

SAINT HELEN'S PARISH
25th SUNDAY of the YEAR

23rd September 2018

'THE SEASON OF CREATION'

1st September – 4th October



Peacemakers Sow the Seeds which will Bear Fruit in Holiness

THE WORD THIS WEEK

'They did not understand.' And straight away they started arguing about who was the greatest, though they were walking day by day with the Lord, the gentle teacher. So where do these 'wars and battles' start? Not in the outside opposition that the writer of the book of wisdom worries about, or at least not only: They start first of all in own hearts, our mixed-up desires, our failure to understand or have faith in the love of God our Father, or to feel it and recognise it in the tender and limitless embrace of Jesus. Instead of the disciples' childish quarrelling, Jesus welcomes a child as equal. Once again, he patiently calls us back, to learn to love one another as children of the one Father.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: (*Psalter: Week 1*)

Wisdom 2: 12 – 2, 17 – 20.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death.

Response: Psalm 53.

O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth.

For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God.

But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good.

James 3: 16 – 4: 3.

*Peacemakers, when they work for peace,
sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.*

Acclamation for the Gospel:
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!
I am the light of the world says the Lord,
anyone who follows me
will have the light of life.
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

Mark 9: 30 – 37.

*The Son of Man will be delivered.
If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself servant of all.*

Prayer of the Faithful: R/. O God, hear our prayer.



MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

Sat 22 nd September	6.30pm	25th SUNDAY of the Year For the People of the Parish	
Sun 23 rd September	10.30am 6.00pm	25th SUNDAY of the Year Tony Kelly (BK) Bible Sunday Service in Saint Martin's	
Mon 24 th September	6.45pm 7.00pm	Evening Prayer of the Church Eithne + Robert Morgan (EM)	
Tues 25 th September	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Sheila Phillips (A+PJ)	
Wed 26 th September	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Grace Donovan (MJ + TL) Adoration 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 8 pm	
Thurs 27 th September	9.45am 10.00am	Saint Vincent de Paul , Priest Morning Prayer of the Church The S.V.P. Intention	
Fri 28 th September	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Angeline Intention (AT)	
Sat 29 th September	5.45 – 6.15pm 6.30pm	SAINT MICHAEL, SAINT GABRIEL, + SAINT RAPHAEL, Archangels The Sacrament of Reconciliation 26th SUNDAY of the Year Mary Williams (S.V.P.)	
Sun 30 th September	10.30am 1.00pm	26th SUNDAY of the Year For the people of the Parish Baptism of Freddie Hobbs	

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. Thank you.

FAMILIES PREPARING FOR RECONCILIATION meet again on Tuesday. Children and Parents will start in the church at 6.30pm, for prayers, exploration, and catch-up, then split between the church and the hall. See you there.



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**'. Next session **this** Thursday: 'Times and seasons'. **Come and see!**

SHARING FAITH

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 whole of the spiritual life turns on these two things: We are troubled when we contemplate ourselves and our sorrow brings salvation; when we contemplate God we are restored, so that we receive consolation from the joy of the Holy Spirit. From the contemplation of ourselves we gain fear and humility; from the contemplation of God, hope and love."
From the sermons of Saint Bernard



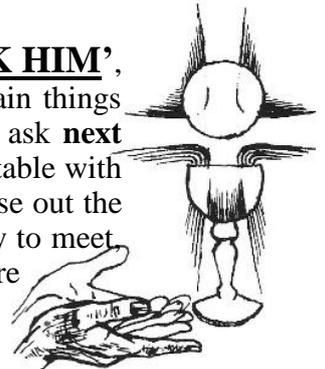
CATECHESIS – SHARING FAITH: It's what we do. Most of the time just by living Baptised lives, praying with our children, loving our spouses, looking out for our neighbours, caring for others, working honestly. But also often in a more formal way: joining in the Liturgy, the prayer of the church; and also in catechetical groups and classes. Two such opportunities this week:

On Tuesday the **Families Preparing for Reconciliation** meet at 6.30pm, starting in Church. On Thursday the **Journey of Faith** continues for all wishing to explore and investigate the Catholic Church, or deepen their knowledge and appreciation of the faith we live and share.

The Monthly Quiz is this Friday, 7.00 for 7.30pm in the hall: brain teasers, picture mysteries, bar and Fecci's Fish'n'chips, and fun.

'THEY DID NOT UNDERSTAND, AND WERE AFRAID TO ASK HIM'

So Jesus sat them down, took a little child, and set him in front of them to explain things simply. We are all invited to risk asking the questions we have been too shy to ask **next Sunday**, after the morning Mass. Bring a picnic lunch to the hall and sit around a table with friends and new acquaintances to chew over the meaty questions of faith, or to tease out the niggling petty details. All ages are welcome, for a family event, with opportunity to meet talk, and play in small groups for an hour or so, a chance to ask your questions, share some answers, make suggestions, or just listen.

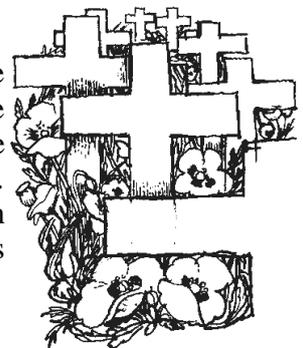


'GET TO KNOW YOUR PARISH': Rather than printing lots of annual reports and holding an AGM, this year the Parish Council is organising a live event, after Mass on the **20th and 21st October**. Parish groups and ministries will 'put out their stall' for half an hour after Mass, and we are all invited to browse, and meet, over wine and cheese, to see and celebrate where we do already fit into the life of the Parish, and to find which bit we would like to explore more. Book the date now!



THE ANNUAL SERVICE OF MEMORIES

this year will be on Monday 12th November. In addition to remembering those who have died in the past year, as it is the centenary of the end of World War 1 we would like to honour those who died in that war, or any other war since. Please contact either Father John, or Sue Acreman on 02920863450, with their names, and we will make sure your loved ones, who gave their lives for our freedom, are remembered especially this year.



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 | 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 | Allan Watt | | |



SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:

Date	Time	Event
Mon 24 th September	9.30am	Parents & Toddlers
Tues 25 th September	10.30am 6.30pm	Music Appreciation Reconciliation Preparation Parents + Children
Wed 26 th September	9.30am	Parents & Toddlers
Thurs 27 th September	2.00pm – 4.00pm 6.00pm 7.30pm	Sunshine Club Youth Club Journey of Faith
Fri 28 th September	1.00pm 7. for 7.30pm	History Group Parish Monthly Quiz
Sat 29 th September	9.30am – 12.30pm	Dance
Sun 30 th September	11.30am	Tea, Coffee, & Biscuits and the Parish Picnic

OFFERTORY COLLECTION	16 th September 2018
Gift Aid Weekly	£ 106.00
Non Gift Aid Weekly	£ 92.27
Gift Aid Standing Orders (69)	£ 502.04
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders (10)	£ 65.00
Loose	£ 182.02
TOTAL	£ 947.33 <i>Many thanks</i>
'Home Mission' Collection	£ 267.24



LOTTERY BONUS BALL CONGRATULATIONS to Glenys Moloney and Sheila Harris. the winners of the Bonus Ball no. 59. A total of £82.00 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

(19) The texts of Sacred Scripture are often not quoted word for word but are merely indicated by a reference ('cf'). For a deeper understanding of such passages, the reader should refer to the Scriptural texts themselves. Such Biblical references are a valuable working-tool in catechises.

(20) The use of **small print** in certain passages indicates observations of an historical or apologetic nature, or supplementary doctrinal explanations.

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