

SAINT HELEN'S PARISH
22nd SUNDAY of the YEAR
2nd September 2018



By His Own Choice He Made Us His Children

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Moses says: "Take Notice!" Not change for change's sake, nor routine for routine's sake, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God. There is wisdom, there security. Saint Paul reminds us of the goodness and beauty of God's revelation – but you must do what the Word tells you, and not just listen and deceive yourselves: Take Notice! And Jesus warns us of the dangers of traditionalism, just doing what our ancestors did, without knowing why, or asking the deeper questions. Traditions can be used to avoid the tradition, what is being handed on, the Word of God and his commandments. Routines can be a defence against the reasons for them. Take Notice.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: (*Psalter: Week 2*)

Deuteronomy 4: 1 – 2. 6 – 8.

Add nothing to what I command you, keep the commandments of the Lord.

Response: Psalm 14.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault,
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart.

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord.

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever.

James 1: 17 – 18. 21 – 22. 27.

You must do what the word tells you.

Acclamation for the Gospel:

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

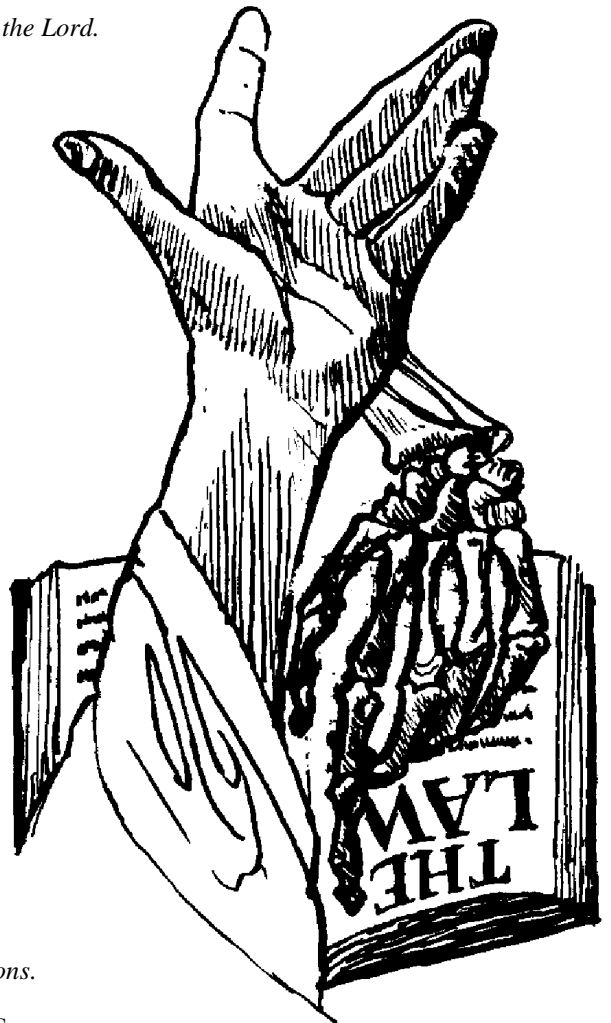
By his own choice the Father made us his children
by the message of truth,
so that we should be a sort of first-fruits
of all he created.

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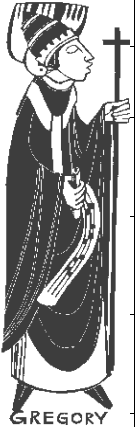


Mark 7: 1 – 8. 14 – 15. 21 – 23.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.

Prayer of the Faithful: R/. Lord, cleanse our hearts.



MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

Sat 1 st September	6.30pm	22nd Sunday of the Year World Day of Prayer for Creation	
Sun 2 nd September	10.30am	22nd Sunday of the Year For the People of the Parish	
Mon 3 rd September	6.45pm 7.00pm	Saint Gregory the Great , Pope + Doctor of the Church Evening Prayer of the Church Father Sean Seddon	
Tues 4 th September	9.45am 10.00am 2.15pm	Morning Prayer of the Church Donald Cavanagh Funeral of Donald Cavanagh (Glyntaff Crematorium)	
Wed 5 th September	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Harold + Johanna Jones (P+PJ) Adoration 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 8 pm	
Thurs 6 th September	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Velle Sebastian (TT)	
Fri 7 th September	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Bridie Murphy (BM)	
Sat 8 th September	5.30 – 6.15pm 6.30pm	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Adoration and Benediction, for the National Eucharistic Congress, with the Sacrament of Reconciliation 23rd Sunday of the Year For the People of the Parish	
Sun 9 th September	10.30am	23rd Sunday of the Year Grace Donovan (TW) with the Baptism of Sophie Richards	

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 5.30pm to 6.00pm, 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**, 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.

PREPARING FOR RECONCILIATION AND COMMUNION: Is your child ready for the next step on the journey of Faith? Preparation for families wishing to bring their children to Sacramental Communion will start on 11th September: To enrol your family, please pick up a registration form from the porch: The closing date for enrolment is 9th September, next Sunday.



SHARING FAITH

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 on 13th September. 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 S.V.P. (Society of Saint Vincent de Paul) fortnightly meeting is this Monday. 7.30pm in the Small Meeting Room.

*“The Lord wants us to be saints
and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence”*

‘Gaudete et Exultate’ :: Pope Francis, 2018

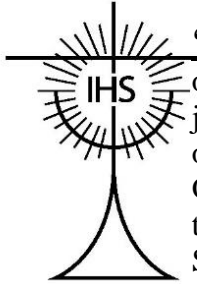
CATECHISTS PREPARE:

The Catechists who will work with families **preparing for Reconciliation and Communion** will meet to plan and prepare on Tuesday, 7.00pm in the hall, ready to start the following Tuesday.

The Catechists who will work with young people **asking to be Confirmed in Faith** will meet to plan and prepare on Wednesday, 7.00pm in the hall.



PILGRIMAGE: The proposal for next year's Parish Pilgrimage will be shared on Thursday, 7.00pm in the hall. Sorry for the change of date. All welcome.



'ADOREMUS', The National Eucharistic Congress

opens in Liverpool on Friday. Four of our fellow Parishioners will join the Diocesan delegation on Saturday. We are all invited to join ourselves as a Parish to this celebration and renewal of devotion to Our Lord's presence and nearness to us in the Blessed Sacrament in three quarters of an hour of **ADORATION + BENEDICTION** on Saturday evening, 5.30 – 6.15pm, with the Sacrament of Reconciliation 5.30 – 6.00pm.

LIVERPOOL 2018

ADOREMUS

**NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC
PILGRIMAGE & CONGRESS**

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

TEACHING AND LEARNING: This Autumn we are offered and invited to several new opportunities to deepen our faith, understanding, and commitment:

BIBLE: A short introduction to the Old Testament, led by Mrs Kate Duffin. To be followed by a short introduction to the New Testament in Lent.

'CATECHESIS': How do we share faith? An opportunity for all involved in catechesis to work together on aims, aids, and methods.

SACRAMENTS:

Preparing our children for Reconciliation and Communion starts on September 11th;

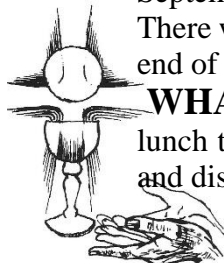
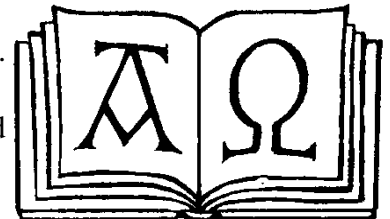
The 'Journey of Faith' for adults seeking to find or deepen faith and communion reopens on September 13th.

There will be another opportunity for Parents to prepare for their child's Baptism starting towards the end of September.

WHAT IS MASS ABOUT, AND WHY DO WE GO EVERY WEEK? Bring a picnic lunch to the hall after Mass on Sunday 30th September for a very informal chance to ask questions and discuss how we practice our faith. All ages are welcome, it's a real family event, an opportunity to meet, talk, and play in small groups for an hour or so. This is a chance to ask your questions, share some answers, make suggestions, or just listen.

MEET THE PARISH! Instead of AGM reports, a talents fair for all the groups, agencies, and works of the Parish, and a chance for us each to start or swap our engagement in one (or two), after Mass on Saturday and Sunday 20th and 21st October.

MASS with the SACRAMENT OF THE SICK will be celebrated at 2pm on Tuesday 11th September in the hall: All Parishioners are invited and welcome. Sick or housebound and have no transport? –Please contact Louisa on 20866838 for help.



WE ARE MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT Macmillan Cancer Support **COFFEE MORNING**, Friday 21st September 10.30 -12.30. Tickets £2 now available.

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	Graham Jenkins	Sandra Bray
Lloyd Jones	John Maguire	Cecelia Mawby	Pat Emanuelli	David Mabey
Dorothy Warmesley	Isobel Cummins	Pauline Richards	Margaret Jones	Carol Morrissey
Claris Howell	Tess Thomas	Mary Camwell	Wilson Brown	Martyn Western
Bill Morrissey	Yvonne Grandon	Pauline Thomas	Clive Howard	Graham Jenkins

SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:

Date	Time	Event
Mon 3 rd September	7.30pm	S.V.P. (s.m.r.)
Tues 4 th September	7.00pm	Communion Catechists Plan
Wed 5 th September	7.00pm	Confirmation Catechists Plan
Thurs 6 th September	2.00pm – 4.00pm 7.00pm	Sunshine Club Pilgrimage Planning
Sat September	9.30am – 12.30pm	Dance
Sun September	11.30am	Tea, Coffee, & Biscuits

OFFERTORY COLLECTION	26 th August 2018
Gift Aid Weekly	£ 137.00
Non Gift Aid Weekly	£ 91.97
Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 502.04
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 65.00
Loose	£ 191.61
TOTAL	£ 987.62 <i>Many thanks</i>

A.P.F. Mission Boxes are being collected in throughout September. Please bring yours in to church or pass it to your collector, as soon as possible. Thank you.

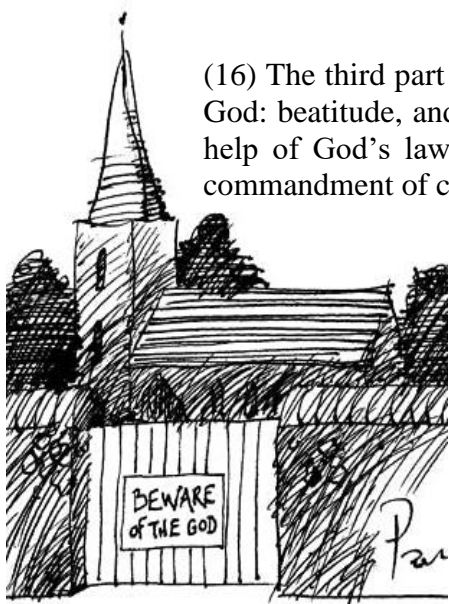
LOTTERY BONUS BALL CONGRATULATIONS to Gina Jenkins and Janet Mabey, the winners of the Bonus Ball no. 55. A total of £ 90 was made for parish funds. **TRY YOUR LUCK AGAIN THIS WEEK.**

PARISH 200 CLUB DRAW FOR AUGUST: 1st prize £25.00 (No. 92) Rhys Cronin; 2nd prize £20.00 (No. 57) Graham Brown (AVMUC); 3rd prize £15.00 (No. 84) Mrs C.P. Ball. **Congratulations to all.**

THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH PROLOGUE.

IV. The Structure of This Catechism Part Three: *The Life of Faith*

(16) The third part of the Catechism deals with the final end of man created in the image of God: beatitude, and the ways of reaching it – through right conduct freely chosen, with the help of God's law and grace (*Section One*), and through conduct that fulfils the twofold commandment of charity, specified in God's Ten Commandments (*Section Two*).



Marriage Preparation in the Archdiocese

We are currently recruiting volunteers for our Marriage Preparation team, to develop the provision of lay led preparation across the diocese

Could you work with engaged couples as a facilitator?

For more details pick up a leaflet at the back of church, speak to your parish priest, contact either volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk or in the diocese Joanne White, Family Life Worker, Tel: (029)20 365964, e-mail: parenting@rcadc.org

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