night Shelter

OFFERTORY COLLECTION	25 th February 2018
Gift Aid Weekly	£ 85.50
Non Gift Aid Weekly	£ 116.83
Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 502.04
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 65.00
Loose	£ 256.41
TOTAL	£ 1,155.78 Many thanks
<u>Lent Family Fast Collection</u>	£ 1, 256,50 Many thanks

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.*

LOTTERY BONUS BALL: CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of the Bonus Ball no. 29, Mavis Bevan and Annette Thompson. A total of £ 76 was made for parish funds. No winner on the third sheet. **TRY YOUR LUCK AGAIN THIS WEEK.**

PARISH 200 CLUB DRAW, FEBUARY: 1st prize £25.00 (No. 27) Mrs V Simmonds; 2nd prize £20.00 (No. 99) Mrs. K N Jones; 3rd prize £15.00 (No. 7) Trevor Davies (AVMVC).

CHRISTIAN PRAYER.

Section Two: **The Lord's Prayer: 'Our Father'** Article 3: **The Seven Petitions.**
VII. 'But Deliver Us From Evil'

(2850) The last petition to our Father is also included in Jesus' prayer: "I am not asking you to take them out of this world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one" (*John 17:15*). It touches each of us personally, but it is always "we" who pray, in communion with the whole Church, for the deliverance of the whole human family. The Lord's Prayer continually opens us to the range of God's economy of salvation. Our interdependence in the drama of sin and death is turned into solidarity in the Body of Christ, the "communion of saints" (Cf. *Reconciliatio et Paenitentia 16.*)

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