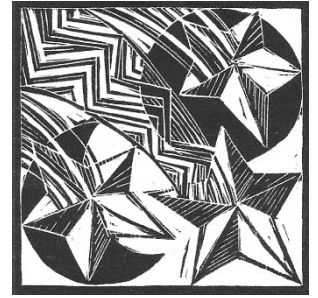


SAINT HELEN'S PARISH
33rd SUNDAY of the YEAR
WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

18th November 2018



My Words Will Not Pass Away

THE WORD THIS WEEK

In the tradition of Old Testament 'Apocalypse', Daniel offers us a picture of impending distress, crisis, and judgement. Human nature seems almost to need a threat of disaster to keep it on its toes, whether it be the last judgement or the atomic bomb or climate change, or the sky falling in. But picking up on Daniel's glimpse of a future for the virtuous, Jesus undermines the tradition of terror with an assurance of hope, the 'second coming': The Son of Man is coming to gather in his chosen, and he uses the budding fig tree as a promise of the summer fruit of God's Word.

And yes, 'the end is nigh.' But when, who knows? So as Jesus tells us often, do not be afraid.

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

Daniel 12: 1 – 13.

When that time comes your own people will be spared.

Response: **Psalm 15.**

Saturday: 'O Lord, you are the centre of my life,' **423.**

Sunday: O Lord it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
Since he is at my right hand I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

Hebrews 10: 11 – 14, 18.

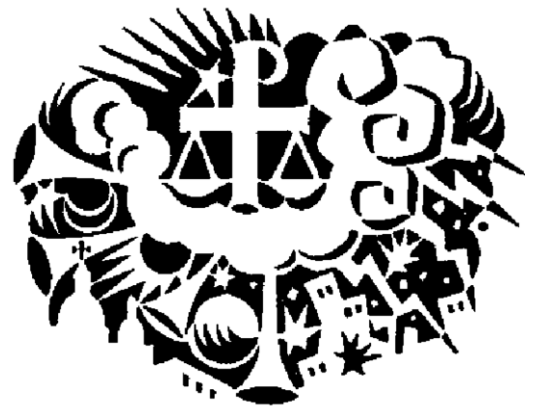
*By virtue of one single offering,
he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying.*

Acclamation for the Gospel:
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!
Stay awake and stand ready,
because you do not know the hour
when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

Mark 13: 24 – 32.

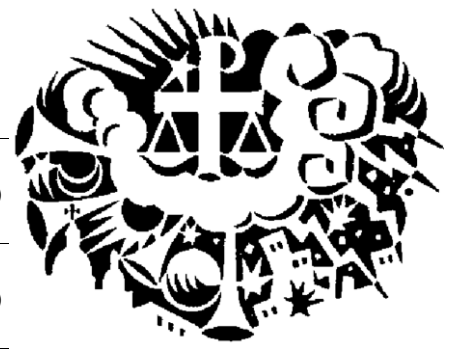
He will gather his chosen from the four winds.

Prayer of the Faithful: R/. Lord, show us the path of life.



MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

Sat 17 th November	6.30pm	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)
Mon 19 th November	6.45pm 7.00pm	Evening Prayer of the Church Cafod Mass for Deceased Members
Tues 20 th November	10.00am 12.45pm	Morning Prayer with Word and Communion Mass for Deceased Clergy at Saint David's Cathedral
Wed 21 st November	9.45am 10.00am	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Morning Prayer of the Church Holy Souls Adoration 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 7.30 pm
Thurs 22 nd November	9.45am 10.00am	Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr Morning Prayer of the Church Christine Stone (S.V.P.)
Fri 23 rd November	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Holy Souls
Sat 24 th November	am 5.45 – 6.15pm 6.30pm	Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs The Sacrament of Reconciliation CHRIST THE KING (Year B) Holy Souls
Sun 25 th November	10.30am 2.00pm	CHRIST THE KING (Year B) Saint Helen's Parish and School (School Mass) Baptism of Orla King



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

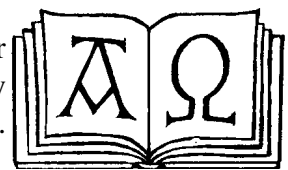
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FAITH

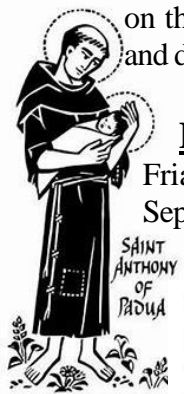
CONFIRMATION next year? Please pick up an orange registration form from the porch.

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: 'AD', the film of the Acts. **Come and see!**

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'.



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.



2. The great danger in today's world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience. Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades. This is a very real danger for believers too. Many fall prey to it, and end up resentful, angry and listless. That is no way to live a dignified and fulfilled life; it is not God's will for us, nor is it the life in the Spirit which has its source in the heart of the risen Christ.

'Evangelii Gaudium'
the Joy of the Gospel,
Pope Francis

While people should be given opportunities to exercise solidarity with one another by acts of voluntary charity, the selfish tendency of human sin is such that private initiatives alone cannot be relied on to answer all human need.

'The Christian Ethos'
David Albert Jones

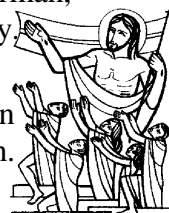
This Sunday is the world **DAY OF THE POOR**, set up by the Pope as a call and reminder to us to recognise and make a specific gesture of outreach, contact, and accompaniment to the disadvantaged and needy amongst us. In our society spiritual distress is as much or more of a problem as material need, and loneliness has become a major focus. As well as the Winter **Night Shelter** (sign up at the back of church), the **Sunshine Over 60's Club** (Thursdays 2pm), the **Youth Club**, and Tea for the Elderly twice a year, the Parish offers many other opportunities to come together and support one another. In this way we can each play our part to build communion in a community of care.

There will also be a collection for the **Sick and Retired Clergy** as we leave church today.

CAFOD South Wales celebrates the annual **MEMORIAL MASS** here on Monday evening, followed by a reception in the hall. We are all most welcome.



The PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC) meets on Monday, 7.30pm, in the small meeting room: Do you have concerns to bring to the attention of the Parish? Please talk to the chairman, Graham Taylor, or to Josephine Caruana, secretary.



The Annual **MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY** will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Tuesday, 12.45pm. Amongst others we remember Father Jimmy Thomas and Father Michael Cronin.



GETTING TO GRIPS WITH SCRIPTURE: Kate Duffin's short exposition of the 'Themes of the Old Testament' continues on Wednesday evenings, 7.30pm, in the Parish Hall. This week The Exodus and Exile.

SAINT HELEN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL will join us for Mass and take on many of the more visible ministries next Sunday, the feast of Christ the King, 'Youth Sunday'. At the weekend Mass the children **preparing for Reconciliation** will be sent out to celebrate the Sacrament.

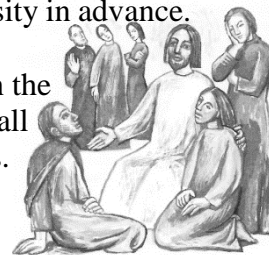


CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU to the Bereavement Group and the SVP for preparing and leading the moving 'Service of Memories' last Monday, to the musicians and choir for such marvellous music, and to all who joined in the prayer and remembrance.

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 evenings/Wednesday mornings at Saint Andrew, Penyrheol for the first 3 weeks of January. If you can help at either of these please contact Cliff Bray, cliffsan@sky.com / 07533082601. Thank you.

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



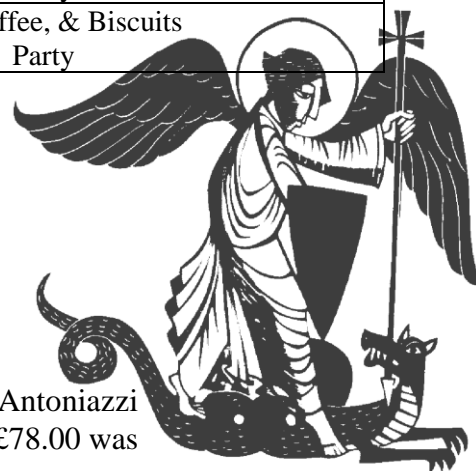
PARISH PRAYER LIST: In our prayers we are asked to pray for all who are sick or housebound, and those who care for them, including:

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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 | |

SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:

Date	Time	Event
Mon 19 th November	9.30am 7.30pm 7.30pm	Parents & Toddlers P.A.C. (s.m.r.) Cafod Reception
Tues 20 th November	10.00am 6.30pm	Music Appreciation Reconciliation Preparation
Wed 21 st November	9.30am 7.30pm	Parents & Toddlers Old Testament – Exodus and Exile
Thurs 22 nd November	2.00pm – 4.00pm 6.15pm 7.30pm	Sunshine Club Youth Club Journey of Faith
Fri 23 rd November	1.00pm 6.00pm	History Group Aber Valley Male Voice Choir
Sat 24 th November	9.30am – 12.30pm 1.00pm – 4.00pm	Dance Party
Sun 25 th November	11.30am 1.30pm – 4.30pm	Tea, Coffee, & Biscuits Party

OFFERTORY COLLECTION	11 th November 2018
Gift Aid Weekly	£ 168.50
Non Gift Aid Weekly	£ 97.60
Gift Aid Standing Orders (69)	£ 502.04
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders (10)	£ 65.00
Loose	£ 207.42
TOTAL	£1040.56 <i>Many thanks</i>



LOTTERY BONUS BALL CONGRATULATIONS to Louise Antoniazzi and Chris McGowan, the winners of the Bonus Ball no.16. A total of £78.00 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' II. Ways of Coming to Know God

(31) Created in God's image and called to know and love him, the person who seeks God discovers certain ways of coming to know him. These are also called proofs for the existence of God, not in the sense of proofs in the natural sciences, but rather in the sense of "converging and convincing arguments", which allow us to attain certainty about the truth. These "ways" of approaching God from creation have a twofold point of departure: the physical world, and the human person.

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992.

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