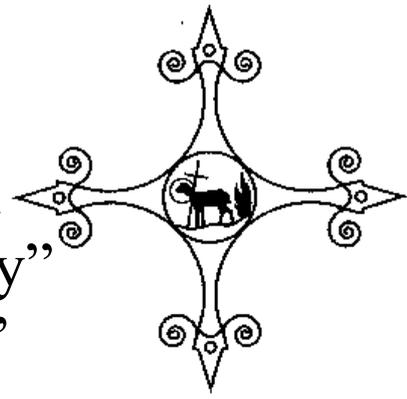




SAINT HELEN'S PARISH
11th SUNDAY of the YEAR
"Day for Life" also "Fathers Day"
The start of "Refugee Week"

17th June 2018



The Just will Flourish like a Palm Tree
and Grow like a Lebanon Cedar

THE WORD THIS WEEK

'So far as they were capable of understanding': Not very far if we are looking for answers in today's scripture: Images of ancient agriculture and foreign trees. But the God who gives life and growth to them is the same God who gives life and growth to us, and in us to Christ's kingship. Paul and Jesus both remind us that this life and all our growth are still only seeds: There is still the harvest to come, when all (even the ones we didn't rate, even the bits of we fight or hate) will be gathered in to shelter in the kingdom.

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

Ezekiel 17: 22 – 24.

I make low trees grow.

Response: Psalm 91.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night.

The just will flourish like the palm tree //
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.
Planted in the house of the Lord //
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green./
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.



2 Corinthians 5: 6 – 10.

*Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it,
we are intent on pleasing the Lord.*

Acclamation for the Gospel:

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower;
whoever finds the seed will remain for ever.

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

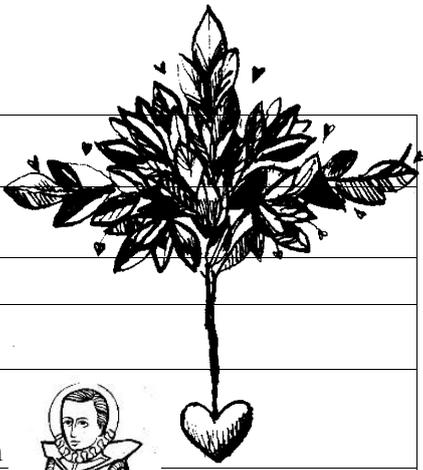
Mark 4: 26 – 34.

*It is the smallest of all the seeds;
yet it grows into the biggest shrub of them all.*

Prayer of the Faithful: R/. Lord, grow in us.



MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

Sat 16 th June	6.30pm	11 th Sunday of the Year Mike Trodd (TW)		
Sun 17 th June	10.30am	11 th Sunday of the Year For the People of the Parish		
Mon 18 th June	10.00am	Requiem for Hazel Bradley		
Tues 19 th June	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Tyronne Carroll (SM)		
Wed 20 th June	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Talaat Bolous (S.V.P.) Adoration 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 8 pm		
Thurs 21 st June	9.45am 10.00am	Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious Morning Prayer of the Church Bradley Family Intention (PG)		
Fri 22 nd June	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Maria Gallinari (LA)		
Sat 23 rd June	5.45 – 6.15pm 6.30pm	The Sacrament of Reconciliation The NATIVITY of SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST For the People of the Parish		
Sun 24 th June	10.30am	The NATIVITY of SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST For All the Baptised With the Baptism of Imogen Hurley		

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

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. The next Baptism Preparation will begin on **Thursday 28th June**.

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. The support group advertised last week is concluded: The next group will be offered in the autumn.

"After any significant loss the journey to recovery will be long, and even when it eventually arrives healing may well be partial. We may be permanently wounded. The dead we have loved may remain part of who we are. We may hold within ourselves an empty space that will never be filled. Consequently prayers for the dead meet an enduring need. Many of us have a strong desire to pray for those we have loved, and love still, wherever they may be."

'After the Fire: Finding Words for Grenfell' – Revd. Alan Everett.



SHARING FAITH



***'DAY FOR LIFE'** is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This year the Day concentrates on the scourge of Human Trafficking, and the Church's involvement in efforts to end it. The *Day for Life* collection today assists the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Church, including the 'Santa Marta' Group combatting Modern-Day Slavery.

CAERPHELLY FLOWER FESTIVAL is Next weekend, 22nd, 23rd, and 24th June. Once again our Parish will be participating, together with most churches in the Caerphilly area. Our flower arrangers are busy planning their exhibits. Our church and exhibition will be open from 10.00am – 4.00pm Friday and Saturday, and 12 noon – 4.00pm Sunday. **Help** would be much appreciated to welcome visitors to our church. If you could spare an hour or two of your time, please sign up on the board in the porch, or talk to Josephine Caruana (Tel: 029 20863839). Many thanks.



And also during the Festival weekend, in this **Refugee Week**, Van Road Church will also display **'UPROOTED'**, a Christian Aid exhibition of images and stories of Internally Displaced People from Kenya, Iraq and Syria

'ADOREMUS SUNDAY', 1st July (a.k.a. 'Amazing Sunday'): We are all asked to bring one other person to Mass, to show them what it is like: for this we will have a special Mass booklet, produced for the whole Diocese, with explanations of what is going on, and why. To help us each bring that extra guest, we will each be given an invitation card: Don't miss out on yours, but start thinking now who you would like to give it to. And if they are worried that "the roof would fall in if I went there", you can tell them we will also celebrate Mass outdoors that day (weather permitting!)

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**.

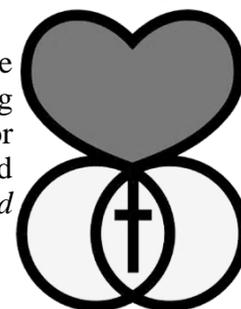


'SHARE THE JOURNEY' In answer to the Pope's call to us to 'share the journey' with the many refugees still fleeing their homes to find safety and peace, we will have a **shared walk** (round the castle once, or twice, or more) on the afternoon of **July 15th**, as part of a global effort to 'walk around the world'. All the journeys we record will be added to a grand total being gathered by Cafod. This 'Shared Journey' will be used as a powerful message to world leaders meeting in September to seek global agreements on refugees and migration.

Share the Journey ✨
#sharejourney

For more information, please see opposite or go to www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Share-the-Journey

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Enrich your couple relationship! Take advantage of the non-residential weekend in Cardiff on the 1st and 2nd September. However long you have been married, this weekend is the best gift you can give to each other. For more information and to book online go to www.wvme.org.uk or contact Hyacinth and Callista on 07738264176, hycinth@me.com. *'An enrichment weekend for good marriages – 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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| 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 | Mary Jeffries | |



SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:

Date	Time	Event
Mon 18 th June	9.30am 7.30pm 7.30pm	Parents & Toddlers S.V.P. (s.m.r.) Evangelisation Group
Tues 19 th June	7.00pm	Communion Catechists Review
Wed 20 th June	9.30am 7.00pm	Parents & Toddlers Parish Liturgy Group (s.m.r.)
Thurs 21 st June	2.00pm – 4.00pm 6.30pm	Sunshine Club Youth Club
Fri 22 nd June	1.00pm 7.00pm	History Group Ty Hafan Quiz
Sat 23 rd June	9.30am – 12.30pm	Dance
Sun 24 th June	11.30am	Tea, Coffee, & Biscuits

OFFERTORY COLLECTION	10 th June 2018
Gift Aid Weekly	£ 143.00
Non Gift Aid Weekly	£ 118.30
Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 502.04
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 65.00
Loose	£ 236.82
TOTAL	£1063.16 <i>Many thanks</i>



LOTTERY BONUS BALL CONGRATULATIONS to Lorna Elliot and Terrance Miles, the winners of the Bonus Ball no.11. A total of £84.00 was made for parish funds. **TRY YOUR LUCK AGAIN THIS WEEK.**

THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH PROLOGUE.

II. Handing on the Faith: Catechesis

(10) It is therefore no surprise that catechesis in the Church has again attracted attention in the wake of the Second Vatican Council, which Pope Paul VI considered the great catechism of modern times. The *General Catechetical Directory* (1971), the sessions of the Synod of Bishops devoted to evangelization (1974), and catechesis (1977), the apostolic *exhortations Evangelii nuntiandi* (1975), and *Catechesi tradendae* (1979), attest to this. The Extraordinary Synod of Bishops in 1985 asked "that a catechism or compendium of all Catholic doctrine regarding both faith and morals be composed" (Extraordinary Synod of Bishops 1985, *Final Report II B a*, 4.). The Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, made the Synod's wish his own, acknowledging that "this desire wholly corresponds to a real need of the universal Church and of the particular Churches." (John Paul II, Discourse at the Closing of the Extraordinary Synod of Bishops, 7 December 1985: AAS 78 (1986). He set in motion everything needed to carry out the Synod Fathers' wish.

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992

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