

SAINT HELEN'S PARISH  
Season of Lent + Easter

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# PENTECOST!

9<sup>th</sup> June 2019

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Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, Alleluia,

and renew the face of the earth, Alleluia!

'Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,  
kindle in them the fire of your love!

**Today's Scripture:** Please see the mass booklet.  
(Weekdays: Ordinary Time, year 1, week 10) (Psalter: Week 2)

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

We arrive at the fiftieth day - the completion of the Easter Season, and the completion of the Paschal Mystery: the Lord has died, is risen, has ascended to heaven and now gives birth to his Church, by sending the Spirit upon the apostles. This feast of the gift of the Spirit is so significant for us, because it marks the handing on of Jesus' ministry to the Church - in the Church we are guaranteed the presence of the Lord, in his sacraments, in his ministers, in the Blessed Sacrament and in his Celebrated Word. It also marks the fulfilment of our thoughts about baptism throughout this season: the gift of the Spirit which we receive in Confirmation is the 'seal' of our baptism, guaranteeing and confirming all that baptism gives us.

## THE GIFT OF THE SPIRIT:

This Pentecost we rejoice with 16 of our young people, who will receive the Seal of the Spirit in Confirmation next Saturday. Please pray for them and join them on Saturday.

'Those who allow themselves to be led by the Holy Spirit understand that placing themselves at the service of the Gospel is not something to which one can say no, because they realise how urgent it is to convey this Good News to others.'

Pope Benedict XVI

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"You can see, then, that the Spirit re-creates, so to speak, in a new pattern those among whom he is seen to dwell. He readily replaces their desire to think earthly thoughts with the desire to fix their gaze on the things of heaven; he changes their human cowardice into the spirit of courage."

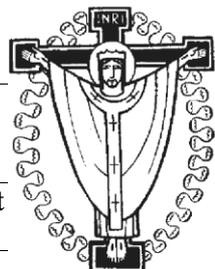
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# MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK: Alleluia



Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>PENTECOST</b> For the People of the Parish
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>10.30am</b> <b>5.00pm</b>	<b>PENTECOST</b> For our Young People Reception of the body of Annette Thompson
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00am 1.30pm	<b>The Blessed Virgin, Mother of the Church</b> Funeral Service for Elizabeth Rees Requiem Mass for Annette Thompson
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> June	9.45am 10.00am	<b>Saint Barnabas, Apostle</b> Morning Prayer of the Church Robert + Eithne Morgan (EM)
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> June	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Glan Jones (MJ) Adoration 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 8 pm
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00am	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest</b> Morning Prayer with Word and Communion
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00am	Morning Prayer with Word and Communion
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> June	5.45 – 6.15pm  <b>6.30pm</b>	The Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b> For the Confirmandi
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b> For the People of the Parish



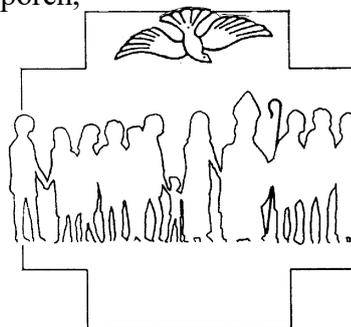
## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

## CATECHESIS – SHARING 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.

**CONFIRMED IN FAITH:** The Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be presented to us at the end of Mass today, asking to be sent forth with our approval and our prayers, and inviting us to come to pray and celebrate with them next Saturday. In preparation they will meet on Thursday, 6.45 in church, with their sponsors, for a practice, and to ensure we have all their details for presentation to the Archbishop.



**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.

**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   | Martyn Western | Bill Morrissey   | Pat Starynski  | Yvonne Grandon    |
| Gordon Clinch     | Barbara Jones  | Frank Colley     | Nick Erwin     | Margaret Morgan   |
| Remo Fecci        | Anne Morgan    | Wilson Brown     | David Emery    | Louisa Antoniazzi |

**PRAYER CYCLE FOR OUR DIOCESE:** We pray for the Parish and People of Most Holy Trinity, Ledbury with their Priest, Revd. Adrian Wiltshire.



**PENTECOST!** The out-pouring of God's Holy Spirit upon his People, the Church; our Birth Day, and our Mission. At the end of our Easter celebrations of Christ's resurrection, once again we pray for the for and rejoice in the newness and energy of his Holy Spirit.

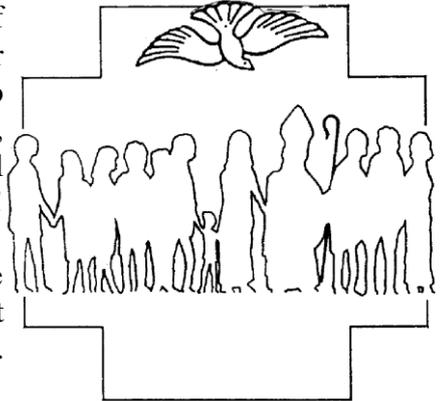
As at Easter, the Saturday Mass has a (rather shorter) **PENTECOST VIGIL** of readings telling the tale of the need and the promise of the vivifying, unifying, and empowering Spirit of God, to prepare us to receive, welcome, and engage with the gift.

The 16 Young People asking **TO BE CONFIRMED** will ask for our prayers and invite us to come to celebrate and pray with them on the following Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> June.

### **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 Wednesday to Saturday the Clergy will have in-service training with Sherry Weddell, author of 'Forming Intentional Disciples', and on Saturday (15<sup>th</sup>) they will be joined by members of their Parish: Only one from Saint Helen's so far! See Father John a.s.a.p. to claim your place!

Meanwhile, here in Saint Helen, we are all called to a 'preview' of the ideas, with a chance to discuss our response together **this Monday, 10<sup>th</sup>**, at **7.00pm** in the Hall. Please make every effort to be there. Thank you.



Also on Monday: the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** meets in the small meeting room, 7.30pm.

**THE CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION** will meet in Church on Thursday at 6.45pm, to ensure everything is in place for Saturday, and to practice. If possible, their sponsors are asked to attend, and parents as well. Please make sure you are on time, and have all your details of your Baptism and your sponsor (If you have not already given them in last Sunday as requested.)

And on Saturday they will be **CONFIRMED** as full adult members of the Parish, responsible for its present and future flourishing. Please make every effort to join them at the evening Mass, to encourage them, give them (good) example, and pray for them all. Thank you!



Also on Thursday: The **CAFOD GROUP** meet at 7.00pm in the Small Meeting Room;

and the Caerphilly **COUNCIL OF CHURCHES** meets in Windsor Road Chapel, at 7.30pm

**The CAERPHILLY FLOWER FESTIVAL** is on 21st, 22nd and 23rd June. Once again, our Parish will be participating, together with most churches in the area. Our flower arrangers are busy planning their exhibits. Our church will be open from 10:00am - 4:00pm Friday and Saturday and 12:00 noon - 4:00pm Sunday. Help would be much appreciated in welcoming visitors to our church. If you could spare an hour or two of your time, please sign up on the board in the porch, or talk to Josephine Caruana (Tel: 029 20863839). Many thanks.

Also this year we are hoping to **INVOLVE THE CHILDREN!** - nothing too difficult! If each child (helped by Mum or Dad) could fill an empty jam jar with flowers from the garden or the shops to decorate the radiators it would be lovely and much appreciated. Any adults wanting to do the same feel free! They would need to be in church for the Thursday 20th and the church will be open all day.

Many thanks for all the **Plastic BAGS** for the **Food bank**. Please keep them coming.



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**SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE - THIS WEEK:**

Date	Time	Event
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am afternoon 7.00pm 7.30pm	Parents & Toddlers Annette Thompson Reception How Do We Share Faith? Finance Committee (s.m.r.)
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am 2.30pm – 6.30pm	Parents & Toddlers Party
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> June	7.00am – 11.00am 2.00pm – 4.00pm 6.45pm 7.00pm	Slimming World Sunshine Club Preparing for Confirmation (in church) CAFOD Group (s.m.r.)
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> June	1.00pm	History Group
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am – 12.30pm	Dance
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> June	11.30am	Tea, Coffee, & Biscuits

OFFERTORY COLLECTION	2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2019
Gift Aid Weekly	£ 106.00
Non Gift Aid Weekly	£ 116.09
Gift Aid Standing Orders (69)	£ 502.04
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders (10)	£ 65.00
Loose	£ 196.36
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 985.49</b> <i>Many thanks</i>
Communications Day	£ 150.85



**LOTTERY BONUS BALL CONGRATULATIONS** to Peter Jones, Diane Gunderson and Brett Pugh the winners of the Bonus Ball no. 25. A total of £59.00 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'

**THE REVELATION OF GOD**

III: Christ Jesus – 'Mediator and Fullness of All Revelation' (DV 2.)

**There will be no further Revelation**

(66) 'The Christian economy, therefore, since it is the new and definitive Covenant, will never pass away; and no new public revelation is to be expected before the glorious manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ.' (Cf. DV 4; cf. 1 Timothy 6:14; Titus 2: 13.) Yet even if Revelation is already complete, it has not been made completely explicit; it remains for Christian faith gradually to grasp its full significance over the course of the centuries.

*Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992.*

**Parish Directory**

**Priest:** Revd. John Kelly 20883192

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**Cafod:** 20861930

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**Hall Bookings:** 20883192

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