

SAINT HELEN'S PARISH
26th SUNDAY of the YEAR

30th September 2018

'THE SEASON OF CREATION'

1st September – 4th October



Anyone who is Not Against Us is For Us.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Last week Jesus called us to service, and to recognize each other as equals, brothers and sisters before God our Father. Today he continues breaking down the barriers we erect, between who is in and who is out, who is 'one of us', and who not. The story of Moses sharing ministry beyond the recognised insiders already hints of the Spirit blowing where she will. To add to Jesus' inclusive egalitarianism, in an unrelated last word from Saint James we are challenged with a radical blast that might have come from the far fringes of last week's party conference: But this is the Bible, the Word of God, still speaking to us today.

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

Numbers 11: 25 – 29.

Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets!

Response: Psalm 18.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple.

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just.

So in them your servant finds instruction;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me.

From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin.

James 5: 1 – 6.

Your wealth is all rotting.

Acclamation for the Gospel:
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

Mark 7: 38 – 43, 45, 47 – 48.

*Anyone who is not against us is for us,
If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.*

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



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MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

Sat 29 th September	6.30pm	26th SUNDAY of the Year Mary Williams (SVP)	
Sun 30 th September	10.30am 1.00pm	26th SUNDAY of the Year For the People of the Parish Baptism of Freddie Hobbs	
Mon 1 st October	6.40pm 7.00pm	Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin + Doctor of the Church Rosary Evening Prayer with Word and Communion	
Tues 2 nd October	9.40am 10.00am	The Guardian Angels Rosary Morning Prayer with Word and Communion	
Wed 3 rd October	9.40am 10.00am	Rosary Morning Prayer with Word and Communion Adoration 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 8 pm	
Thurs 4 th October	9.40am 10.00am	Saint Francis of Assisi, Deacon Rosary Morning Prayer with Word and Communion	
Fri 5 th October	9.40am 10.00am	Harvest Fast Day Rosary Morning Prayer with Word and Communion	
Sat 6 th October	5.45 – 6.15pm 6.30pm	The Sacrament of Reconciliation 27th SUNDAY of the Year Luigi Antoniazzi (LA)	
Sun 7 th October	10.30am	27th SUNDAY of the Year For the People of the Parish and the Primary School	

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



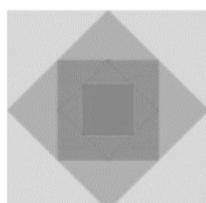
A CHILD FOR BAPTISM? To join in the **Parish Preparation for Parents**, please take the (green) form ‘Your Child and Baptism’ available in the porch, fill it in and return it to Father. Thank you.

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 Thursday week: ‘**Saints**’. **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.

RISING 3’S and SPACES IN SCHOOL.

This year, the governors of St.Helen’s RC Primary will be accepting applications for pupils who are 3 by before 31st December 2018. Letters will be sent to families who have registered their children in the school admission file shortly. By all means, spread the word as we have never taken rising 3s before. If you have a child who will be 3 before 31st December this year and you are not sure whether their name is in the file, ring up the office if you want to check. Telephone number is 02920852532.



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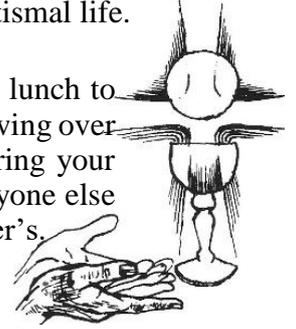
"Do you have relationship problems? If so, Marriage Care have a team of voluntary counsellors trained to help you. We are a nationwide group with over 65 years of experience. Don't struggle alone.... make an appointment for help on 0800389 3801, www.marriagecare.org.uk"



THE FAMILIES PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

will present their children to us at Mass this weekend, to ask for our prayers and accompaniment, and to receive their 'passports': May they, and we, continue to grow in the Baptismal life.

And then A PICNIC: After Sunday Mass we are all invited to bring our picnic lunch to share the good things we have so abundantly received, both material and spiritual, chewing over the food given us for our bodies and for our souls: As well as food for the table, bring your prayers and insights, joys and questions, to swap, pass around and share, to see if anyone else has the same ones, or maybe learn some others from one another, or answer each other's. If you are stuck for questions, or answers, there will be a few provided on request.



THE CAERPHILLY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES meets on Thursday.

HARVEST FAST DAY is this Friday! Please take the fast-day envelope, to fill with the results of your fasting on Friday, and to bring back next weekend and place in the Cafod bucket in the porch, to be brought up as part of our Mass offertory.



HARVEST! We also celebrate our Harvest with Saint Helen's School, bringing (non-perishable) food-stuffs to bring up in the offertory procession, but also bringing the next 'crop' of children in year 1. We will also be 'harvesting data'!

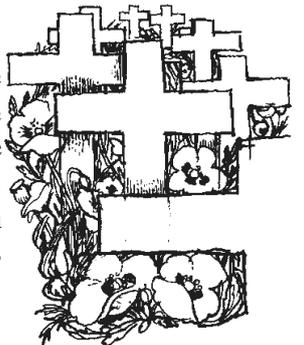
Love, Life and the Gospel of Luke: A chance to delve into the Gospel of the new liturgical year Who is Luke? Who is Luke writing to? What is Luke's big picture message? On Saturday 13th October David Beresford, from the Catholic Bible School, in his usual engaging and imaginative way, will lead us on a journey through the Gospel of Luke. St David's Priory, Swansea, 10am – 3pm.



'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 Warmesley | Isobel Cummins | Pauline Richards | Margaret Jones | Carol Morrissey |
| Claris Howell | Tess Thomas | Wilson Brown | Martyn Western | Bill Morrissey |
| Yvonne Grandon | Pauline Thomas | Allan Watt | Gordon Clinch | |

Please Pray also for **Bernard Allen**, from Rudry, and for **Terrence Birkett**, who died last week. May they rest in peace. We offer our condolence and prayers also to their families.

Last Friday the hall was a hive of activity with supporters for the **Macmillan Coffee Morning**. Grateful thanks to all who helped in so many different ways, and all who came along and enjoyed the chatter, the cakes, and the various other items on sale. We raised £771.00. In 2017 Macmillan invested £10.3million in Wales in improving cancer care. Thank you all for your support. Johanna.

SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:

Date	Time	Event
Mon 1 st October	9.30am 7.30pm	Parents & Toddlers S.V.P. (s.m.r.)
Tues 2 nd October	10.30am	Music Appreciation
Wed 3 rd October	9.30am	Parents & Toddlers
Thurs 4 th October	2.00pm – 4.00pm 6.30pm	Sunshine Club Youth Club
Fri 5 th October	1.00pm	History Group
Sat 6 th October	9.30am – 12.30pm	Dance
Sun 7 th October	11.30am 1.30 – 4.30pm	Tea, Coffee, & Biscuits Party



OFFERTORY COLLECTION	23 rd September 2018	
Gift Aid Weekly	£ 187.00	
Non Gift Aid Weekly	£ 129.30	
Gift Aid Standing Orders (69)	£ 502.04	
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders (10)	£ 65.00	
Loose	£ 170.51	
TOTAL	£ 1053.85	<i>Many thanks</i>
MacMillan Coffee Morning	£ 771.00	



LOTTERY BONUS BALL CONGRATULATIONS to Chris McGowan, John Sweeney, and Ann Head, the winners of the Bonus Ball no 42. A total of £ 55.00 was made for parish funds. **TRY YOUR LUCK AGAIN THIS WEEK.**

200 CLUB MEMBERSHIP: If you would like to join, there are numbers available: please see Barbara Carley, Olga Fernandez-John, or Margaret and Stuart Davidson. This is also a reminder to members that there are still subscriptions outstanding for this year and these are now due. Thank you!

A.P.F. Mission Boxes have been collected in, emptied, and returned throughout September. Have you brought and reclaimed yours?

THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH PROLOGUE.

V. Practical Directions for Using This Catechism

(21) The **quotations**, also in small print, from patristic, liturgical, magisterial or hagiographical sources, are intended to enrich the doctrinal presentations. These texts have often been chosen with a view to direct catechetical use.

(22) *At the end of each thematic unit, a series of brief texts in small italics sums up the essentials of that unit's teaching in condensed formulae. These "IN BRIEF" summaries may suggest to local catechists brief summary formulae that could be memorized.*

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992.

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