

SAINT HELEN'S PARISH

2nd EASTER SUNDAY

Season of Lent + Easter

8th April 2018

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ALLELUIA CHRIST IS RISEN!

- RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA!

THE WORD THIS WEEK

RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA! As we reach the end of this seven-day long 'Easter Day' we move into a seven-week long 'Easter Week', a season marked out for 'mystagogia' – being led (deeper) into the mysteries (greek for 'sacraments'). Through the Easter season we are called and helped to deepen our understanding and living of the 'mysteries', or sacraments, and in particular the Easter Sacraments of 'Initiation': Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist (water, spirit, and blood), through which we are planted and grow into the risen life of Christ. Today we start with Baptism, the seed of Faith.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: (Psalter: Week 2)

Acts 4: 32 – 35.

United, heart and soul.

Response: Psalm 117.

Let the sons of Israel say: //
'his love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say: //
'his love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:
'his love has no end.'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live, //
and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, //
but not doomed to die.

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

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

This day was made by the Lord, //
we rejoice and are glad.

1 John 5: 1 – 6.

Anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Acclamation for the Gospel:

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

Jesus said, 'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

John 20: 19 – 31.

Eight days later, Jesus came.

Prayer of the Faithful:

R/. Lord of life, give us your peace.

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Lord, by your Cross and Resurrection

you have set us free, Alleluia, Alleluia!



MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

Sat 7 th April	6.30pm	2nd Easter Mona Clinch (JO'B)
Sun 8 th April	10.30am	2nd Easter For the People of the Parish
Mon 9 th April	6.45pm 7.00pm	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD Evening Prayer of the Church For the People of the Parish
Tues 10 th April	9.45am 10.00am 3.00pm	Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr Morning Prayer of the Church Power Family (GJ) Women's World Day of Prayer (Saint Andrew's)
Wed 11 th April	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Eithne + Robert Morgan Adoration 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 8 pm
Thurs 12 th April	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Laura Wooding
Fri 13 th April	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Pam Cronin (DC)
Sat 14 th April	5.45pm – 6.15pm 6.30pm	The Sacrament of Reconciliation 3rd Easter Michael Egan (LE)
Sun 15 th April	10.30am	3rd Easter For the People of the Parish and the Baptism of Aoife Rennie + Lois Stinchcombe



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

A CHILD FOR BAPTISM? The Parish **PREPARATION** for **BAPTISM** will start on Tuesday 17th April, 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 a.s.a.p. Thank you.



JOINING THE CHURCH AS AN ADULT: To learn more about the Catholic Faith, please come along to the Hall every second Wednesday at 7.30pm for '**Catholicism, an introduction**'. The next gathering is this Thursday 12th, in the small meeting room. 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.

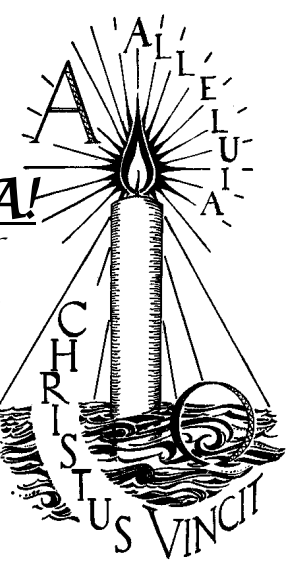


"This is the feast of the year for which we long, the beginning of life-giving realities. Here is given us the grace of the heavenly mysteries, the gift of the Pasch.
In this feast the baptismal font, the womb which begets pure life, is ablaze with the light of candles under the cross, the tree of life. Here men and women are sanctified by the gift of heavenly grace and fed by the spiritual sacrament, the sacred mystery. Here the church, gathered in unity, is nourished."
From a paschal homily of an ancient author.

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

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN

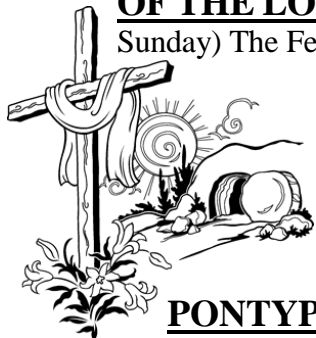
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Congratulations and thanks to all who made such a full-on and joyful celebration of the central mystery and gift of our Christian faith and life: Ministers and musicians, readers and cantors, servers, welcomers, flower-arrangers and fire-makers, sacristans, cleaners, and the secret removals men (and boys). And to the whole worshipping Parish who gathered to be reborn again into the New Life of the Risen Christ in the Baptism of Easter. Thank you!

On Monday we celebrate the feast of **THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**, a HolyDay of Obligation (transferred from Palm Sunday) The FeastDay Mass is at 7.00pm.

The S.V.P. meets on Monday, 7.30pm in the Small Meeting Room.



PLANNING YOUR (own) FUNERAL RITES: The monthly Funeral Planning Surgery is this Tuesday evening, 6.00pm in the Small Meeting Room.

JOURNEY of FAITH, time together to deepen our life of Faith: This Thursday, 7.30pm in the hall.

PONTYPRIDD DEANERY + HOLY HOUR FOR EVANGELISATION +

Just before our Lord ascended to heaven, he left us with final Great Commission: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations." (Matt 28:19). This command is for all Christians and, following on from Proclaim 15, the Archdiocese has been working hard to encourage us all to share our faith, in word and actions. To support us in this calling parishioners from across our Deanery are coming together **every week** for a Holy Hour with Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, with the special intention of evangelisation and mission within our parishes and the wider church.

The Holy Hour will be **every Friday** at Saint Dyfrig's Church, Treforest, CF37 1DB, from 6.30 to 7.30 pm. Visit our website for up-to-date news: pontypriddRCdeanery.co.uk/Holy-Hour. **Everyone welcome: please come and spend an hour with our Lord.**

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

"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 St. 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.

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

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 Warmesley	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 Warmesley
Martyn Western	Bill Morrissey	Brendan Kelly		

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SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:

Date	Time
Mon 9 th April	7.30pm
Tues 10 th April	10.30am 6.00pm
Weds 11 th April	11.00 – 2.00
Thurs 12 th April	2.00pm – 4.00pm 7.30pm
Fri 13 th April	1.00pm – 4.30pm
Sat 14 th April	9.30am – 12.30pm 1.30pm – 4.30pm
Sun 15 th April	11.30am 12.30pm



Event
S.V.P. (s.m.r.)
Music Appreciation
Funeral Preparation Surgery (s.m.r.)
Children's Club
Sunshine Club
Journey of Faith (s.m.r.)
History Group
Dance Party
Tea, Coffee, & Biscuits
Baptism Party

OFFERTORY COLLECTION	1 st April 2018
Gift Aid Weekly	£ 124.35
Non Gift Aid Weekly	£ 94.00
Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 502.04
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 65.00
Loose	£ 494.66
TOTAL	£1280.05 <i>Many thanks</i>
Holy Thursday/ Lenten Alms	£ 475.73 (for Refugees)
Good Friday Holy Places	£ 264.69
Easter Egg Raffle	£ 120.00



And on top of all that, the very generous Easter Offerings, for which Father John and Elliot say a great **THANK YOU!**

LOTTERY BONUS BALL CONGRATULATIONS to Tom Simmonds and Ann Head, the winners of the Bonus Ball no. 14. A total of £82.00 was made for parish funds. No winner on the third sheet. **TRY YOUR LUCK AGAIN THIS WEEK.**

Over the past year the Bonus Ball has raised £3,945.00 for church funds.

Thank you everyone.

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CHRISTIAN PRAYER.

Section Two: The Lord's Prayer: 'Our Father' Article 4: The Final Doxology

(2854) The final doxology, 'For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever', takes up again, by inclusion, the first three petitions to our Father: the glorification of his name, the coming of his reign and the power of his saving will. But these prayers are now proclaimed as adoration and thanksgiving, as in the liturgy of heaven. (Cf. *Revelations 1: 6; 4: 11; 5: 13.*) The ruler of this world has mendaciously attributed to himself the three titles of kingship, power and glory. (Cf. *Luke 4: 5 – 6.*) Christ the Lord, restores them to his Father and our Father, until he hands over the Kingdom to him when the mystery of salvation will be brought to its completion and God will be all in all. (Cf. *1 Corinthians 15: 24 – 28.*)

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