

SAINT HELEN'S PARISH

4th EASTER SUNDAY

'GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY' – 'VOCATIONS SUNDAY'

Alleluia 22nd April 2018

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Think of the Love the Father has Lavished on us!

THE WORD THIS WEEK

We all know and love Jesus' poem-boast of the Good Shepherd. We know its promise and assurance of his care for us, and for others we don't know or recognise, but whom he still keeps in view. We also apply the image to our priests and have high expectations of them as sharing in Christ's shepherding in the 'pastoral ministry'. But in this Easter time we hear Peter and John remind us that, Baptised into Christ's paschal mystery, we are all called to share his Spirit of adoption, as children of the one Father, and to work for the healing and saving of all by the power of Jesus's Name.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: (Psalter: Week 4)

Acts 4: 8 – 12.

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Response: Psalm 117.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord//
than to trust in men:

It is better to take refuge in the Lord//
than to trust in princes.

I will thank you for you have given answer//
and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord//
a marvel in our eyes.

Blessed in the name of the Lord//
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer//
and you are my saviour.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;//
for his love has no end.

1 John 3: 1 – 2.

We shall see God as he really is.

Acclamation for the Gospel:

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.

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John 10: 11 – 18.

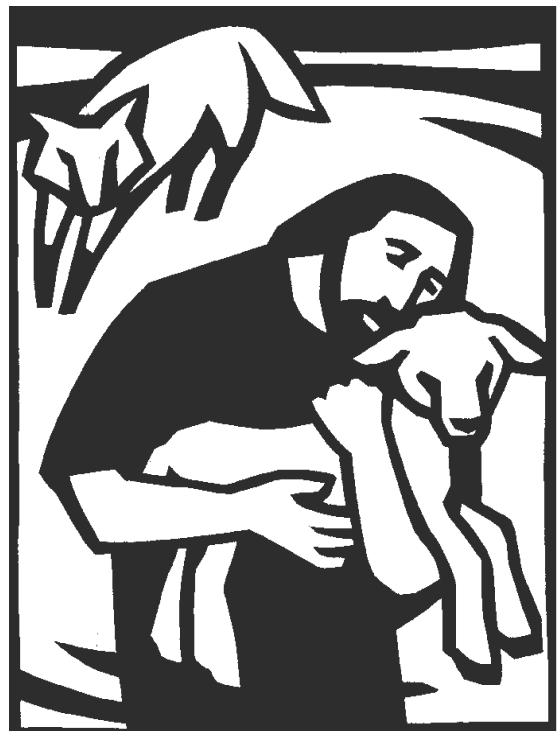
The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

Prayer of the Faithful:

R/. Good shepherd, give answer.

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“With this exhortation I would like to insist primarily on the call to holiness that the Lord addresses to each of us, the call that he also addresses, personally, to you: ‘Be holy, for I Am holy’. The second Vatican Council stated this clearly: ‘strengthened by so many and such great means of salvation, all the faithful, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Lord – each in his or her own way – to that perfect holiness by which the Father himself is perfect”

Pope Francis – ‘Gaudete et Exsultate’

MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

Sat 21 st April	6.30pm	4 th <i>Easter</i> For the People of the Parish	
Sun 22 nd April	10.30am	4 th <i>Easter</i> Margaret + Hubert Kauczok (SK)	
Mon 23 rd April	12 noon	Requiem Mass for Colin Richards	
Tues 24 th April	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Teresa Stocquelar (S.V.P.)	
Wed 25 th April	9.45am 10.00am	Saint Mark , Evangelist Morning Prayer of the Church Rino Bonetti (LA) Adoration 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 8 pm	
Thurs 26 th April	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mary + Eric Carrol (SM)	
Fri 27 th April	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Eddie Lewis (Family)	
Sat 28 th April	5.45 – 6.15pm 6.30pm	The Sacrament of Reconciliation 5 th <i>Easter</i> / <i>Confirmation</i> For the Confirmandi	
Sun 29 th April	10.30am 2.00pm	5 th <i>Easter</i> Roy Elliot (LE) Baptism of Hayden Small	

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

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CELEBRATING STEPS ALONG THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

A CHILD FOR BAPTISM? To join in the Parish Preparation for Parents, please take the (green) form 'Your Child and Baptism' available in the porch, fill it in and return it to Father. Thank you.

Preparing for COMMUNION: The Parents of Families preparing for Communion come together this Tuesday, 24th April, 6.30pm in the Hall, to review chapters 5 and 6, and have a first practice.

PREPARING for CONFIRMATION. Welcome back to our 'recollected' candidates and their catechists, after a day at the Lansor Mill retreat. At Mass this weekend we will send them forth to receive and celebrate the Sacrament next Saturday evening.

JOINING THE CHURCH AS AN ADULT: To learn more about the Catholic Faith, please come along to the Hall every second Thursday at 7.30pm for 'Catholicism, an introduction'. The next gathering will be this Thursday, 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.

CATECHESIS - SHARING FAITH

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50 DAYS FOR OUR DELIGHT. FOR CHRIST IS RISEN AS ALL THINGS TELL. GOOD CHRISTIAN, SEE YE RISE AS WELL. 

“GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY” – the fourth Easter Sunday – is also **VOCATIONS SUNDAY**. As part of our support and promotion of our shared and varied callings in Christ, we will have a collection as we leave church today for the training of seminarians discerning their vocation.



At the end of Mass today our **CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**, fresh from their day of recollection at the Lansor Mill Retreat, will be sent to prepare to receive the Sacrament and celebrate their Christian vocation when the Archbishop comes to visit us for the evening Mass next Saturday.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE meets on Monday, 7.30pm

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL meets on Monday, 7.30pm

THE FAMILIES PREPARING FOR COMMUNION meet in the Hall on Tuesday, 6.30pm.

THE JOURNEY OF FAITH continues, 7.30pm on Thursday.

COME, HOLY SPIRIT, FILL THE HEARTS OF YOUR FAITHFUL AND KINDLE IN THEM THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE!

Next Saturday evening ten of our young Parishioners will be CONFIRMED IN FAITH by Archbishop Stack. Please keep them in prayers this week, and come to pray with them and for them at the Parish Mass next Saturday.



‘TEA FOR THE ELDERLY’: Next Sunday, 3pm in the Hall, we will again entertain about 24 guests enjoying a monthly ‘day out’, with tea and cakes and company. We need bakers to bake, brewers to brew (Tea!), hosts and hostesses to welcome and serve, and maybe a few talkers to just sit and entertain: If you could help in any of these ways, please talk to Father, who has a list!

A DIFIBRULATOR for the Parish: Training evening Tuesday 15th May.

WELSH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – 22nd – 27th June,. For details see the poster in the porch, or contact Joe Walsh Tours, 02920 003865.

SAINT HELEN’S SCHOOL celebrates **50 GOLDEN YEARS** with a day of ‘60s fun and games and picnics for all the family of the School, and a Mass with the Archbishop in the evening: Book the date, **Wednesday 4th July**.



A FREE PLACE is offered on the National Justice and Peace Network summer school ‘**In the Shelter of Each Other The People Live**’, 20th -22nd July.

Two Subsidised Study Offers!

A FREE PLACE is offered on the Music and Liturgy Summer School ‘**The Sacramental Journey: The Work of a Lifetime**’, 1st – 4th August.

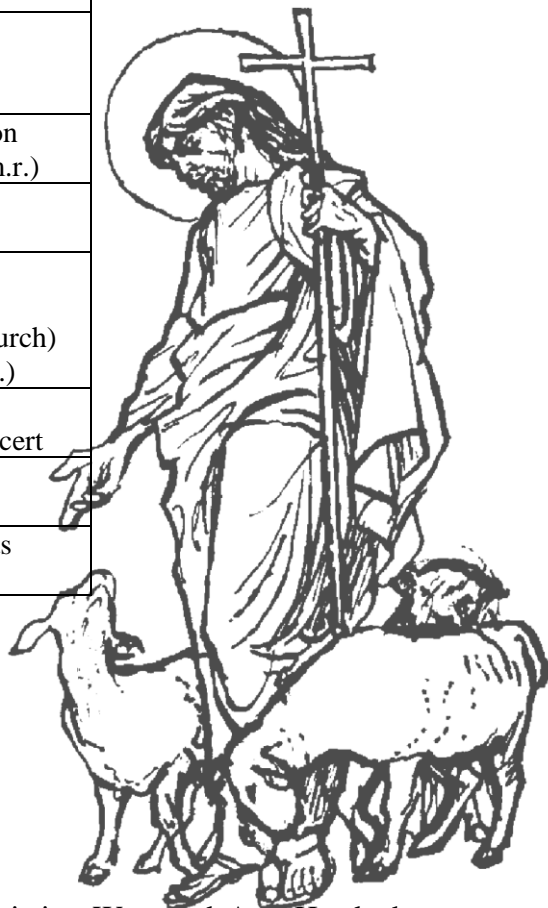
PARISH PRAYER LIST: In our prayers we are asked to pray for all who are sick or housebound, and those who care for them, including:

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	Bill Morrissey	Brendan Kelly		

SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:

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Date	Time	Event
Mon 23 rd April	9.30am 7.30pm 7.30pm	Parents & Toddlers S.V.P. (s.m.r.) Finance Committee
Tues 24 th April	6.30pm 7.00pm	Communion Preparation Baptism Preparation (s.m.r.)
Wed 25 th April	9.30am 7.30pm	Parents & Toddlers W.I.
Thurs 26 th April	2.00pm – 4.00pm 6.30pm 6.45pm 7.30pm	Sunshine Club Youth Club Confirmation Practice (church) Journey of Faith (s.m.r.)
Fri 27 th April	1.00pm 7.00pm	History Group Aber Valley M.V.C. Concert
Sat 28 th April	9.30am – 12.30pm 6.30pm	Dance Confirmation
Sun 29 th April	11.30am 2.00pm – 5.00pm	Tea, Coffee, & Biscuits Tea for the Elderly



OFFERTORY COLLECTION	15 th April 2018
Gift Aid Weekly	£ 124.10
Non Gift Aid Weekly	£ 104.66
Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 502.04
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 65.00
Loose	£ 372.28
TOTAL	£1168.08 <i>Many thanks</i>

LOTTERY BONUS BALL CONGRATULATIONS to Christine Watt and Ann Head, the winners of the Bonus Ball no. 58. A total of £78.00 was made for parish funds. **TRY YOUR LUCK AGAIN THIS WEEK.**

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**THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
PROLOGUE.**

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1. The Life of Man – to Know and Love God

(2) So this call should resound throughout the world, Christ sent forth the apostles he had chosen, commissioning them to proclaim the gospel: ‘Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close the age.’ (*Matthew 28: 19 – 20.*) Strengthened by this mission, the apostles ‘went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it.’ (*Mark 16: 20.*)

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992

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