

SAINT HELEN'S PARISH
THE SEASON OF ADVENT+CHRISTMAS

THE EPIPHANY
OF THE LORD

6th January 2019



Go and Find Out All About The Child.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

The 'Wise Men' are led by the star, complete their long quest, and go to 'find out all about the child', as Herod maliciously ask. But they are warned in a dream not to go back to him. Saint Paul, who also saw the light and changed direction, now passes on to us ('pagans') the revelation and grace he was given, the mystery of Christ. At this sight, the prophet promises, we will 'grow radiant, our hearts throbbing and full'. 'Lift up your eyes!'

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

Isaiah 60: 1 – 6.

Above you the glory of the Lord appears.

Response: **Psalm 71.**

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement.

In his days justice shall flourish,
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts//
shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba//
shall bring him gifts.

Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him.

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor.

Ephesians 3: 2 – 3, 5 – 6.

It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance.

Acclamation for the Gospel:

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

We saw his star as it rose
and have come to do the Lord homage.

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

Matthew 2: 1 – 12.

We saw his star and have come to do the king homage.

Prayer of the Faithful: R/. O Lord, save us.



My Gift to the new-born Saviour:



MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

Sat 5 th January	6.30pm	<i>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</i> For the People the Parish
Sun 6 th January	10.30am	<i>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</i> Renee Kelly
Mon 7 th January	6.45pm 7.00pm	Evening Prayer of the Church Champ Intention
Tues 8 th January	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Pat Lewis (SW)
Wed 9 th January	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Walsh & Hennebry Families ((MJ+TL) Adoration 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 8 pm
Thurs 10 th January	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Private Intention
Fri 11 th January	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Michael Malone
Sat 12 th January	5.45 – 6.15pm	The Sacrament of Reconciliation
	6.30pm	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD For the People of the Parish
Sun 13 th January	10.30am	Thanksgiving (VT) THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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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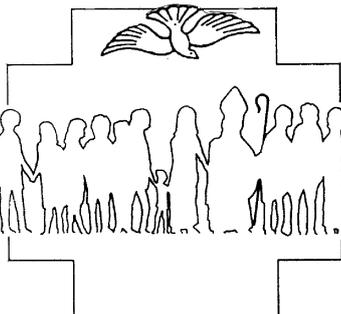


BAPTISM PREPARATION: To join in the next **Parish Preparation for Parents**, please take the (green) form 'Your Child and Baptism' available in the porch, fill it in and return it to Father. Thank you.



THE FAMILIES PLANNING TO PREPARE FOR COMMUNION

are invited to meet for a first time on Tuesday 15th January: Book the date!



CONFIRMATION next year? Please pick up an orange registration form from the porch, and bring your parents to the introduction to preparing on Wednesday 30th January 7.00pm

JOINING THE CHURCH AS AN ADULT: To learn more about the Catholic Faith, please come along to the Hall every second Thursday for '**Catholicism, an introduction**'. Next session Thursday 17th January. **Come and See**

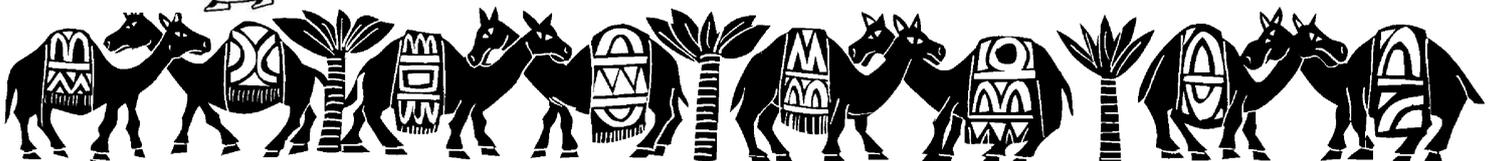
Bereaved? BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT provides a safe place to enable you to come to terms with your grief. One-to-one and group support available. For details contact 02920 863450.



"God is present in the Eucharist to let grace enter our veins. If we partake worthily, we shall remember what Jesus did. We shall remember who he is and always will be, and what we have it in us to become.

"For healing to spread through our consuming of it, we must be consumed by it, by the saving reality it represents."

*Abbot Eric Varden – 'The Shattering of Loneliness'.
'On Christian Remembrance'.*





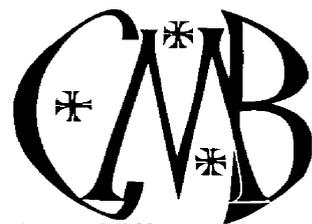
HAPPY little CHRISTMAS!



The Feast of the EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD – his ‘showing off’ – is also known as ‘Little Christmas’, and ‘Twelfth Night’, the end of the Twelve Days of Christmas. We gather up all the blessings of these twelve days of wonder and bring them into our daily life through the new year.

What Gifts Will We Bring? The ‘wise men’ brought gifts from their culture, to express what they believed the new-born child was about – Gold for a king, Incense for a God, Myrrh for sacrifice. As we come to the crib, what can we bring from our store, to tell of who Jesus is for us? On the front of the newsletter is a tear-off box for each of us to write-in the gift we will bring and offer to the Lord this year. Please work out and write in your gift with which you will show his presence in your life, tear off the strip, and put it in the basket in front of the crib.

20xCMxB19: Not a secret code, but the numbers and letters to chalk over your door lintel today to greet Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar as they bring their gifts and help us follow the star of the new-born King in this new year. (CBM may also spell ‘Christus Mansionem Benedicat’ - ‘May Christ bless the house’.)



THE NIGHT SHELTER reopens this Sunday night. Many thanks to Cliff Bray, the tireless organiser, for all the preparations so far. Thank you also to all who have volunteered to help. We keep them, and all the guests they will meet, greet, welcome, and share time with over the next three months in our hearts and our prayers.

JUST DESSERTS: by popular request we are asking for a Dessert each weekend for the Homeless. A representative of the Night Shelter team will be at each mass with a list of dates for you to book your week. The dish should be sufficient to serve 12 people, and of your own choice. Thank you for your help (*but please do not bring desserts unless you have booked the date with the team – a lot of generously donated but unexpected food went to waste last year.*) Any queries please contact Cliff Bray, cliffsan@sky.com, 07533082601, 02920860921.

And tomorrow **SCHOOL’S BACK**, and all the other regular routines in which we live and grow with the Emmanuel, God-with-us, our best Christmas ever present.



Next weekend is the feast of **THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD:** The Families who have had their own child Baptised during the past year are asked to come to celebrate the feast and join in prayer for all our new Christians children.



We will also have a retiring collection for **S.P.U.C.**, the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, as we leave Mass on Saturday and Sunday.



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 | Claris Howell |
| Carol Morrissey | Tess Thomas | Martyn Western | Bill Morrissey | Bob Walton |
| Yvonne Grandon | Annette Thompson | Gordon Clinch | Barbara Jones | |

PRAYER FOR OUR DIOCESE: As part of the Local Church of the Archdiocese of Cardiff, we are asked to pray for our brothers and sisters around the Diocese, parish by parish, week by week. We start this Sunday praying for the Parishes of Saint Mary Bridgend, with Our Lady Star of the Sea Porthcawl, and Saint Joseph of Arimathea Pyle. We remember their Priest, Revd. Tim McGrath, the retired priest Revd. Silvio Briffa, and their three Deacons, Revd. Dr, Philip Manghan, Revd. Robert Coyne, and Revd. Anthony Martin, and we pray for all the people of the three Parishes.

SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:

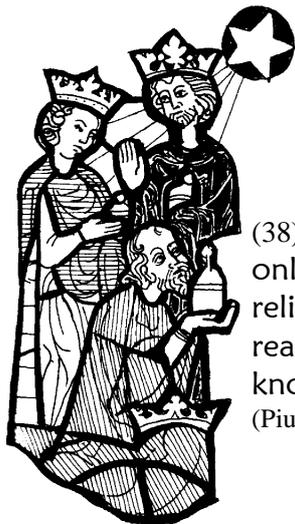


Date	Time	Event
Mon 7 th January	1.15pm – 3.15pm 7.30pm	Little Voices S.V.P. (s.m.r.)
Thurs 10 th January	1.00pm 2.00pm – 4.00pm	Street Pastors Trustees (s.m.r.) Sunshine Club
Sat 12 th January	9.15am – 12.30pm 7.30pm	Dance Baptism Celebration Refreshments & Biscuits
Sun 13 th January	11.30am 6.00pm	Baptism Celebration Refreshments & Biscuits Night Shelter

OFFERTORY COLLECTION	30 th December 2018
Gift Aid Weekly	£ 142.00
Non Gift Aid Weekly	£ 107.86
Gift Aid Standing Orders (69)	£ 502.04
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders (10)	£ 65.00
Loose	£ 216.75
TOTAL	£1033.65 <i>Many thanks</i>



LOTTERY BONUS BALL CONGRATULATIONS to David Hughes and the Revd. Parland, the winners of the Bonus Ball no. 21. A total of £81.00 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'

III. The Knowledge of God According to the Church

(38) This is why man stands in need of being enlightened by God's revelation, not only about those things that exceed his understanding, but also "about those religious and moral truths which of themselves are not beyond the grasp of human reason, so that even in the present condition of the human race, they can be known by all men with ease, with firm certainty and with no admixture of error".
(Pius XII, *Humani generis* 561; DS 3875.)

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992

"The space within which my search unfolded was the Catholic Church. I had discovered an environment that embraced my contradictions, without compromising truth. When I realised the scope of sacramental action, by which all that is in heaven and on earth is drawn into a single moment, the Sense of things held in the hands of a broken human being to be broken, and yet holding, healing all, I knew I had come home."

Abbot Eric Varden – 'The Shattering of Loneliness'.

'On Christian Remembrance'.

Parish Directory

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