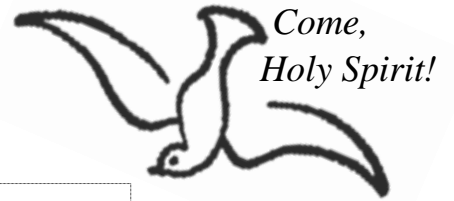


SAINT HELEN'S PARISH
EASTER SUNDAY

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

PENTECOST NOVENA

13th May 2018



**Alleluia
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God's Grandeur

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.
 It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;
 It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil
 Crushed. Why do men then now not reck his rod?
 Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;
 And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;
 And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil
 Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And, for all this, nature is never spent;
 There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;
 And though the last lights off the black West went
 Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastwards, springs —
 Because the Holy Ghost over the bent
 World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.

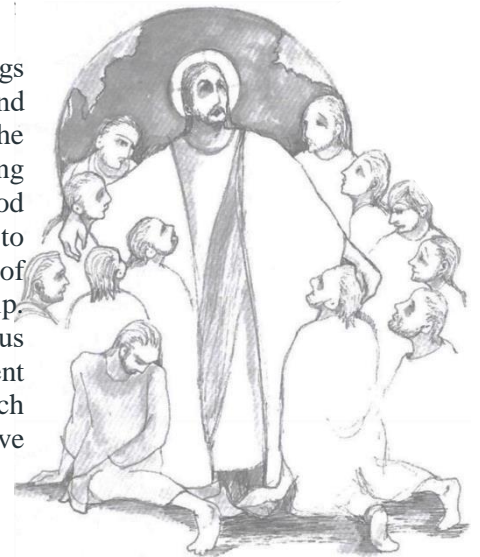
Gerard Manley Hopkins



So that They may be One like Us

THE WORD THIS WEEK

As the joyous season of Easter comes to a close, this Sunday's Scripture brings our focus onto Christ's loving relationship with us. John's letter (Second Reading) is like a summary of the Good News and the mystery of the Resurrection. We are encouraged to love one another. It is through our loving relationships that we will come to know God more fully. God is love, and God shares the Spirit of love with us when we die to self and give ourselves fully to love. We can pray with great joy the Psalm of thanks for all the blessings of God's love – a love that is calling all of us into a deeper personal relationship. In John's Gospel we hear Jesus praying to the Father for his followers. Jesus wants us to share fully in his joy. It is in this spirit of Easter joy that we are sent out into the world to draw all people into that relationship of love of which each and every one is invited to be a part. Let us pray for the grace to be able to live out the joy of the Gospel of love in every part of our life



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

Please see the Mass booklet.

We will not read the first Reading (Acts 1: 15 – 17, 20 – 26) this Communion weekend. It tells how the early Church decided who was to replace Judas: It needed to be someone who had known Jesus personally from the very start of his ministry, and had witnessed his suffering, death and resurrection. With the help of the Holy Spirit they chose Matthias, whose feastday is this Monday.

Prayer of the Faithful: R/. Come, Holy Spirit.

MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK: *Alleluia*



Sat 12 th May	6.30pm	7 th Easter Peter McInerney (IM)
Sun 13 th May	10.30am 6.00pm	7 th Easter For the People of the Parish Christian Aid Service (Van Road)
Mon 14 th May	6.40pm 7.00pm	SAINT MATTHIAS, Apostle Rosary M.C. Calvet Intention
Tues 15 th May	9.40am 10.00am	Rosary Colin Richards (S.V.P.)
Wed 16 th May	9.40am 10.00am	Rosary Mike Trodd (S.V.P.) Adoration 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 8 pm
Thurs 17 th May	9.40am 10.00am	Rosary Eileen Foran (MM)
Fri 18 th May	9.40am 10.00am	Rosary Margherita Antoniazzi (P+PJ)
Sat 19 th May	5.45 – 6.15pm 6.30pm	The Sacrament of Reconciliation PENTECOST! Margherita Antoniazzi (LA)
Sun 20 th May	10.30am 5.30pm	PENTECOST! For the People of the Parish Mass for New Catholics (Cathedral)



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

SHARING 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.

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

*Alleluia
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Alleluia*

COME, HOLY SPIRIT!

'Let the grace of your Baptism bear fruit in a path of holiness. Let everything be open to God: turn to him in every situation. Do not be dismayed, for you can do this in the power of the Holy Spirit, and holiness, in the end, is the fruit of the Holy Spirit in your life.'

Gaudete et Exsultate – Pope Francis

*Alleluia
Alleluia
Alleluia*



CONGRATULATIONS AND PRAYERS for our **NEW COMMUNICANTS** and their families, who today join us in sharing the

Bread of Life in the Banquet of Christ's Sacrifice: Max Curtis, James Everitt, Lucas Mawdsley, Maria Mawdsley, and Cian McGee on Saturday evening, and Khloe Apostol, Jessica Carosen, Anais Corcoran, Kristina Divers, Aleksander Figurski, Maksymilian Figurski, Julia Kaczor, Oisin Knowles, Adrian Kuzbinski, Paula Lewinska, Jakub Malecki, Victoria Malecka, Monina Maramba, Chloe Murphy, Sean Nolan, Lilliana Pior, Iwan Underwood, Julia Wnuk, and Piotr Zawistowski on Sunday morning. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.



Today is '**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY**': Please take a prayer card after Mass, and pray for 'the truth that sets us free'

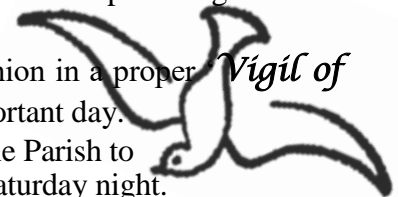
CHRISTIAN AID WEEK starts this Sunday. Many thanks to everyone who kindly took Christian Aid envelopes last week. Envelopes will be collected after Mass this weekend and next. Please remember to Gift-Aid, as this increases your donation by 25%.

The PAC (Parish Advisory Council) meets on Monday evening. Amongst other items, a discussion of plans to improve the motor and pedestrian entry to the church and increase parking.

A DEFIBRILLATOR for the Parish: We will have Training on the use of the new defibrillator on Tuesday, 7.00pm in the hall All concerned parishioners and regular users of the church or the hall are invited to join in.

THE PENTECOST NOVENA (9 days) continues all this week, to lead us up to the great feast of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on **PENTECOST** next weekend.

At the Saturday evening Mass we will Confirm **Dawn Owen** in Communion in a proper *Vigil of the Holy Spirit*, Please come to pray with her and for her on this important day. The 'Caerphilly 10K' on Sunday morning will cut off most of the east of the Parish to all but pedestrian traffic: If this affects you, please remember to come on Saturday night.



And then we are all back to 'normal': So the **REMOVAL MEN** (and boys, and two girls) are asked to come back on Sunday afternoon, 3pm, to restore order to the benches. Thank you!



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**.



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER is running a (non-residential) weekend in the Pastoral Centre on the 1st + 2nd September, '*an enrichment weekend for good marriages*'. For details and booking, please see the poster in the porch. '*Give yourselves and your relationship a treat!*'

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:

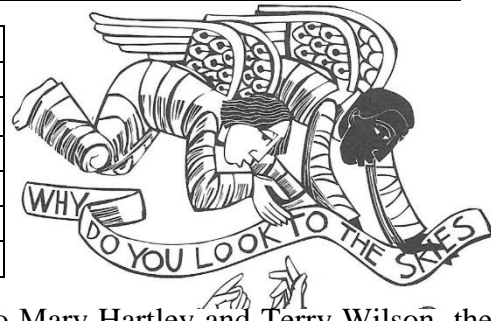
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| Sandra Bray | Jean Kerrigan | Lloyd Jones | John Maguire | Cecelia Mawby |
| Pat Emanuelli | Dorothy Warmsley | Isobel Cummins | Pauline Richards | David Mabey |
| Valerie Donovan | Paul Costigan | Margaret Jones | Carol Morrissey | Claris Howell |
| Tess Thomas | Grace Donovan | Mary Camwell | Wilson Brown | David Warmsley |
| Martyn Western | Bill Morrissey | Brendan Kelly | | |

PLEASE PRAY ALSO for **Mike Trodd**, who died early last Monday morning: May he rest in peace. We pray also and offer our condolences to Norma and Mike's children and grandchildren.

SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:

Date	Time	Event
Mon 14 th May	9.30am 7.30pm 7.30pm	Parents & Toddlers S.V.P. (s.m.r.) P.A.C.
Tues 15 th May	7.00pm	Defibrillator Training
Wed 16 th May	9.30am	Parents & Toddlers
Thurs 17 th May	2.00pm – 4.00pm 6.30pm	Sunshine Club Youth Club
Fri 18 th May	1.00pm	History Group
Sat 19 th May	9.30am – 12.30pm	Dance
Sun 20 th May	11.30am	Tea, Coffee, & Biscuits

OFFERTORY COLLECTION	6 th May 2018
Gift Aid Weekly	£ 117.00
Non Gift Aid Weekly	£ 113.06
Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 502.04
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 65.00
Loose	£ 330.11
TOTAL	£1127.21 <i>Many thanks</i>



LOTTERY BONUS BALL CONGRATULATIONS to Mary Hartley and Terry Wilson, the winners of the Bonus Ball no. 5. A total of £82.00 was made for parish funds. **TRY YOUR LUCK AGAIN THIS WEEK.**

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

II. Handing on the Faith: Catechesis

(5) 'Catechesis is an *education in the faith* of children, young people and adults which includes especially the teaching of Christian doctrine imparted, generally speaking, in an organic and systematic way, with a view to initiating the hearers into the fullness of Christian life.' (CT 18.)

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992

Parish Directory

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

Come, Holy Spirit, Fill the Hearts of your Faithful

Rekindle in Them the Fire of your Love.