

# SAINT HELEN'S PARISH THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

24<sup>th</sup> June 2018



## He Came as a Witness, a Prophet to Speak for the Light

### THE WORD THIS WEEK

Another 'Nativity' – a mid-summer Christmas – half a year before the Birth of Jesus. John is the 'fore-runner' of Jesus, his cousin. He is a bridge, a link, a turning-point; the last of the prophets of the Old Testament, and the first herald and apostle of the New Covenant. Still in the womb he announces Jesus; and at his birth Zechariah, priest of the Old Testament, rediscovers a voice to speak the praises of God. John is the voice, Jesus is the Word.

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: (Psalter: Week 4)

#### Vigil Mass

#### **Jeremiah 1: 4 – 10.**

*Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.*

*Response: Psalm 70.*

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.

In your justice rescue me, free me:  
pay heed to me and save me.

Be a rock where I can take refuge,  
a mighty stronghold to save me;  
for you are my rock, my stronghold.  
Free me from the hand of the wicked.

It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,  
my trust, o Lord, since my youth.  
On you I have leaned from my birth,  
from my mother's womb you have been my help.

My lips will tell of your justice  
and day by day of your help.

O God, you have taught me from my youth  
and I proclaim your wonders still.

#### **1 Peter 1: 8 – 12.**

*It was this salvation that the prophets were looking and searching so hard for.*

*Acclamation for the Gospel:*

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

He came as a witness, a witness to speak for the  
light, preparing for the Lord a people fit for him.

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

#### **Luke 1: 5 - 17**

*She is to bear you a son, and you must name him John.*

*Prayer of the Faithful:* R/. Lord, reveal yourself!

#### Mass in the day

#### **Isaiah 49: 1 - 6**

*I will make you the light of the nations.*

*Response: Psalm 138.*

O Lord, you search me and you know me,  
you know my resting and my rising,  
you discern my purpose from afar.  
You mark when I walk or lie down,  
all my ways are open before you.

For it was you who created my being,  
knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I thank you for the wonder of my being,  
for the wonders of all your creation.

Already you knew my soul,  
my body held no secrets from you  
when I was being fashioned in secret  
and moulded in the depth of the earth.

#### **Acts of the Apostles 13: 22 – 26.**

*Jesus, whose coming was heralded by John.*

*Acclamation for the Gospel:*

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

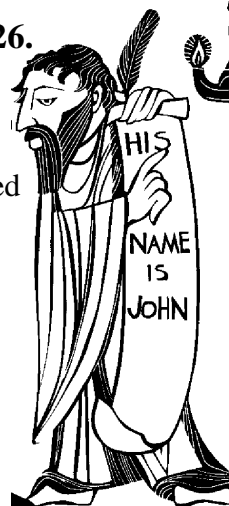
As for you, little child, you shall be called  
a prophet of God the Most High.

You shall go ahead of the Lord  
to prepare his ways before him.

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

#### **Luke 1: 57 – 66. 80**

*His name is John.*



**MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:**

Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>NATIVITY of SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST</b> For the People of the Parish
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>NATIVITY of SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST</b> For All the Baptised with the Baptism of Imogen Hurley
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> June	2.30pm 6.45pm 7.00pm	Funeral Service for Talaat Bolous Evening Prayer of the Church Thresia Paulo (VT)
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> June	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Martha Routledge
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> June	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mike Trodd (AM) Adoration 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 8 pm
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> June	9.45am 10.00am	<b>Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr</b> Morning Prayer of the Church Hazel Bradley (PG)
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>10.00am</b> <b>7.00pm</b>	<b>SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL, Apostles</b> For the People of the parish The Pope's Intention
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> June	5.45 – 6.15pm <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> The Sacrament of Reconciliation Reverend Peter Davies, Intention
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>10.30am</b> 2.00pm	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> For the People of the Parish Baptism of Imogen Parry



**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?** To join in the **Parish Preparation for Parents**, starting this Thursday, 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**'. The next gathering will be this Thursday, 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. The support group advertised last week is concluded: The next group will be offered in the autumn.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Melanie Benedict, appointed Head Girl in Cardinal Newman High School; Maria Trodd, Deputy Head Girl; and Jenany Benedict, Treasurer – all three from Saint Helen's Parish. Tom Williams and Joe Mantle are Head Boy and deputy.

**CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Could you spare some time to volunteer with CAFOD? CAFOD in South Wales is looking for volunteers to work with children and young people in Catholic schools to help them learn about global poverty and inspire them to take action. Full training and resources provided. To find out more please contact Therese Warwick on 02920 344882 or email [southwales@cafod.org.uk](mailto:southwales@cafod.org.uk)



**THE FLOWER FESTIVAL** is on! A huge thank you to the Flower Arrangers and their helpers for this massive and marvellous display, and its subtle evangelising.

**A CHILD FOR BAPTISM?** Parents preparation for this first step in your child's life of faith begins on Thursday, 7pm in the Hall.



**FRIDAY** is the feast of **SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL**, a holyday of obligation, Mass is at 10am and 7pm. As well as the celebration of the feast we will rejoice and pray that day for Peter Davies who will be ordained priest, in Cardiff.



**THE MONTHLY QUIZ** will follow, in the hall, straight after Mass

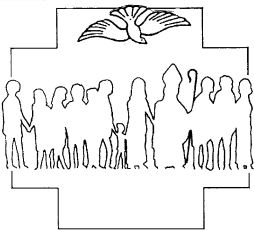
**YEAR 8 GOES BOWLING:** Next Saturday, meet at Nantgarw Bowling at 1pm. If you plan to join in, please let Father or Emma Yates know.



**'ADOREMUS SUNDAY', next weekend!** 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 bring that extra guest, next Sunday 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 NOW THAT THE SUN'S SHINING** and birds singing, its time to dust off those picnic chairs and blankets! Following 10.:30 Mass we will have **A PARISH PICNIC** to celebrate the good weather and to catch up with those we know and perhaps with those not as well. Bring your lunch, drinks, and picnic set, and if you're feeling energetic, bat and ball. The picnic will be on the lawns around the church so there won't be any travelling required. See you there!

**BEWARE – VELATHON!** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July: Saturday 6.30pm, or a walk on Sunday morning!



**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 the Parish, and a Mass with the Archbishop in the evening: Book the date, **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July**.



**FAREWELL, ELLIOT!** Little more than a month to go till Elliot leaves us for his summer break (*before returning to another three years of study till ordination*). To express our thanks and send him on his way, we will have a Farewell Party on Saturday **14<sup>th</sup> July**, after evening Mass. Book the date!

**'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 15<sup>th</sup>**, 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](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Share-the-Journey)

**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 Warmasley | 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 Warmasley |
| Martyn Western   | Bill Morrissey    | Brendan Kelly  | Mary Jeffries    |                 |



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

Date	Time	Event
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am	Parents & Toddlers
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am 7.00pm	Parents & Toddlers W.I.
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> June	2.00pm – 4.00pm 6.30pm 7.00pm	Sunshine Club Youth Club Baptism Preparation
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> June	1.00pm 7.30pm	History Group The Monthly Parish Quiz
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am – 12.30pm 12.00 noon – 4.00pm	Dance Party
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> July	11.30am 2.30pm – 5.00pm	Tea, Coffee, & Biscuits Party

OFFERTORY COLLECTION	17 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
Gift Aid Weekly	£ 130.00
Non Gift Aid Weekly	£ 100.57
Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 502.04
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 65.00
Loose	£ 188.09
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 985.70</b> <i>Many thanks</i>



### LOTTERY BONUS BALL CONGRATULATIONS

to Maureen Thomas and Terry Wilson, the winners of the Bonus Ball no. 1. A total of £78.00 was made for parish funds. **TRY YOUR LUCK AGAIN THIS WEEK.**

### THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH PROLOGUE.

#### III. The Aim and Intended Readership of the Catechism

(11) This catechism aims at presenting an organic synthesis of the essential and fundamental contents of Catholic doctrine, as regards both faith and morals, in the light of the Second Vatican Council and the whole of the Church's Tradition. Its principal sources are the Sacred Scriptures, the Fathers of the Church, the liturgy, and the Church's Magisterium. It is intended to serve 'as a point of reference for the catechisms or compendia that are composed in the various countries'. (Extraordinary Synod of Bishops 1985, *Final Report* II B a, 4.)

*Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992*

#### Parish Directory

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