

SAINT HELEN'S PARISH
5th SUNDAY of LENT
Season of Lent + Easter
18th March 2018



“We would like to See Jesus”.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

For God to plant the seed of his law of love deep within our hearts, we must prepare the ground, so we complete our Lenten scrutinies, and maybe try to redouble our Lenten efforts for these last ten days. Jesus is the seed of that love; he dies to bear fruit in us. The cross is the pattern he gives us, and the Easter call, for us to be able to live his risen life: Ten more days grace to enter more deeply into the Paschal Mystery, sharing the Easter Sacraments:

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| Then come to (his) life: | 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*)

Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34.

I will make a new covenant and never call their sin to mind.

Response: Psalm 50.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of ferveur sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you.

Hebrews 5: 7 – 9.

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

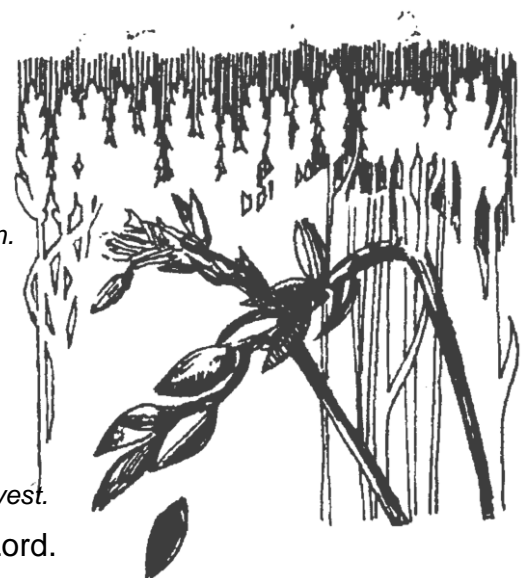
Acclamation for the Gospel:

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory (x2)
You have only one Father, and he is in heaven;
You have only one Teacher, the Christ!
Praise to you

John 12: 20 – 30.

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Prayer of the Faithful: R/. Have mercy on us, O Lord.



MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

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| Sat 17 th March | 6.30pm | 5th Sunday of LENT (3 rd Scrutiny) For the People of the Parish |
| Sun 18 th March | 10.30am | 5th Sunday of LENT (3 rd Scrutiny) Marie Bird (GM) |
| Mon 19 th March | 6.45pm 7.00pm | SAINT JOSEPH , Husband of Mary Evening Prayer of the Church Elena Antoniazzi (LA) |
| Tues 20 th March | 9.45am 10.00am | Morning Prayer of the Church Maher Family (GJ) |
| Wed 21 st March | 9.45am 10.00am 7.00 – 8.00pm | Morning Prayer of the Church Cecilia James + Pat Lewis (SW) Adoration 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 8 pm The Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| Thurs 22 nd March | 10.45am 1.15pm | Requiem Mass for Mary Morrissey Requiem Mass for Bridget Whitney |
| Fri 23 rd March | 6.30am 7.00pm | Reverend Peter McGrath Way of the Cross (in Saint Helen) |
| Sat 24 th March | 5.45 – 6.15pm 6.30pm | The Sacrament of Reconciliation PALM SUNDAY of OUR LORD'S PASSION Pauline Camwell (SVP) |
| Sun 25 th March | 10.30am | PALM SUNDAY of OUR LORD'S PASSION For the People of the Parish |



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday 7.00pm to 8.00pm with a visiting confessor, + **Saturday 5.45pm to 6.15pm**, or at any time by arrangement with the priest.

CELEBRATING STEPS ALONG THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

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



SHARING FAITH

CATECHESIS



PREPARING for CONFIRMATION continues this Thursday, 22nd March, at 6.45pm in church, preparing also to lead the **WAY OF THE CROSS** on Friday, 7.00pm



JOINING THE CHURCH AS AN ADULT: To learn more about the Catholic Faith, please come along to the small meeting room in the Hall every second Thursday at 7.30pm for 'Catholicism, an introduction'. This Thursday looking at Sacraments: 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.

Parish Directory

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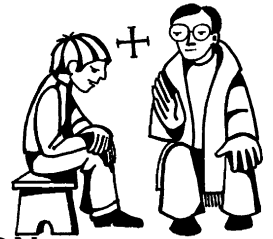
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“SCRUTINY”: A HARD LENTEN LOOK, at ourselves. The ‘Scrutinies’ on the three middle Sundays of Lent are first of all for those preparing to be Baptised at Easter, and to enter into and be Confirmed in the Communion of the Risen Christ in his Body the Church. But like God’s People praying for a new covenant relationship with God, we too need to clear the ground for the seed of Christ’s Easter life. **The Scrutinies** give us all a chance to look closely at our way of life, and call us to catch hold of Christ’s offer of reconciliation and renewal. At Mass this weekend we will celebrate **THE THIRD SCRUTINY**.



All the **MINISTERS of the WORD** available for The Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday (3pm) are asked to come to the church this Tuesday, 7.00pm, to prepare and refresh the readings for the feast, especially the Passion.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU! This Wednesday a visiting confessor will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (‘confession’) from 7 – 8pm. Great Lenten preparation for Easter.



The **CANDIDATES PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION** meet on Thursday, 6.45 in the church. As well as preparing themselves for the Sacrament and life of Confirmed Catholic Christians, they will prepare for us a **WAY OF THE CROSS**, in which they will lead us on Friday evening, 7.00pm. We are all invited to pray with them.

Next Sunday is **PALM SUNDAY OF OUR LORD’S PASSION**: As usual Mass will start outside with the blessing of Palms and the procession into Holy Week. Why not bring a bough from one of your own trees or shrubs to wave and be blessed in welcome to our Lord?

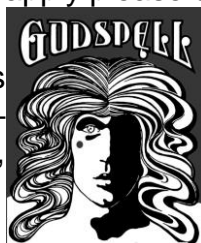


A Collection for the S.V.P. after Mass next weekend. Please support this very worthy cause. Thank you.

Next Saturday night **THE CLOCKS SPRING FORWARD**: *Wakey wakey!*

SCHOOL CLERK (ADMIN ASSISTANT) VACANCY: Mrs Macfarlane is retiring in July this year after 19 years in our school office. Our Governors will be advertising the post on the CCBC Website. The vacancy is part time, term time only, fixed term (1 year initially), salary: £6787.30 - £7690.90) To apply please contact the school for an application form.

‘GODSPELL’ (remember it?) is at the Cornerstone in Cardiff 22nd – 27th March: For details and tickets, please see the poster in the porch.



CELEBRATE, the Wales Charismatic Conference Weekend this year is 21st/22nd April, in Cardiff. For details and registration, please see the poster in the porch.

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 | Bill Morrissey | | |

SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:



| Date | Time | Event |
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| Mon 19 th March | 9.30am 7.30pm | Parents & Toddlers S.V.P. (s.m.r.) |
| Tues 20 th March | 10.30am 7.30pm | Music Appreciation Craft Group (s.m.r.) |
| Wed 21 st March | 9.30am 7.00pm | Parents & Toddlers Baptism Preparation (s.m.r.) |
| Thurs 22 nd March | 2.00pm – 4.00pm 6.30pm 6.45pm 7.30pm | Sunshine Club Youth Club Confirmation Preparation (in church) Journey of Faith (s.m.r.) |
| Fri 23 rd March | 7.00am 12.00 – 1.00pm 1.00pm – 3.00pm 7.30pm | Breakfast Lenten Lunch (in Wesley) History Group Quiz Night |
| Sat 24 th March | 9.30am – 12.30pm 12.30pm – 5.30pm | Dance Bahai Celebration |
| Sun 25 th March | 11.30am | Tea, Coffee, & Biscuits |

| OFFERTORY COLLECTION | 11 th March 2018 |
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| Gift Aid Weekly | £ 123.50 |
| Non Gift Aid Weekly | £ 146.75 |
| Gift Aid Standing Orders | £ 502.04 |
| Non Gift Aid Standing Orders | £ 65.00 |
| Loose | £ 254.26 |
| TOTAL | £1091.55 <i>Many thanks</i> |

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

for 2018/19 are now available at the back of church. Standing Order forms also available if you wish to change your method of supporting our Parish.

LOTTERY BONUS BALL CONGRATULATIONS to Mary McGee and Glenys Molony, the winners of the Bonus Ball no. 15. A total of £75.00 was made for parish funds. No winner on the third sheet. **TRY YOUR LUCK AGAIN THIS WEEK.**

A.P.F. (red) MISSION BOXES are emptied during March. Please bring yours to church as soon as possible. Thank you. *Not got one? Please see Ann Head in the porch.*

CHRISTIAN PRAYER.

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

VI. 'But Deliver Us From Evil'

(2852) 'A murderer from the beginning....a liar and the father of lies', Satan is 'the deceiver of the whole world'. (Cf. *John 17: 15.*) Through him sin and death entered the world and by his definitive defeat all creation will be 'freed from the corruption of sin and death'. (*Roman Missal, Eucharistic Prayer IV, 125.*) Now 'we know that anyone born of God does not sin, but He who was born of God keeps him and the evil one does not touch him. We know that we are of God and the whole world is in the power of the evil one.' (*1 John 5: 18 – 19.*)

The Lord who has taken away your sin and pardoned your faults also protects you and keeps you from the wiles of your adversary the devil, so that the enemy, who is accustomed to leading into sin, may not surprise you. One who entrusts himself to God does not dread the devil. 'If God is for us, who is against us?' (*Saint Ambrose, De sacr. 5, 4, 30:PL 16. 472; cf. Rom 8: 31.*)

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THE EASTER TRIDUUM: Book these, the main times and dates -

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| Maundy Thursday | <i>Mass of Our Lord's SUPPER</i> | <u>7.30 pm</u> |
| Good Friday | <i>Celebration of Our Lord's PASSION</i> | <u>3.00 pm</u> |
| Holy Saturday | <i>EASTER VIGIL AND MASS</i> | |
| | <i>OF OUR LORD'S RESURRECTION</i> | <u>8.30 pm</u> |
| Easter Sunday | <i>Easter Mass of Our Lord's RESURRECTION</i> | <u>10.30 am</u> |

