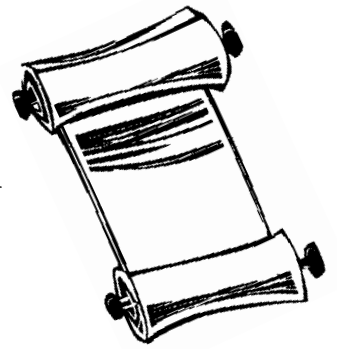


SAINT HELEN'S PARISH
3rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

(Year C)

“HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY”

27th January 2019



This Text is Being Fulfilled, even as You Listen.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

The People of God have returned home after exile in Babylon. They rebuild the Temple, and they rediscover the Word of God: They stand to reverence the book; they listen attentively to the words, read and ‘broken open’ for them by Ezra; and they weep with joy. At the beginning of the Gospel, Luke formally introduces and explains his writing. But immediately he points out that his Good news, is not words in a book, but the Word made Flesh. And Paul points out that this flesh is all of us, together forming the Body of Christ, as each of us takes our part in the ongoing story.

This text is being fulfilled even as you listen!

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: (*Psalter: Week 3*)

Nehemiah 8: 2 – 6, 8 – 10.

Ezra read from the law of God and the people understood what was read.

Response: Psalm 18.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just.

May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your, sight O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock.

1 Corinthians 12: 12 – 30.

*You together are Christ's body,
but each of you is a different part of it.*

Acclamation for the Gospel:

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives.

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!


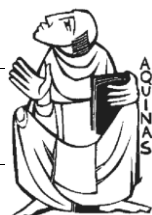




Luke 1: 1 – 4. 4: 14 – 21.

This text is being fulfilled today.

Prayer of the Faithful: R/. Lord, give us wisdom.



MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

Sat 26 th January	6.30pm	3rd SUNDAY of the Year John Ryan	
Sun 27 th January	10.30am	3rd SUNDAY of the Year For the People of the Parish	
Mon 28 th January	6.45pm 7.00pm	Saint Thomas Aquinas , Priest and Doctor of the Church Evening Prayer of the Church Anne Beaumont (BP)	
Tues 29 th January	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Sheehan List	
Wed 30 th January	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church John Fernandez (TT)	
Thurs 31 st January	9.45am 10.00am	Adoration 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 8 pm Saint John Bosco , Priest Morning Prayer of the Church Walsh and Hennebery Families (MJ)	
Fri 1 st February	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Anne James (SW)	
Sat 2 nd February	am 10.00am 5.45 – 6.15pm 6.30pm	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Blessing of Candles and Mass The Sacrament of Reconciliation 4th SUNDAY of the Year For the people of the Parish	
Sun 3 rd February	10.30am	4th SUNDAY of the Year Our Schools (Schools Mass)	

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

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.

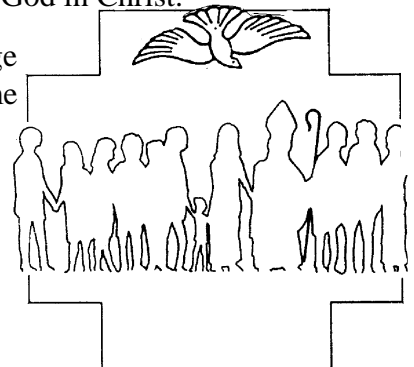


Preparing for COMMUNION: Parents and Children meet this Tuesday, 29th January, 6.30pm in the Church, to review Chapter 1. Please pray for all our children and families called into this great mystery of Communion with God in Christ.



CONFIRMATION next year? Last chance to register, using an orange registration form from the porch. Candidates and parents are asked to come to the introduction to preparing, **This 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 **this 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.

SHARING FAITH

“Whenever you come to worship, even if you are not serving as a liturgical minister, you serve as a Minister of the Assembly, as one who prays and sings. ‘Christ is really present in the very assembly gathered in his name’ (*General Instruction to the Roman Missal*). He is present when the Church, the gathered assembly, sings and prays. Each of us has a part to play at Mass. Together we form the Body of Christ. Our participation in the liturgy is our important role.”

Paul Turner.



SING A NEW SONG TO THE LORD! The Singing Group, who lead our sung worship in the Mass, practice every Monday at 7.30pm, after the evening Mass: Why not join them, enjoy the company, get to grips with the music, and praise God.

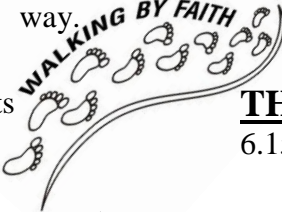
THE FAMILIES PREPARING FOR COMMUNION

gather in the Church at 6.30pm on Tuesday. We will review Chapter 1, 'We Walk With Jesus'.



IS IT TIME TO PREPARE FOR CONFIRMATION?

Candidates and their parents meet in the hall at 7.00pm to map out the way.



QUESTION, QUESTIONS, QUESTIONS?

The Journey of Faith continues in the Small Meeting Room, Thursday 7.30pm, with a look at 'spirituality': All welcome!

THE SUNSHINE CLUB meets on Thursdays, 2pm. All welcome.

THE YOUTH CLUB is on Thursday, 6.15pm: This week years 5 and 6.

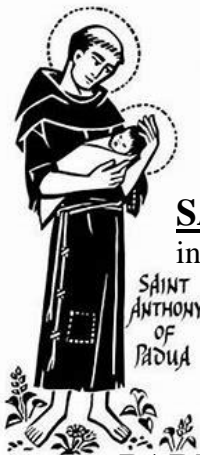
The Sultan and The Saint February 1st at 7.00 – 9.30 pm in the Vue Cinema, Stadium Plaza, Wood Street, Cardiff CF10 – A film of the largely forgotten story of Francis of Assisi and the Sultan of Egypt and their meeting on a bloody battlefield during the period of Christian-Muslim conflict known as the Crusades, it speaks with urgency to our present. Two men of faith, one an itinerant Christian preacher, the other the ruler of a Muslim Empire, bucked a century of war, distrust and insidious propaganda in a search for mutual respect and common ground. Join us for an extraordinary evening, and celebrate the 800th anniversary year of this ground-breaking encounter which has so much to show us today... Suggested donation of £4 to cover costs. Book online at www.llansor.org or call 07866 702205.

Saturday is the feast of the **PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD, 'CANDLEMAS'**, which marks the end of the season of Christmas/Epiphany. Mass at 10am.

SCHOOL MASS next Sunday, with pupils, staff, and families from both Saint Helen's Primary and Cardinal Newman High Schools leading and taking many of the ministries



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 as we leave Mass, £6. Bar and bingo but bring your own nibbles.



SAINT ANTHONY: Friar, Miracle-worker, and cracking Preacher! He is Honoured in Lisbon, where he came from, but even more in Padua, northern Italy, where he ended up and worked. And throughout the world he is prayed to, to help us find what we have lost. Come to visit him (and ask for his help) in Padua with the Parish Pilgrimage, 25th – 30th September 2019. For details, and to book, please talk to Angela Jones or Father John.

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 | Margaret Morgan |
| Nick Erwin | Frank Colley | | | |

PRAYER CYCLE FOR OUR DIOCESE: This week we are asked to pray for the Parishioners and Canon Peter Collins, the Administrator, of the Metropolitan Cathedral Church of Saint David, Cardiff.

SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:

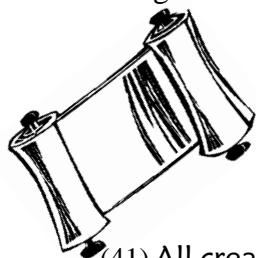
Date	Time	Event
Mon 28 th January	9.30am 1.15 – 3.15pm	Parents & Toddlers Little Voices
Tues 29 th January	10.30am 6.30pm	Music Appreciation Communion Children & Parents Prepare
Wed 30 th January	9.30am 7.00pm	Parents & Toddlers Confirmation Parents & Candidates Introduction
Thurs 31 st January	2.00pm – 4.00pm 6.15pm 7.30pm	Sunshine Club Youth Club Journey of Faith (s.m.r.)
Fri 1 st February	1.00pm	History Group
Sat 2 nd February	9.30am – 12.30pm	Dance
Sun 3 rd February	11.30am 6.00pm	Tea, Coffee, & Biscuits The Night Shelter



OFFERTORY COLLECTION	20 th January 2019
Gift Aid Weekly	£ 101.00
Non Gift Aid Weekly	£ 96.25
Gift Aid Standing Orders (69)	£ 502.04
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders (10)	£ 65.00
Loose	£ 256.42
TOTAL	£1020.71 <i>Many thanks</i>

LOTTERY BONUS BALL: CONGRATULATIONS to Gina Jenkins and Frank Marks, the winners of the Bonus Ball no. 38. A total of £79.00 was made for parish funds. **TRY YOUR LUCK AGAIN THIS WEEK.**

PARISH 200 CLUB DRAW for January: 1st prize, £25.00 – Mrs J. Caruana (No 132).
2nd prize, £20.00 – J. Moses (No. 141). 3rd prize, £15.00 – J. Greenaway (No. 151).
Congratulations to all the winners.



THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

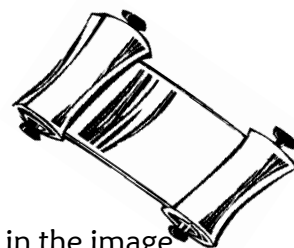
Part One: **THE PROFESSION OF FAITH.**

Section One: 'I Believe' – 'We Believe'

IV. How Can We Speak About God?

(41) All creatures bear a certain resemblance to God, most especially man, created in the image and likeness of God. The manifold perfections of creatures - their truth, their goodness, their beauty - all reflect the infinite perfection of God. Consequently we can name God by taking his creatures' perfections as our starting point, 'for from the greatness and beauty of created things comes a corresponding perception of their Creator' (*Wisdom 13: 5.*)

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