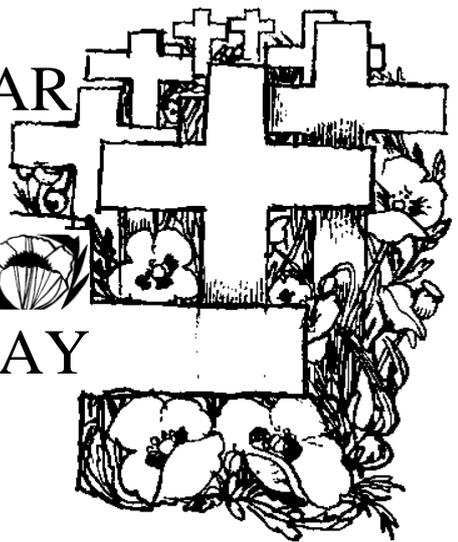


SAINT HELEN'S PARISH
32nd SUNDAY of the YEAR

11th November 2018



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
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How Happy are the Poor in Spirit

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Whose side is Jesus on? Today he seems to have a go first at the religious (men), then at the rich; And is he also questioning the extreme generosity of the poor widow? But perhaps there are no sides. The Book of Kings seems to see both prophet and poor widow in the same boat. We are all poor in our own way, and in need of the Good News. Which, the letter to the Hebrews says, is that Jesus has appeared as high priest to do away with sin by sacrificing himself, and 'when he appears a second time it will be to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him' – rich or poor, pious or not. In that all recognise our need for his saving.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: (Psalter: Week 4)

1 Kings 17: 10 – 16.

The widow made a little scone from her meal and brought it to Elijah.

Response: Psalm 145.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord who protects the stranger.

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's god from age to age.

Hebrews 9: 24 – 28.

Christ offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

Acclamation for the Gospel:

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

How happy are the poor in spirit;
Theirs is the kingdom of heaven,
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

Mark 12: 38 – 44.

This poor widow has put in more than all.

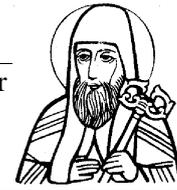


Prayer of the Faithful: R/. Lord, raise up those who are bowed down.



MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

Sat 10 th November	6.30pm	32nd SUNDAY of the Year Holy Souls
Sun 11 th November	10.30am 3.00pm	32nd SUNDAY of the Year For the People of the Parish Cenotaph Service
Mon 12 th November	9.45am 10.00am 7.00pm	Saint Josaphat , Bishop and Martyr Morning Prayer of the Church Rino Bonetti (GF) Service of Memories
Tues 13 th November	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Holy Souls
Wed 14 th November	9.45am 10.00am	Saint Dyfrig , Bishop Morning Prayer of the Church Vincent Clinch (GM) Adoration 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 8 pm
Thurs 15 th November	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mervyn Williams (SW)
Fri 16 th November	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Holy Souls
Sat 17 th November	am 5.45 – 6.15pm 6.30pm	Saint Elizabeth of Hungary , Religious The Sacrament of Reconciliation 33rd SUNDAY of the Year (World Day of the Poor) Holy Souls
Sun 18 th November	10.30am	33rd SUNDAY of the Year (World Day of the Poor) Canon Michael O'Carroll (AH)



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

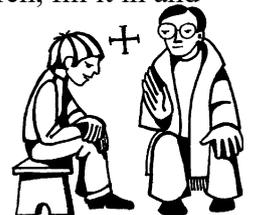
CELEBRATING STEPS ALONG THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

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 4: 'God gives us Peace', and think about sin and forgiveness,



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

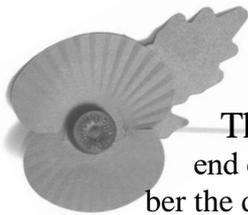
Bereaved? BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT provides a safe place to enable you to come to terms with your grief. One-to-one and group support available. For details contact 02920 863450.

SHARING FAITH

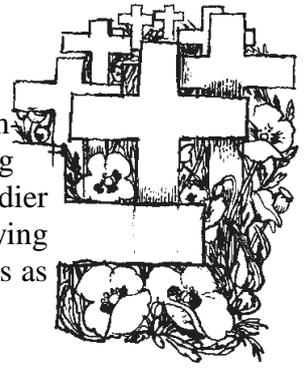


THANK YOU: Christina and the Watt clan would like to express their most sincere thanks to everyone for their support through this most difficult time of Alan's passing, and to Father John for his pastoral care and Brett with his band of merry musicians.

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.



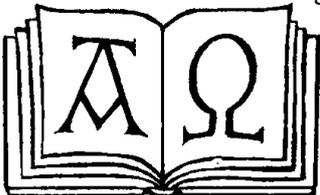
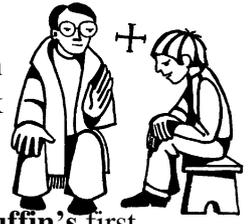
This **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** marks one hundred years of the end of the 'Great War', supposed to be the 'war to end all wars'. As we remember the dead of that war, we pray also for those who have died in so much warring since, and those still dieing today. Sunday is also the feast of Saint Martin, the soldier who shared his cloak with a beggar, and then abandoned war to become a monk, praying and working for peaceful living and flourishing together. We ask him to pray with us as we remember all who have died, and all still working for peace and reconciliation.



Our annual **SERVICE OF MEMORIES** is this **Monday**, 12th November, at 7pm. Families who have lost loved ones over the past year have been individually invited, but we are all invited and encouraged to come to pray for these our fellow parishioners, and to remember our own loved ones too.

Also in this month of **THE HOLY SOULS** we are all encouraged to place in the basket on the altar our list of those we wish to have remembered at daily Mass through the month.

THE FAMILIES PREPARING FOR RECONCILIATION meet again on Tuesday, to review and celebrate the theme of chapter 4: 'God gives us Peace', and think about sin and forgiveness. **Tuesday**, 6.30pm, starting in church.



GETTING TO GRIPS WITH SCRIPTURE: Missed **Kate Duffin's** first session on the 'Themes of the Old Testament'? Don't miss the next one, 'Election, Promise, and Covenant': **Wednesday** 7.30pm, in the Parish Hall.

CAFOD 'WINTER **WARMER**' with mince pies, coffee, and mulled wine is on **Friday** morning, 10.30 -12: A treat for us, and a gift to our brothers and sisters facing a warmer but less abundant winter, in less developed parts of our one world.



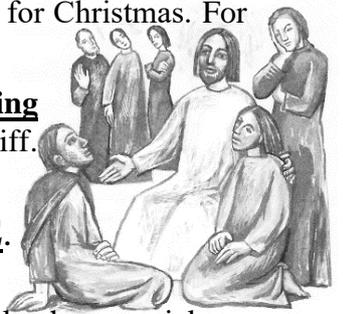
Next Sunday is the world **DAY OF THE POOR** when the Pope calls us to recognise and make a specific gesture of outreach to the needy amongst us. Here we are also asked today to commit to the Night Shelter.

'SECRET SANTA' APPEAL: As we approach a time of gifts and extra generosity, our parish asks our help in supporting disadvantaged children in the Caerphilly Borough. Could you 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. Please get your gifts there by Sunday 25th November. Thank you all for your generosity in advance.

'Venite ADOREMUS' Retreat, Saint David's Catholic College, Cardiff, 8th December: An invitation to all. Following the success of the Adoremus Eucharistic Congress, the Archdiocese invites everyone to a 'Venite Adoremus Retreat' during Advent as a preparation for Christmas. For details and to book, please see the notice in the porch.

Also on that day: **HOW TO SHARE YOUR FAITH – Testimony Training Day:** Saturday, December 8th, 10am - 3:30pm. Pastoral Resources Centre, Cardiff. For further details, please see the notice in the porch.

See also notice of a **CHURCH SCHOOLS' LEADERSHIP COURSE.**



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

Late News: There will be a retiring collection next weekend for the 'Sick and Retired Clergy Fund', If you are a tax payer and can gift-aid, Please take an envelope distributed after Mass today.



SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:

Date	Time	Event
Mon 12 th November	9.30am 7.30pm 7.30pm	Parents & Toddlers Remembrance Service Reception S.V.P. (S.m.r.)
Tues 13 th November	10.30am 6.30pm	Music Appreciation Reconciliation Preparation Families
Wed 14 th November	9.30am 7.30pm	Parents & Toddlers Old Testament – 'Election, Promise and Covenant'
Thurs 15 th November	2.00pm – 4.00pm 6.15pm	Sunshine Club Youth Club
Fri 16 th November	10.00am – 12.00noon 1.00pm 6.00pm	Cafod Fund Raiser History Group Caerphilly Women's Forum
Sat 17 th November	9.30am – 12.30pm	Dance
Sun 18 th November	11.30am	Tea, Coffee, & Biscuits

OFFERTORY COLLECTION	4 th November 2018
Gift Aid Weekly	£ 63.00
Non Gift Aid Weekly	£ 70.60
Gift Aid Standing Orders (69)	£ 502.04
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders (10)	£ 65.00
Loose	£ 186.04
TOTAL	£ 886.68 <i>Many thanks</i>



LOTTERY BONUS BALL CONGRATULATIONS to Christina Watt and Ann Head, the winners of the Bonus Ball no. 58. A total of £75.00 was made for parish funds. **TRY YOUR LUCK AGAIN THIS WEEK.**

THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Part One: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH.

Section One: 'I Believe' – 'We Believe' 1. The Desire for God

(30) "Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice." (*Psalms* 105: 3.) Although man can forget God or reject God, He never ceases to call every one to seek him, so as to find life and happiness. But this search for God demands of man every effort of intellect, a sound will, "an upright heart", as well as the witness of others who teach him to seek God.

You are great, O Lord, and greatly to be praised: great is your power and your wisdom is without measure. and man, so small a part of your creation, wants to praise you: this man, though clothed with mortality and bearing the evidence of sin and the proof that you withstand the proud. Despite everything, man, though but a small a part of your creation, wants to praise you. You yourself encourage him to delight in your praise, for you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you. (*Saint Augustine, Conf 1,1,1: PL 32, 659 – 661.*)

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992.

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