

SAINT HELEN'S PARISH
2nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

(Year C)



PEACE SUNDAY
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

20th January 2019



He Let His Glory Be Seen.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

A third epiphany moment – A Wedding! Two become one flesh, an ‘everyday’ transformation at the heart of the human family, which speaks of the transforming nature of Christ’s mission to humanity, and the transforming nature of Christ. For he also is ‘two in one flesh’, God and man, and he weds our humanity to his divinity, revealing our hope of glory. Isaiah foresees the change, and the analogy ‘So will the one who built you wed you’. Strangely, and without an intended link, in the continuous reading from Saint Paul, we plunge into the middle of his first letter to the Corinthians, the gifts of the Spirit, and the famous analogy of the body.

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

Isaiah 62: 1 – 5.

The bridegroom rejoices in his bride.

Response: Psalm 95.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.

Give the Lord you families of peoples,
give the Lord Glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: ‘God is king.’
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

Corinthians 12: 4 – 11.

One and the same Spirit, who distributes gifts to different people just as he chooses.

Acclamation for the Gospel:

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!
Through the Good News God has called us
to share the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!






John 2: 1 – 11.

*This was the first of the signs given by Jesus:
it was given at Cana in Galilee.*

Prayer of the Faithful: R/. Lord, let your glory be seen.



MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

Sat 19 th January		2nd SUNDAY of the Year (Peace Sunday) For the Unity of Christians	
	6.30pm		
Sun 20 th January		2nd SUNDAY of the Year (Peace Sunday) For Peace Shared Service of Prayer for Christian Unity (Wesley)	
	10.30am 6.00pm		
Mon 21 st January		Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr Evening Prayer of the Church Private Intention	
	6.45pm 7.00pm		
Tues 22 nd January		Morning Prayer of the Church Chris Williams Intention (P + PJ)	
	9.45am 10.00am		
Wed 23 rd January		Morning Prayer of the Church Mike Crosse Adoration 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 8 pm	
	9.45am 10.00am		
Thurs 24 th January		Saint Francis de Sales. Bishop and Doctor of the Church Morning Prayer of the Church Holy Souls (Poulose)	
	9.45am 10.00am		
Fri 25 th January		THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE Morning Prayer of the Church For Christian Unity	
	9.45am 10.00am		
Sat 26 th January		Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops The Sacrament of Reconciliation 3rd SUNDAY of the Year John Ryan	
	5.45 – 6.15pm 6.30pm		
Sun 27 th January		3rd SUNDAY of the Year For the People of the Parish	
	10.30am		

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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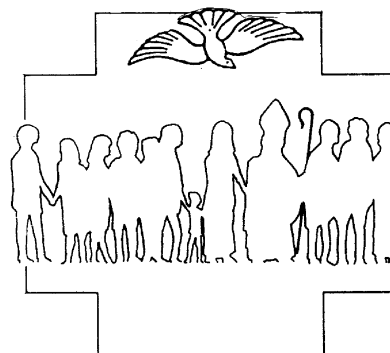
SHARING FAITH



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.

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 31st 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.

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.

"They have no wine!" Is Mary's plea to Jesus just about booze? or has she seen a deeper spiritual lack? Should our love-unions be celebrated (please!) with more of the Spirit of mutual self-giving (and less fantasy)?



THE OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY started on Friday, and, as always, runs a whole week till the feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul next Friday. The main service will be this Sunday, at 6.00pm in Wesley. We are invited to join in that, and also to pray each day to strengthen our hunger and work for the unity and communion of all the Baptised in Christ's Body the Church. To access the prayer for each day on the theme 'Only Justice', prepared by the Church in Indonesia, go to ctbi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/WPCU-2019-English-pamphlet.pdf.

"Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue..." (Deut. 16:18-20)



Today is **PEACE SUNDAY**: We are asked to pray with this year's theme chosen by the Pope 'Good Politics Serves Peace' – which ties in well with the week of prayer for Unity on the theme of 'Only Justice', and with the present crisis in our own country. Free resources and prayer cards are available in the porch.



THE YOUTH CLUB is back on Thursday evenings, 6.15pm – 7.30pm, for lots of fun, footie, too much chocolate, and a chance to catch up with all the friends you haven't seen since school closed (two hours ago!) This week years 3 and 4.

DON'T FORGET!

Memory Gym/ Quiz on Friday, 7.30 in the hall.

Banish the winter gloom! Come to see '**My Shadow and Me**', a vocal duo, in the hall on Friday **8th February**: Tickets on sale from today, £6. Bar and bingo, but bring your own nibbles.



THANK YOU (in anticipation) to Christina Watt who has decided to give up her reliable and efficient care and cleaning of the Parish Hall from the end of March. Who will now take on the job? – 5 (flexible) hours a week, paid. For details, please speak to Father, or to Christina herself.

THANK YOU from Luke Mcroy-Jones (Dolores grandson) to all those who voted for him: Last Sunday he won the National Student of the Year in Optometry.

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 | Claris Howell |
| Carol Morrissey | Tess Thomas | Martyn Western | Bill Morrissey | Bob Walton |
| Yvonne Grandon | Annette Thompson | Gordon Clinch | Barbara Jones | Margaret Morgan |
| Nick Erwin | Frank Colley | | | |

PRAYER CYCLE FOR OUR DIOCESE: This week we are asked to pray for the People of Our Lady and Saint Patrick, Maesteg, and Saint Robert, Aberkenfig, their priest, Revd. Edmund Neizer from Ghana, and their two primary Schools, Saint Mary and Saint Patrick, and Saint Robert.

WHEN THE SONG OF
THE ANGELS IS STILLED +
WHEN THE STAR
IN THE SKY IS GONE +
WHEN THE KINGS AND
PRINCES ARE HOME +
WHEN THE SHEPHERDS
ARE BACK WITH THEIR FLOCKS +

THE WORK OF
CHRISTMAS BEGINS:
TO FIND THE LOST +
TO HEAL THE BROKEN +
TO FEED THE HUNGRY +
TO RELEASE THE PRISONER +
TO REBUILD THE NATIONS +
TO BRING PEACE
AMONG PEOPLE +
TO MAKE MUSIC IN THE HEART +

SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:

Date	Time	Event
Mon 21 st January	9.30am 1.15pm – 3.15pm 7.30pm	Parents & Toddlers Little Voices S.V.P. (s.m.r.)
Tues 22 nd January	10.30am	Music Appreciation
Wed 23 rd January	9.30am	Parents & Toddlers
Thurs 24 th January	2.00pm – 4.00pm 6.15pm	Sunshine Club Youth Club
Fri 25 th January	1.00pm 7.00pm	History Group Monthly Parish Quiz
Sat 26 th January	9.30am – 12.30pm	Dance
Sun 27 th January	11.30am 11.30am 2.30pm - 5.30pm 6.00pm	Tea, Coffee, & Biscuits Children's Liturgy of the Word (s.m.r.) Party The Night Shelter



OFFERTORY COLLECTION	13 th January 2019
Gift Aid Weekly	£ 107.00
Non Gift Aid Weekly	£ 102.15
Gift Aid Standing Orders (69)	£ 502.04
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders (10)	£ 65.00
Loose	£ 236.60
TOTAL	£1012.79 <i>Many thanks</i>
S.P.U.C.	£ 323.44



LOTTERY BONUS BALL CONGRATULATIONS to Pam Griffiths and Alun John, the winners of the Bonus Ball no. 8. A total of £86.00 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'**

IV. How Can We Speak About God?

(40) Since our knowledge of God is limited, our language about him is equally so. We can name God only by taking creatures as our starting point, and in accordance with our limited human ways of knowing and thinking.

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