

SAINT HELEN'S PARISH
CHRIST THE KING
YOUTH SUNDAY

25th November 2018

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The King of Truth

THE WORD THIS WEEK

'The End is Nigh': Threat, or promise? Disaster, or triumph? Total loss, or the gathering up of all we have achieved, shared, enjoyed, and blessed in the victory procession of our King? For the ancient gods, and maybe for a modern world with many small terrestrial gods but forgetful of the one true God, it spells the end of everything. For those who seek and find their true life in Christ, the longed-for moment when it will all come together. Today, at the end of the year, we turn our thoughts to the end of every thing, and celebrate Christ, the King who is to come, in joyful hope.

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

Daniel 7: 13 – 14.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty.

Response: **Psalm 92.**

The Lord is king,
with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power.

The world you made firm,
not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are.

Truly your decrees
are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time.

Apocalypse 1: 5 - 8.

*Ruler of the kings of the earth...
he made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.*

Acclamation for the Gospel:
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

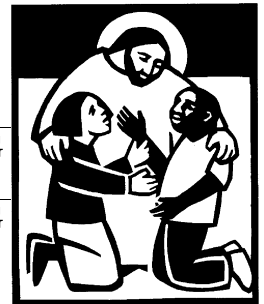
John 18: 33 – 37.

It is you who say that I am a king.

Prayer of the Faithful: R/. Christ our King, hear our prayer.



MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:



Sat 24 th November	6.30pm	The SOLEMNITY of CHRIST THE KING Holy Souls
Sun 25 th November	10.30am 2.00pm	The SOLEMNITY of CHRIST THE KING Saint Helen's Parish and School (School Mass) Baptism of Orla King
Mon 26 th November	6.45pm 7.00pm	Evening Prayer of the Church Thanksgiving (VT)
Tues 27 th November	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Holy Souls
Wed 28 th November	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Holy Souls Adoration 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 7.30 pm
Thurs 29 th November	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Alan Watt (GH)
Fri 30 th November	9.45am 10.00am	SAINT ANDREW , Apostle and Patron of Scotland Morning Prayer of the Church Holy Souls
Sat 1 st December	10.00am 5.45 – 6.15pm 6.30pm	First Celebration of Reconciliation The Sacrament of Reconciliation 1st SUNDAY of ADVENT (Year C) People of the Parish
Sun 2 nd December	10.30am	1st SUNDAY of ADVENT (Year C) Margherita Antoniazzi (R + GF)



ADVENT
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THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 5.45pm to 6.15pm, or at any time by arrangement with the priest.

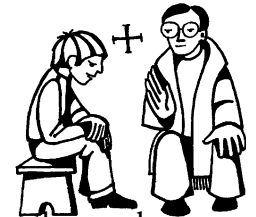
CELEBRATING STEPS ALONG THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

CATECHESIS



BAPTISM PREPARATION: To join in the next **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.

THE FAMILIES PREPARING FOR RECONCILIATION will meet again on Tuesday, to review and celebrate the theme of chapter 5: 'God gives us Forgiveness', and prepare for Saturday's first celebration of Reconciliation.



SHARING FAITH

CONFIRMATION next year? Please pick up an orange registration form from the porch.

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 MINISTERS OF THE WORD ('Readers') are asked to come together on the evening of Tuesday 4th December. Those who wish to continue in the ministry and develop it will then be commissioned at Mass on the 8th/9th December, Bible Sunday.



Before then **a new Rota** is being drawn up; Please let Berenice know (20861930) if you want to join (or leave) the Ministry. Thank you.



SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

PILGRIMAGE TO PADUA AND VERONA, to visit Saint Anthony and the medieval Friars in Padua, and the early Christians (and Romeo and Juliet for the romantic) in Verona: 25th – 30th September 2019, £889. For details, and to book, please talk to Angela Jones or Father John.

THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING today is also **YOUTH SUNDAY**, a call to reach out to, and value the young members of our Parish. How are we doing? What are we doing?



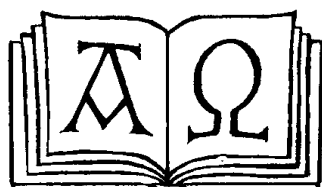
We take this opportunity to thank and congratulate **Kay and Martin Cronin** for organising and running the **JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB** for very many years, sometimes un-aided. Despite retiring last year, they are still doing it for another year! But they will definitely have to give up after the summer. Who will take up and continue this most valuable ministry?

And could we start up again a **TEENAGERS' CLUB** like the excellent youth club we used to have in Jenny Seymour's day?

SAINT HELEN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL joins us for Mass this Sunday morning. **Welcome!**

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE meets on Monday evening, 7.30, s.m.r.

THE FAMILIES PREPARING FOR RECONCILIATION meet on Tuesday, 6.30pm in church, to complete preparations for the children's **FIRST CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION** on Saturday morning, a moving celebration of God's forgiveness which we are all invited to join in, as the parish family.



GETTING TO GRIPS WITH SCRIPTURE: Kate Duffin's short exposition of the 'Themes of the Old Testament' continues on Wednesday evenings, 7.30pm, this week **in church**, looking at Wisdom and the Psalms.

The monthly **PARISH QUIZ** (last of the year) is this Friday, 7.30pm in the hall. Come to exercise and stretch your brain! Next Sunday is **THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**, start of a new liturgical year: Today marks the end of the 'Year of Mark'. Next year we will be recalling the mystery of Jesus our Saviour through listening to the Gospel of Luke.

A FEAST FOR ADVENT: The 'Senior Citizens' Christmas party will be on Saturday 8th December (Feast of the Immaculate Conception). If you wish to attend, please take and complete a request form from the porch and return it a.s.a.p. to book your place.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU to the Cafod Group for the excellent 'Winter Warmer' on Friday 16th which raised £564.00, and for hosting the November **Memorial Mass** for Cafod South Wales on Monday 19th. Busy days!



THE NIGHT SHELTER: We are still looking for volunteers for the Sunday night shift here, particularly Women (3 people per shift, a watching brief with the guests asleep and you home in bed before the guests wake up). Also help please for Tuesday evening/Wednesday morning at Saint Andrew Penyrheol for the first 3 weeks of January. If you can help on either of these please contact Cliff Bray, cliffsan@sky.com / 07533082601. Thank you.

The '**SECRET SANTA' APPEAL** closes today: Last chance to donate a small (or large) gift; Stocking fillers; Suitable for a boy or girl of any age, from babies to 16 year olds. Please could all gifts be new and unused, and placed in the box in the church porch, unwrapped.

A **CHURCH SCHOOLS' LEADERSHIP COURSE:** Please see the notice in the porch.

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	Martyn Western	Bill Morrissey	Yvonne Grandon
Gordon Clinch	Annette Thompson	David Emery	Bob Walton	Frank Doherty

SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:

Date	Time	Event
Mon 26 th November	9.30am 7.30pm	Parents & Toddlers Finance Committee (s.m.r.)
Tues 27 th November	10.30am 6.30pm	Music Appreciation Reconciliation Preparation
Wed 28 th November	9.30am 7.00pm 7.30pm	Parents & Toddlers W.I. Themes of the Old Testament - Wisdom + Psalms (in Church)
Thurs 29 th November	2.00pm – 4.00pm 6.15pm	Sunshine Club Youth Club
Fri 30 th November	1.00pm 7.00pm	History Group Parish Quiz Night
Sat 1 st December	9.30am – 12.30pm 1.00pm – 5.00pm	Dance Party
Sun 2 nd December	11.30am	Tea, Coffee, & Biscuits

OFFERTORY COLLECTION	18 th November 2018
Gift Aid Weekly	£ 108.50
Non Gift Aid Weekly	£ 138.15
Gift Aid Standing Orders (69)	£ 502.04
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders (10)	£ 65.00
Loose	£ 186.75
TOTAL	£1,000.44 <i>Many thanks</i>



LOTTERY BONUS BALL CONGRATULATIONS to Edward Dolniak and Lloyd Jones, the winners of the Bonus Ball no. 9. A total of £77.00 was made for parish funds. **TRY YOUR LUCK AGAIN THIS WEEK.**

S.V.P. Christmas Collection There will be a collection for the S.V.P. after Mass next weekend.

THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Part One: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH.

Section One: 'I Believe' – 'We Believe' II. Ways of Coming to Know God

(32) *The world*: starting from movement, becoming, contingency, and the world's order and beauty, one can come to a knowledge of God as the origin and the end of the universe.

As Saint Paul says of the Gentiles: For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made. (*Romans 1:19-20*; cf. *Acts 14:15; 17; 17: 27-28; Wisdom 13: 1-9.*)

And Saint Augustine issues this challenge: Question the beauty of the earth, question the beauty of the sea, question the beauty of the air distending and diffusing itself, question the beauty of the sky. . . question all these realities. All respond: "See, we are beautiful." Their beauty is a profession [confessio]. These beauties are subject to change. Who made them if not the Beautiful One [Pulcher] who is not subject to change? (*Saint Augustine, Sermo 2PL 38, 1134.*)

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992.

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