



SAINT HELEN'S PARISH  
Season of Lent + Easter

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4<sup>th</sup> **EASTER, ALLELUIA!**

12<sup>th</sup> May 2019

'GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY'

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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## 'I Know Them, and They Follow Me'

### THE WORD THIS WEEKEND

Following on from last weekend's appeal for 'Aid to the Church in Need', the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles (which we won't hear on this Communion Sunday) tells of the beginning of persecution against the fledgling Christian community. In the Revelation of Saint John on Patmos, he shows us the huge crowd of those who have come through the great persecution, and now join the heavenly worship of the Lamb who was slain, who is also their shepherd, and ours too when we listen to his voice. He knows us, and he promises to keep us, and protect us. He is the one who today has prepared a banquet for our children sharing Communion for a first time, and for each one of us also.

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: (Psalter: Week 4)

**Acts of the Apostles 13: 14, 43 – 52.**

*We must turn to the pagans.*

*Response:*                      **Psalm 99.**

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him singing for joy.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him,  
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age.

**Revelation 7: 9, 14 – 17.**

*The Lamb will be their shepherd  
and will lead them to springs of living water.*

*Acclamation for the Gospel:*  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my own and my own know me.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**John 10: 27 – 30.**

*I give eternal life to the sheep that belong to me.*

**Prayer of the Faithful:** R/. Good Shepherd, feed us.



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# MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK: Alleluia



Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> May	6.30pm	4 <sup>th</sup> <b>EASTER</b> For the people of the Parish
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am	4 <sup>th</sup> <b>EASTER</b> For the First Communicants
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May	6.40pm 7.00pm	Rosary Oajin Varghese (VT)
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> May	9.40am 10.00am	<b>SAINT MATTHIAS</b> , Apostle Rosary John McCole (S.V.P.)
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> May	9.40am 10.00am	Rosary Bob Walton (S.V.P.) Adoration 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 8 pm
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> May	9.40am 10.00am	Rosary Josh Knowles
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May	9.40am 10.00am	Rosary Mary + Colin Iverson Diamond Wedding
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> May	5.45 – 6.15pm 6.30pm	The Sacrament of Reconciliation 5 <sup>th</sup> <b>EASTER</b> Peter McInerney (I.Mcl)
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am	5 <sup>th</sup> <b>EASTER</b> Margherita Antoniazzi (LA)



## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

## STEPPING OUT ALONG THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

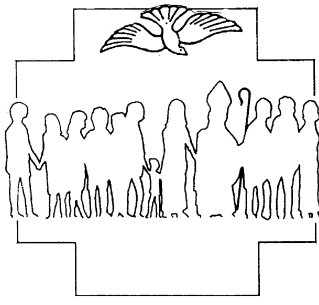


**A CHILD FOR BAPTISM?**  
To join in the next Parish Preparation for Parents, please take the (green) form 'Your Child and Baptism' available in the porch, fill it in and return it to Father. Thank you.

**The Children who have been Preparing for COMMUNION**  
over these months are today invited by the Lord to sit at his table and taste the Bread of Life for a first time, and see that it is good. We pray that they will continue to answer his invitation and delight in it.



**The Young People Preparing to CONFIRM their BAPTISM** spent this Saturday on retreat in Llansor Mill, working on the Liturgy for the celebration on June 15th.



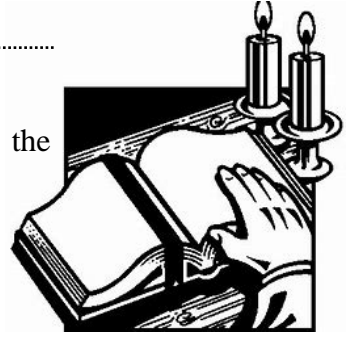
**JOINING THE CHURCH AS AN ADULT:** To learn more about the Catholic Faith, please come along to the Hall every second Thursday for 'Catholicism, an introduction'. Next session moved to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

**FUNERAL PLANNING:** if you would like to plan your funeral, please contact 02920863450 to make an appointment

**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.

## READERS, OLD AND NEW!

Please indicate on the list in the porch if you want to join the reading rota, or leave it, to enable us to draw up a new one. Please note also that this weekend the Scriptures will be proclaimed by the families of the new communicants.



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**CONGRATULATIONS + PRAYERS** for the Children receiving the Sacrament of Communion for a first time today, and for their parents and families celebrating with them;

at 6.30: *Yasmin Biggs, Daniel Shaughnessy, and Ellis Wall;*  
at 10.30: *Sebastian Ananicz, Ula Augutaviciute, Gavin Batenga, Sara Bradshaw, Leah Davies-Szpyt, Chloe Garner-Jones, Donal Halloran, Daisy Jones, Nicola Kepinska, Yana Mandin, Ysabelle Mandin, Ava Morgan, Ciaran Murphy, Aoife Osborn, David Urban, Adrian Urban, Lewis Yates.* We pray also for *Oajin Varghese* who will celebrate with his family in India in the summer.

Today is also the **DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** and the start of **MARRIAGE WEEK**

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** begins this Sunday, with the annual **Christian Aid Service** at 6.00pm in Van Road church. See you there!



## **HOW DO WE PREPARE FOR MASS, CHOOSE MUSIC, DECIDE ON PRAYERS, Etc?**



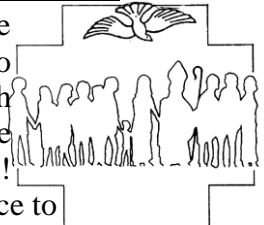
Some of the best pastoral musicians and priests from around the country are coming to Caerphilly next Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May, for a 'Spring Gathering' on 'Celebrating the Mass', here in Saint Helen. A unique opportunity for us (and neighbouring parishes) – To book your place, please talk to Father John today.

**Not your thing?** Then you may free to help with our **CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION** slot on Cardiff Road all day Saturday: Please contact Brigid Brown on 02921 158416 to book your time – even ten minutes helps. And don't forget to contact Brigid to help out with the door-to-door collection.



## **HOW DO WE FULFILL OUR VOCATION, AS 'MISSIONARY DISCIPLES', called to share good news?**

The Diocese, in response to the call of this and the previous two Popes, is stepping up our response to our Baptismal commission to **Evangelisation**. From the 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> June the Clergy will have in-service training with Sherry Weddell, author of 'Forming Intentional Disciples', and on June 15<sup>th</sup> they will be joined by members Parishioners: Have you claimed your place yet? See Father John a.s.a.p! Meanwhile, here in Saint Helen, we are all called to a 'preview' of the ideas, with a chance to discuss our response together, on Monday next, **20<sup>th</sup> May**, and Monday **10<sup>th</sup> June**. Please book these dates now and make every effort to be there.



Thank you.



**SINGING GROUP:** Our next rehearsal will be at 7.30pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May when we'll be starting to prepare for Pentecost! New members are always welcome: just come along and see if you like it, we're a pretty friendly group.

**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:

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	Martyn Western	Bill Morrissey	Pat Starynski	Yvonne Grandon
Annette Thompson	Gordon Clinch	Barbara Jones	Frank Colley	Nick Erwin
Margaret Morgan	Remo Fecci	Anne Morgan	Wilson Brown	David Emery
Blanche Friend				

**PRAYER CYCLE FOR OUR DIOCESE:** This week we are asked to pray for the Cardiff University Chaplaincy and the 'Oratory in Formation', Rev Sebastian Jones, Rev Alexander Gee, and Bro Ambrose Jackson.

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# SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK: *Alleluia*

Date	Time	Event
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am 1.15 – 3.15pm 7.30pm	Parents & Toddlers Little Voices S.V.P. (s.m.r.)
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am 4.00pm	Parents & Toddlers Wednesday Group
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> May	7.00am – 11.00am 2.00pm – 4.00pm 6.15pm 7.30pm	Slimming World Sunshine Club Youth Club Journey of Faith (s.m.r.)
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May	1.00pm	History Group
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> May	All Day	Liturgy and Music 'Spring Gathering'
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> May	11.30am	Tea, Coffee, & Biscuits



OFFERTORY COLLECTION	5 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
Gift Aid Weekly	£ 84.70
Non Gift Aid Weekly	£ 80.00
Gift Aid Standing Orders (69)	£ 502.04
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders (10)	£ 65.00
Loose	£ 268.41
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,000.15</b> <i>Many thanks</i>



**LOTTERY BONUS BALL CONGRATULATIONS** to Luigi Antoniazzi, the (only) winner of the Bonus Ball no. 59. A total of £94.00 was made for parish funds. **TRY YOUR LUCK AGAIN THIS WEEK.**

**PARISH 200 CLUB DRAW FOR APRIL** – First prize £25.00 (No.16) Samantha Abbott, Second prize £20.00 (No. 41) Angela Jones, and Third prize £15.00 (No. 97) Margaret Davidson. Congratulations to all the winners.

**CAFOD BOXES:** We are not making a collection for Cafod. But if you did take a box for your alms-giving during Lent, then please return it next weekend. Thank you for the £115 that has already been donated.



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## THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Part One: **THE PROFESSION OF FAITH.** Section One: 'I Believe' – 'We Believe'  
**THE REVELATION OF GOD**

II: The Stages of Revelation. God forms his people Israel

(62) After the patriarchs, God formed Israel as his people by freeing them from slavery in Egypt. He established with them the covenant of Mount Sinai and, through Moses, gave them his law so that they would recognize him and serve him as the one living and true God, the provident Father and just judge, and so that they would look for the promised Saviour. (Cf. DV 3.)

*Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992.*

### Parish Directory

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