

SAINT HELEN'S PARISH  
24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of the YEAR  
16<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
"HOME MISSION SUNDAY"



INTO ACTION

## But You, Who Do You Say I Am?

### THE WORD THIS WEEK

'But you, who do you say I am?' As Jesus continues to reveal himself to us, he turns the question back on us: If we have begun to know who he is, we begin to know more who we are, and who we have to be. As Saint James reminds us, our faith, our relationship to God in Jesus Christ, has to have some visible, human manifestation if it is to be more than mere words. Long before, Isaiah the Prophet knew that faith entails both the suffering ('cross') of human weakness, and confidence in divine support and rescue.

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

#### **Isaiah 50: 5 – 9.**

*I offered my back to those who struck me.*

*Response: Psalm 114.*

I love the Lord for he has heard  
the cry of my appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me  
in the day when I called him.

They surrounded me, the snares of death, //  
with the anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.  
O Lord my God, deliver me!

How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me.

He has kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.

#### **James 2: 14 – 18, 21 – 22, 27.**

*If good works do not go with faith, it is quite dead.*

*Acclamation for the Gospel:*

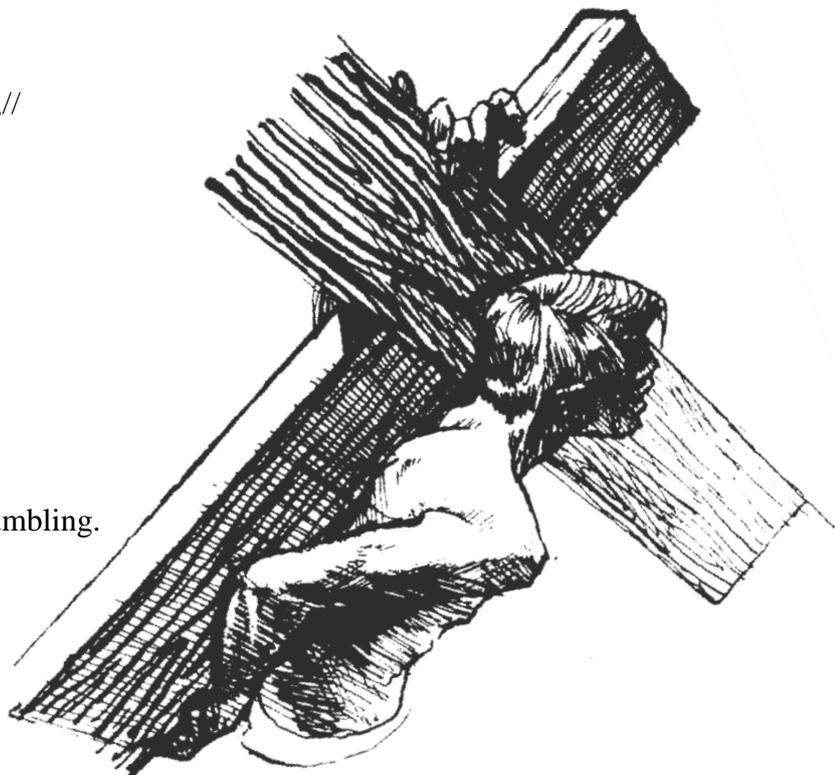
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord,  
through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world.  
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

#### **Mark 8: 27 – 35.**

*You are the Christ. The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously, and rise again.*

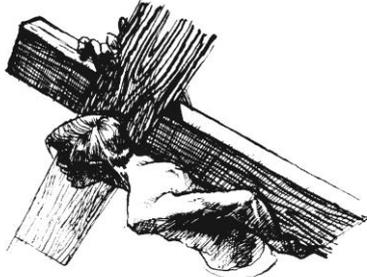
*Prayer of the Faithful: R/. Good Lord, deliver us.*



"Do not be afraid of Christ! He takes nothing away, and he gives you everything. When we give ourselves to him, we receive a hundredfold in return. Yes, open, open wide the doors to Christ – and you will find true life."

*Pope Benedict xvi*

## MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

Sat 15th September	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> For the people of the Parish	
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> Aloysius Thomas (TT)	
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> September	6.45pm 7.00pm	Evening Prayer of the Church Mervyn Williams (SW)	
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> September	9.45am 10.00am 2.15pm	Morning Prayer of the Church Clive Howard (S.V.P.) Funeral Service for Clive Howard	
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> September	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mary Jefferies (S.V.P.) Adoration 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 8 pm	
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> September	9.45am 10.00am	<b>Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest,</b> <b>Saint Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs</b> Morning Prayer of the Church Gerry Phenis (LA)	
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> September	9.45am 10.00am	<b>SAINT MATTHEW, Apostle and Evangelist</b> Morning Prayer of the Church Bradley Family Intention (PG)	
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	5.45 – 6.15pm <b>6.30pm</b>	The Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> For the people of the Parish	
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> Tony Kelly	

## 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**, 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.

**CONFIRMATION Early Warning:** The Archbishop will come to Confirm us in Faith on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> of June next year. Young people wishing to celebrate this Confirmation will be invited to prepare together, starting at the end of January. Request forms will be available in December.

**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**'.

**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.

SHARING FAITH

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**CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEER TASTER SESSION** - CAFOD is running a taster session open to anyone who wants to find out more about CAFOD's volunteer work in schools and parishes. The session will be held at Saint David's Cathedral in Cardiff this Monday 17 September, 11-4pm. A great way to find out more about CAFOD's educational work, meet other volunteers, unpack resources and see first-hand what this vital role entails. It's an ideal opportunity for those who are interested in becoming a volunteer, but want to find out more first. Please contact CAFOD at southwales@cafod.org.uk or 029 20 344 882 to find out more and book your place.

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Today is **HOME MISSION SUNDAY**: we will have a retiring collection for Evangelisation.

**The PAC (PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL)** meets on Monday, 7.30pm in the hall.



**THE SINGING GROUP** will meet again **this Monday**, 17<sup>th</sup> September, at **7:30pm** after mass. The session lasts no longer than an hour. We welcome new members. You don't have to come and sit at the front on Saturdays or Sundays but just sing from where you normally sit. **Also you don't need to have a wonderful voice but just a desire to praise God.** We will be learning new music for Christmas so everyone will be starting from the same place.

We are also looking for new members of **THE INSTRUMENT GROUP**. You need to be about grade 4 standard but you don't have to have done the exam. Just come and see Brett or any member of the music group after Mass or text to 07971 848734 if you are interested. You will have all the music to learn in advance so you won't be playing things you haven't already practised.



**CATECHESIS, SHARING FAITH:** An hour for all who are formally involved as catechists preparing fellow parishioners and families for Sacraments, or opening up the Sunday readings for our children, or informally at home in your own family. We will look at what we are called to do, share our experiences and discoveries, and brush-up on techniques, tips, and trip-ups. Tuesday, 7.00pm, in the Hall.

The annual **Macmillan Cancer Support COFFEE MORNING** is this **Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> September, 10.30 -12.30** in the Hall. Tickets are £2, on sale after Mass.

**WE ARE  
MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**

Seen the posters in the porch? In the month running up to the feast of **SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**, the **S.V.P. (Society of Saint Vincent de Paul)** is inviting us to find out more about their work, which is a 'living out' of the challenge given us by Saint James this weekend.

**WE HAD INCENSE LAST SATURDAY – WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?**

Bring a picnic lunch to the hall after Mass on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September for a very informal chance to ask questions, and discuss how we practice our faith. All ages are welcome, for a family event, with 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.



**'GET TO KNOW YOUR PARISH'**: Rather printing lots of long reports few people read, and holding an AGM that even fewer attended, this year we plan a live event, after Mass on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October. Parish groups and ministries will 'put out their stall' for half an hour after Mass, and we are all invited to browse, and meet, and enjoy wine and cheese, and see where we do already fit into the life of the Parish, or which bit we would like to explore more. Book the date now!

**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 Warmsley	Isobel Cummins	Pauline Richards	Margaret Jones	Carol Morrissey
Claris Howell	Tess Thomas	Wilson Brown	Martyn Western	Bill Morrissey
Yvonne Grandon	Pauline Thomas			

**PLEASE PRAY ALSO** for Mary Canwell who died on Monday. May she rest in peace.

"If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes ...."



**CATHOLIC SINGLES** helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. Visit [www.catholicsingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicsingles.org.uk) or tel. 0161 941 3498

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

Date	Time	Event
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30am 7.30pm 7.30pm	Parents & Toddlers P.A.C. S.V.P. (s.m.r.)
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> September	7.00pm	Catechists Training
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30am	Parents & Toddlers
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> September	2.00pm – 4.00pm 6.30pm	Sunshine Club Youth Club
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> September	9.30am -12.30pm 2.00pm	Macmillan Coffee Morning History Group
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	9.30am – 12.30pm	Dance
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	11.30am 1.00pm – 6.00pm	Tea, Coffee, & Biscuits Marriage care / Preparing for Marriage



OFFERTORY COLLECTION	9 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
Gift Aid Weekly	£ 130.05
Non Gift Aid Weekly	£ 76.62
Gift Aid Standing Orders (79)	£ 502.04
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 65.00
Loose	£ 210.17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 983.88 Many thanks</b>

"The collection is important in Mass because it stands for blood, sweat and tears, it costs us, it's a sacrifice we make"

*Bishop Barron, at the Eucharistic Congress*

**LOTTERY BONUS BALL CONGRATULATIONS** to Graham Bevan and Cliff Bray, the winners of the Bonus Ball no. 36. A total of £77.00 was made for parish funds. **TRY YOUR LUCK AGAIN THIS WEEK.**

**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.

### THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH PROLOGUE.

#### V. Practical Directions for Using This Catechism

(18) This catechism is conceived as *an organic presentation* of the Catholic faith in its entirety. It should be seen, therefore, as a unified whole. Numerous cross-references in the margin of the text (italicized numbers referring to other paragraphs that deal with the same theme), as well as the analytical index at the end of the volume, allow the reader to view each theme in its relationship with the entirety of the faith.

#### Parish Directory

**Priest:** Revd. John Kelly 20883192;

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**Saint Helen's School:** 20852532

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**Chair of Parish Council:** 20860919

**SVP:** 20866838

**Hall:** 20883192

**Marriage Care:** appointments@marriagecare.co.uk

**Cardinal Newman School:** 01443 494110

**Calendar Additions:** calendar@sthelenscaerphilly.com

**www.sthelenscaerphilly.com**

**Piety shop:** 20862998

**Bereavement support:** 20863450

