

*Come, Holy Spirit!*

SAINT HELEN'S PARISH

5<sup>th</sup> **EASTER SUNDAY**

Alleluia Season of Lent + Easter

29<sup>th</sup> April 2018

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Our Love is To Be ... Something Real and Active

**THE WORD THIS WEEK**

Worried about your Spiritual Growth? Perhaps we are not worried enough: so many other more immediate worries and pressures – financial, legal, technical, or just fashion and fads, or plain self-absorption. On the weekend that 11 of our fellow-parishioners ask to complete and Confirm their Baptism into the risen life of Christ in the power and love of the Spirit, we are challenged to consider our own relationship with God in Christ, the strength of our Communion in him, and the kind of life he wants. But we are also reassured: 'My Father is the vinedresser' – He is the one who does the cultivating, looking out for and encouraging our growth with the outpouring of his Spirit. Alleluia!

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

**Acts: 9: 26 - 31.**

*Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey.*

*Response: Psalm 21.*

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.  
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.  
May their hearts live for ever and ever!

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,  
all families of the nations worship before him.  
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.  
They shall tell of the Lord to the generations yet to come,  
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:  
'These things the Lord has done.'

**1 John 3: 18 – 24.**

*His commandments are these:  
that we believe in his Son, and that we love on another.*

*Acclamation for the Gospel:*

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!  
Make your home in me, as I make mind in you.  
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.  
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**John 15: 1– 8.**

*Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.*

**Prayer of the Faithful:**

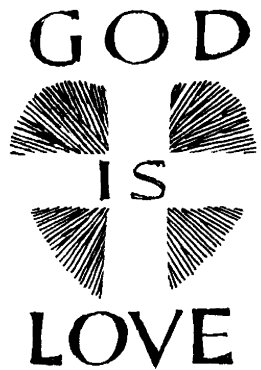
6.30pm: R/. Lord, send forth your Spirit.  
10.30am: R/. Lord, live in us.



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## MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> April	6.30pm	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Easter</b> For the Confirmandi
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am 2.000pm	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Easter</b> Roy Elliott (LE) <b>Baptism</b> of Hayden Small
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00pm	Evening Prayer with Word and Communion
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> May	9.40am 10.00am	<b>Saint Joseph the Worker</b> Rosary Christopher Spiteri (S.V.P.)
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	9.40am 10.00am	<b>Saint Athanasius</b> , Bishop and Doctor of the Church Rosary Evelyn + John Aloysius Miles (TM) Adoration 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 8 pm
Thurs 3rd May	9.40am 10.00am	<b>SAINT PHILIP and SAINT JAMES</b> , Apostles Rosary Shirley Evans (TE)
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> May	9.40am 10.00am	Rosary Beroma Vincent (TT)
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> May	5.45 – 6.15pm  6.30pm	The Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>6<sup>th</sup> Easter</b> Louis Gambetta (JG)
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am 1.00pm	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Easter</b> For the People of the Parish <b>Baptism</b> of Toby Manning



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### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

## CELEBRATING STEPS ALONG THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

CATECHESIS – SHARING FAITH

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**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 the 7 Families preparing for Communion next Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, will have their final preparation this Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May, at 6.00pm in the church. All the other families, due to celebrate for a first time on 12<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup>, have a week off before their final practice on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

**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 next 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.

For we do not receive this food (the Eucharist) as ordinary bread and as ordinary drink; but just as Jesus Christ our Saviour became flesh through the word of God and assumed flesh and blood for our salvation, so too we are taught that the bread over which the prayer of thanksgiving, the word received from Christ, has been said, the food which nourishes our flesh and blood by assimilation, is the flesh and blood of this Jesus who became flesh.

*Saint Justin Martyr, 2<sup>nd</sup> Century,*

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

*This Saturday evening eleven young Parishioners will be  
**CONFIRMED IN FAITH***

Zofia Agnes Chowdhury, Ellen Amelia Cushion, Olaf Kolasa,  
Sean Sebastian O’Gorman, Ellie Cecelia Powell, Amie Vitus Rivers,  
Aldo Geraldo Ruotolo, Caitlin Juliana Seaborne,  
Daniella Cecelia Viernes, Emily Gabriel Williams,  
and Isabella Teresa Yates

*Please keep them in your prayers.*



**‘TEA FOR THE ELDERLY’**: This Sunday, 3pm in the Hall, we will again entertain about 24 guests enjoying a monthly ‘day out’, with tea and cakes and company. Many thanks to all who have ‘volunteered’ to bake cakes, cut sandwiches, brew tea, serve, and sit with our guests.

**The ROSARY in MAY** starts on Tuesday, 20 minutes before each weekday Mass.



**THE 7 FAMILIES PREPARING FOR COMMUNION** next Sunday meet in the church on Tuesday, 6.00pm, for a last practice. Please pray for them, and the rest of the group.

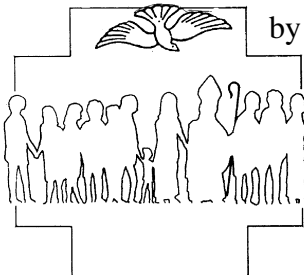


**The PARISH LITURGY GROUP** meets in the small meeting room on Wednesday at 7.00pm.

**A DIFIBRULATOR** for the Parish: Training evening Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May.

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

**40 DAYS of EASTER** (mirroring lent) end on the feast of **Our Lord’s ASCENSION**, 10<sup>th</sup> May, when we start the Pentecost (50<sup>th</sup> Day) Novena (9 days), leading up to the great feast of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on **PENTECOST**. At the Saturday Vigil Mass we will Confirm Dawn Owen in Communion in a proper ‘*Vigil of the Holy Spirit*’ as recommended and modelled by Pope John Paul.



**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 4<sup>th</sup> July**.



**A FREE PLACE** is offered on the National Justice and Peace Network summer school ‘**In the Shelter of Each Other The People Live**’, 20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> 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**’, 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> 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	Mike Trodd	

**PLEASE PRAY ALSO** for the repose of the soul of **John Cook**, Sue Sloane’s father, who died last week. We offer our condolence to Sue and all the family.

**SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:**

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Date	Time	Event
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am 5.00pm - 7.00pm	Parents & Toddlers Party
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> May	6.00pm 7.00pm	Communion Preparation (in church) Baptism Preparation (in church)
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	9.30am 7.00pm	Parents & Toddlers Parish Liturgy Group
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	1.00pm 2.00pm – 4.00pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	Street Pastor Trustees (s.m.r.) Sunshine Club Youth Club Journey of Faith
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> May	1.00pm 3.15pm – 6.15pm	History Group Party
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am – 12.30pm	Dance
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> May	11.30am 2.00pm – 4.00pm	Tea, Coffee, & Biscuits Baptism Party

OFFERTORY COLLECTION	22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2018
Gift Aid Weekly	£ 148.00
Non Gift Aid Weekly	£ 98.72
Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 502.04
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 65.00
Loose	£ 213.67
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1027.43</b> <i>Many thanks</i>
Priests Training Fund	£ 737.72



**LOTTERY BONUS BALL CONGRATULATIONS** to Sylvia Miles and Kay Cronin, the winners of the Bonus Ball no. 12. A total of £81.00 was made for parish funds. **TRY YOUR LUCK AGAIN THIS WEEK.**

**THANK YOU** for the serious response of £ 737.72 to the Priests Training Fund Appeal last Sunday. Please pray also for a serious response to the appeal for more candidates, and more encouragement.

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

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

(3) Those who with God's help have welcomed Christ's call and freely responded to it are urged on by love of Christ to proclaim the Good News everywhere in the world. This treasure, received from the apostles, has been faithfully guarded by their successors. All Christ's faithful are called to hand it on from generation to generation, by professing the faith, by living it in fraternal sharing, and by celebrating it in liturgy and prayer. (Cf. Acts 2: 42.)

*Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992*

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**Parish Directory**

**Priest:** Revd. John Kelly 20883192; **Chair of Parish Council:** 20860919  
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