

SAINT HELEN'S PARISH
3rd EASTER SUNDAY
 Season of Lent + *Easter*
Alleluia 15th April 2018 **Alleluia**

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'PEACE BE WITH YOU'

THE WORD THIS WEEK

'“What can bring us happiness?” many say' - 'Their joy was so great that they could not believe it'. Into all our questions and seeking, our excitement and confusion, steps Jesus: 'Peace be with you'. This peace comes at a price: The price of his cross, by which he frees us from sin and reconciles us to our Father, the source and goal of all our seeking and searching; The price of our 'obedience', hearing the call and promise of God's Word in Jesus, the call of love, and responding and following his commandments. As we renew and enter more deeply into our Easter Baptism, we recognise our need for its healing and forgiveness as an ongoing, lifelong, sinking deeper into the experience, and regular celebrating and witnessing to his mercy and reconciliation.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: (*Psalter: Week 3*)

Acts 3: 13 – 15, 17 – 19.

You killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead.

Response: Psalm 4.

When I call answer me, O God of justice;
 from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!
 It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves,
 the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

'What can bring us happiness?' many say:
 Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.
 I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,
 for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

1 John 2: 1 – 5.

He is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.

Acclamation for the Gospel:

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.

Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

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Luke 24: 35 – 48.

So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

Prayer of the Faithful: R/. Lord, make us dwell in safety.



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“Since bread is made from many grains of wheat ground into flour, mixed with water, and baked by fire, it is appropriate that we should receive the sacrament of Christ; Body in the form of bread: For we know that Christ has become one body made up of many members of the human race (baptised in water) and brought to completion by the fire of the Holy Spirit. So too the wine of his blood is made of many grapes, the fruit of his vineyard, gathered and pressed in the wine-press of the cross; by its own energy this wine ferments in those who, with faithful hearts, receive him like capacious jars.”

Saint Gaudentius of Brescia

MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

Sat 14 th April	6.30pm	3 rd <i>Easter</i> Michael Egan (LE)	
Sun 15 th April	10.30am	3 rd <i>Easter</i> For the People of the Parish with the Baptism of Aoife Rennie + Lois Stinchcombe	
Mon 16 th April	6.45pm 7.00pm	Evening Prayer of the Church Iolanda + Charlie Rossi (LA)	
Tues 17 th April	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Power Family (GJ)	<p style="text-align: center;">Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia</p>
Wed 18 th April	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Bridget Witney (S.V.P.) Adoration 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 8 pm	
Thurs 19 th April	9.45am 10.00am 2.00pm	Morning Prayer of the Church Holy Souls (VT) Funeral Service for Christopher Spiteri (Thornhill)	
Fri 20 th April	9.45am 10.00am	Saint Beuno, Abbot Morning Prayer of the Church Nazareth Matha (TT)	
Sat 21 st April	5.45 – 6.15pm 6.30pm	Saint Anselm, Bishop + Doctor of the Church The Sacrament of Reconciliation 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)	

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

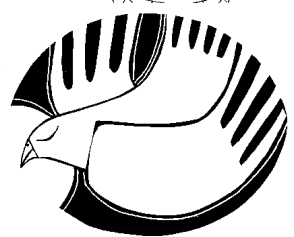
CATECHESIS – SHARING FAITH

A CHILD FOR BAPTISM? The Parish PREPARATION for BAPTISM will start this Tuesday, for three weeks: To join in, please take the (green) form ‘Your Child and Baptism’ available in the porch, fill it in and return it **today**. Thank you.



Preparing for COMMUNION: The Families preparing for Communion come together on Tuesday 24th for a first practice.

PREPARING for CONFIRMATION: The candidates and their catechists will spend next Saturday in Lansor Mill for a **Day of Reflection:** depart from church at 10am, return in time for Mass, at which they will be sent forth to the Sacrament the following Saturday. Please keep them in your prayers



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’.

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

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

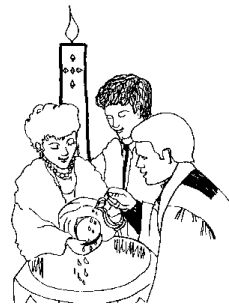
This weekend we will have a short **Membership Appeal** for the **CATENIANS**, a Catholic Men's Group, at the end of Mass.

WELCOME to Aiofe Rennie and Lois Stinchcombe, **Baptised** into the Easter Christ at Mass this Sunday morning.

"LITTLE IRELAND" – the Story of Newtown and the Newtown Association, Wales and the Marches Catholic History Society re-arranged talk: Sunday 15th April, 3pm at Saint David's 6th Form College. All are most welcome to this free talk: For further information: Phone - Tricia Coulthard 029 2059 5899, - triciacoulthard@outlook.com.

NIGHT SHELTER PUDDING PARTY, to thank everyone involved in the Night Shelter for their support, donations, and prayers, including the puddings (!) and the bread, we will have a pudding party, update, and review on **Monday, 7.30pm**, in the hall. We are pleased to announce that all our winter guests have now gone into accommodation.

BAPTISM PREPARATION for parents wanting to bring up their children in the Faith starts this Tuesday, 7.00pm, in the small meeting room of the Hall.



THE HALL COMMITTEE meets on Wednesday, 7.00pm in the Hall.

ACTA (A Call to Action) is an organisation that brings together clergy, religious, and laypeople to discuss issues of common interest and concern. The next meeting of the Cardiff group of ACTA is in Saint Alban's Church, Cameron St., Cardiff at 7.00pm this Wednesday. All are welcome. Further information available from Frank Callus – fbcallus@aol.com, 07956005459.

Why is THE MONTHLY QUIZ a week early this month (*A/ because there is a choir concert on the last Friday of the month*): So **This Friday**, 7.00 for 7.30pm in the Hall: Come and have fun stretching and exercising those little grey cells. (Bar, and Fecci's Fine Fish'n'chips available too!)



A DAY OF RECOLLECTION at Lansor Mill Retreat next Saturday, 21st, for the young members of the Parish asking **to be Confirmed** in the faith. We will leave from the church at 10am, and be back in time for evening Mass, where the Candidates will be sent with our prayers to celebrate the sacrament on Saturday 28th April. Please keep them all, and their families, in your prayers.

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.

WELSH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – 22nd – 27th June, by air from Cardiff, led by the Archbishop. For details see the poster in the porch, or contact Joe Walsh Tours, 02920 003865, info@joewalshstours.co.uk

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:

Date	Time	Event
Mon 16 th April	7.30pm	Night Shelter Review + Pudding Party
Tues 17 th April	7.00pm	Baptism Preparation (s.m.r.)
Wed 18 th April	7.00pm	Hall Committee Meeting
Thurs 19 th April	2.00pm – 4.00pm 6.30pm – 7.30pm	Sunshine Club Youth Club
Fri 20 th April	1.00pm 7.00pm	History Group Parish Monthly Quiz Night
Sat 21 st April	9.30am – 12.30pm	Dance
Sun 23 rd April	11.30am	Tea, Coffee, & Biscuits

OFFERTORY COLLECTION	8 th April 2018
Gift Aid Weekly	£ 149.00
Non Gift Aid Weekly	£ 304.89
Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 502.04
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 65.00
Loose	£ 233.18
TOTAL	£1254.11 <i>Many thanks</i>
Mandy Starr Concert	£ 275.00



LOTTERY BONUS BALL CONGRATULATIONS to Paul Harrington, Marianna Lewis, and Pauline Thomas, the winners of the Bonus Ball no. 28. A total of £53.00 was made for parish funds. **TRY YOUR LUCK AGAIN THIS WEEK.**

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

'FATHER This is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.' (*John 17: 3*) 'God our Saviour desires all people to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.' (*1 Timothy 2: 3-4*) 'There is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.' (*Acts 4: 12*) – than the name of Jesus.

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

(1) GOD, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in God's own blessed life. For this reason, at every time and place, God draws close to man. God calls man to seek God, to know God, to love God with all his strength. God calls together all men and women, scattered and divided by sin, into the unity of God's family, the Church. To accomplish this, when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son as Redeemer and Saviour. In God's Son and through him, God invites men and women to become, in the Holy Spirit, God's adopted children, and thus heirs of God's blessed life.

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992

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'Catechism'
Since 2012 we have been 'serialising' the last section of the Catechism, 'On Christian Prayer'
Having finished that, we have decided now to start again, at the very beginning.....

Parish Directory

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