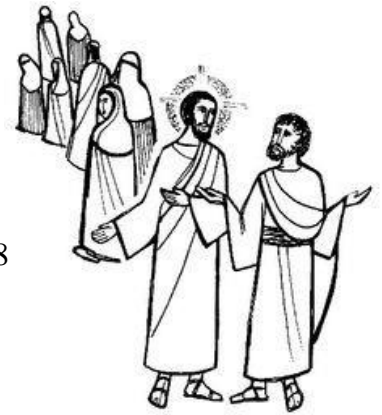


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26th August 2018



We Know that You Are the Holy One of God.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: (Psalter: Week 1)

Joshua 24: 1 – 2, 15 - 18

We will serve the Lord, for he is our God.

Response: Psalm 33.

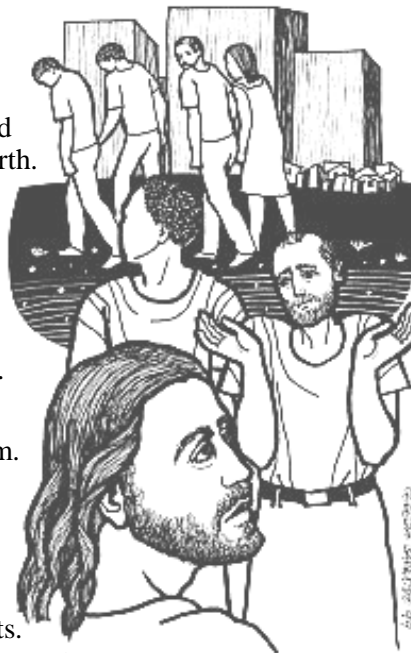
I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal.

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken.

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.



THE WORD THIS WEEK

Choices.

Alcoholics Anonymous know we have to choose afresh each day. Who is going to run my life this day: the old gods and habits; the way of the world around us; or the Lord our God?

It's a hard choice.

Saint Paul reminds us the way of Christ is the way of love, which is also the way of sacrifice. But strangely that is the place where we find and most fully become ourselves: As parts of the Body, living (to eternal life) in Christ. It's a hard choice,

counter-intuitive.

But where else can we go? If we are here today, it is because with Peter we have again woken up to the fact that "you, Lord, are the Holy One of God".

Ephesians 5: 21 – 32.

This mystery has many implications, for Christ and for his Church.

Acclamation for the Gospel:

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!
Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life..
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

John 6: 60 – 69.

To whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life.

Prayer of the Faithful: R/. Lord, feed us.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Monday 3rd Sept: School's back!
Monday 10th Sept: Finance Committee
Tuesday 11th Sept: Mass for the Sick
Tuesday 11th Sept: Reconciliation Preparation starts
Thursday 13th Sept: 'Journey of Faith' starts
Tuesday 18th Sept: Catechists Training
Sunday 30th Sept: Parish Mass Picnic



Today: The annual pilgrimage to **SAINT DAVID LEWIS**, 3pm in Usk.

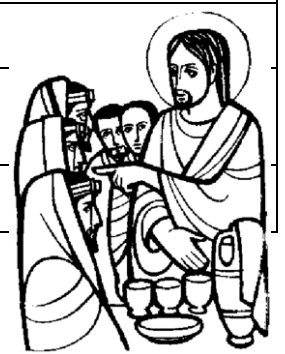
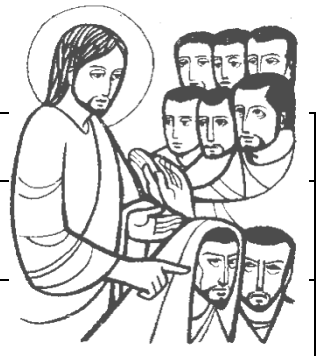
A CHILD FOR RECONCILIATION (and Communion)? Please take a (purple) registration form from the porch and return it to the Parish Office.

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MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

Sat 25 th August	6.30pm	SUNDAY of Ordered Time For the People of the Parish
Sun 26 th August	10.30am 1.00pm	SUNDAY of Ordered Time Jan Bolous Baptism of Keiron, Jayden, and Cory Warrick
Mon 27 th August	9.45am 10.00am	Saint Monica Evening Prayer of the Church Boase Family Intention
Tues 28 th August	9.45am 10.00am	Saint Augustine, Bishop + Doctor of the Church Morning Prayer of the Church Mary Williams (GM)
Wed 29 th August	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Ethne and Robert Morgan (EM) ADORATION 2 to 4 pm, & 6 to 8 pm.
Thurs 30 th August	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Hazel Bradley (S.V.P.)
Fri 31 st August	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mike Trodd (M+TB)
Sat 1 st September	5.45pm-6.15pm 6.30pm	The Sacrament of Reconciliation – Confessions SUNDAY of Ordered Time World Day of Prayer for the Creation
Sun 2 nd September	10.30am	SUNDAY of Ordered Time For the People of the Parish



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5.45pm to 6.15pm.

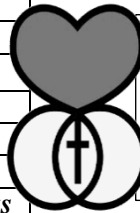
PRAYERS PLEASE: In our prayers we are asked to remember all who are sick or housebound, and all who care for them: “*When I was sick, you visited me*”.

SAINT HELEN’S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:

Date	Time	Event
Thus 30 th August	7.00pm	Parish Liturgy Group
Fri 31 st August	7 for 7.30pm	The Monthly Parish Quiz
Sat 1 st September	1.00 – 4.00pm	Party
Sun 2 nd September	11.30 am	Tea, Coffee, & Biscuits

LOTTERY BONUS BALL:
CONGRATULATIONS to Chris Ball and John Starynski, the winners of the Bonus Ball no 36. A total of £84 was made for parish funds. **TRY YOUR LUCK AGAIN TODAY**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION	19 th August 2018
Gift Aid Weekly	£ 85.70
Non Gift Aid Weekly	£ 85.15
Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 502.04
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 65.00
Loose	£ 290.60
TOTAL	£ 1028.49 <i>Many thanks</i>



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:
Last chance to register for next weekend’s free *Relationship Treat!*
07738264176, hycinth@me.com

PARISH 200 CLUB: Renewal letters are ready for collection in the porch. **Not Joined yet!** The organisers, Stuart & Margaret Davidson, Barbara Carley, and Olga Fernandez, will be available in the porch at the end of Mass: A profit of £646 was made last year - New members help maximise profits!

CONGRATULATIONS to all the Year 11 pupils at Cardinal Newman on their **GCSE results**. They have done fantastically well. 100% of pupils achieved at least 5 GCSEs, with 70% achieving at least 5 GCSEs including Maths, English and the Welsh Baccalaureate. 27% of pupils achieved at least 5 GCSE at A*/A, with 16% achieving at least ten at A*/A. Well done everyone.

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