

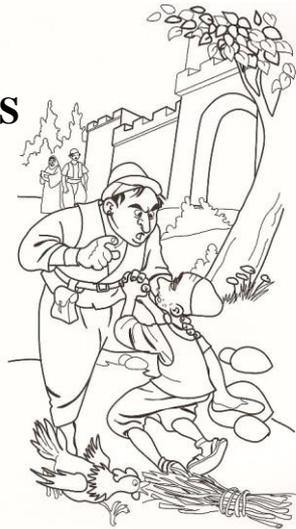
SAINT HELEN'S PARISH

# 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of the YEAR

THE YEAR OF THE WORD – THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

*THE SEASON OF CREATION*

13<sup>th</sup> September 2020



## SEVENTY SEVEN TIMES

### THE WORD THIS WEEK

“The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy”. In the book of Ecclesiasticus Sirach warns against anger and resentment and calls us back to forgiveness in the light of our religious duties. In the parable of the forgiving master and unforgiving servant, Jesus repeats the lesson in an easy-to-follow format. Both point to God as the source and the model of mercy, and in the psalm we praise God for it. All of this is summed up and brought to us in the death and new life of Christ.

### SUNDAY MASS: (*Psalter: Week 4*)

#### *Gathering Antiphon (6.30pm):*

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servants  
And of your people Israel.

#### **Ecclesiasticus 27: 30 – 28: 7.**

*Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,  
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.*

*Response: Psalm 102.*

*R/. The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.*

#### **Romans 14: 7 – 9.**

*Alive or dead we belong to the Lord.*

*Acclamation for the Gospel:*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening,  
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

#### **Matthew 18: 21 – 35.**

*I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy-seven times.*

*Preface and Eucharistic Prayer: of Reconciliation I.*

#### *Communion Antiphon (6.30pm):*

How precious is your mercy, O God!  
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.



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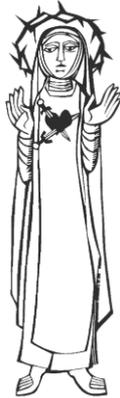
“Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: You have the message of eternal life.”

(*Gospel Acclamation 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*)



**MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:**

Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept		<b>24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of the YEAR</b> for Caerphilly County in Lockdown
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>6.30pm</b>	for the People of the Parish ( <i>Live-streamed</i> )
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>THE EXALTATION OF THE TRUE CROSS</b> Charles Kowalik (GF)
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am	<b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b> Francesca Belli (GM) ( <i>Public Mass</i> )
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am 2.00 – 4.00pm	<b>Saint Cornelius, Pope, + Saint Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</b> Aloysius Thomas (TT) <i>Exposition and Adoration</i>
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am	Barbara Jones (MJ+TL)
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	11.15am	Ferdinand Thomas (TT) ( <i>live-streamed</i> )
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of the YEAR</b> for the People of the Parish
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>10.30am</b>	for our Mission to Caerphilly ( <i>Live-streamed</i> )



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**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

At any time by prior arrangement with the priest (outside).

**The PARISH PRAYER LIST**

Among all those we pray for in this time, we continue to remember all suffering from the virus and its effects, all the medics, health-workers, and other front line workers, and also each other coping with the gradual easing. We remember also:

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|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Teresa Meade               | Rosa Channon         | Graham Jenkins      | Sandra Bray      | Lloyd Jones    |
| Cecelia Mawby              | David Mabey          | Isobel Cummins      | Pauline Richards | Margaret Jones |
| Carol Morrissey            | Claris Howell        | Anne Morgan         | Pat Starynski    | Yvonne Grandon |
| Martyn Western             | Marjorie Gurney      | Carmen Agius        | Lowela Teves     | Joe Marengi    |
| Pamela and Keith Griffiths | Pat + Pino Emanuelli | Mary & Wilson Brown | John Maguire     |                |
| Katrin Merry               | Sian Thomas          | Maura Coll          | Mary Everson     |                |

**PRAYER CYCLE FOR OUR DIOCESE:**

We pray for the People and Parish of Saint Mary, Chepstow, their priest, Revd. Michael St Clair, and their care for Chepstow Community Hospital and Saint Mary's Primary School.

**THANK YOU**

to all the ministers of the Word who sent in their availability. The new rota has now been sent out and is available in the church porch: Thank you Berenice.

**AND THANK YOU**

to the Archbishop, who rang to express concern, condolence, and solidarity for the Parish in our lockdown.

Monday is the feast of the **TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS:**

Once again we Are reminded of our excellent sculpture of the true Cross, and of its(re-)discovery by our patron, Saint Helen.



**AND THE GOOD NEWS IS:**

*Can I continue to attend a place of worship?*

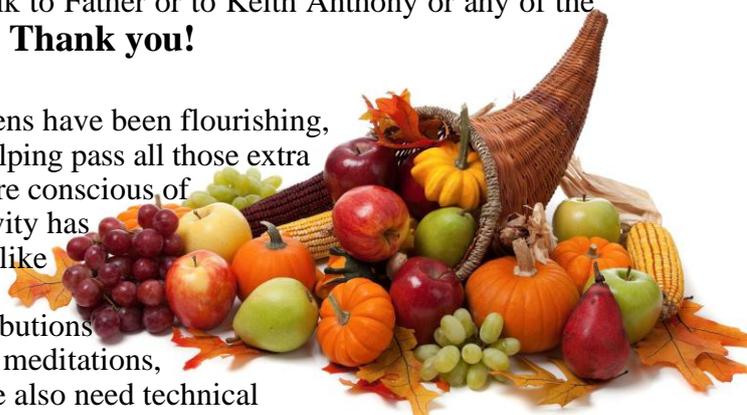
Yes, as long as it is within the Caerphilly County Borough area and you do not go there with anyone who you do not live with. No specific rules are in place about religious services in area. People will be expected to observe **physical distancing** and good hand and respiratory hygiene, and in addition you will need to wear a face covering. <https://gov.wales/caerphilly-county-coronavirus-lockdown-frequently-asked-questions>

**SHARING FAITH IN A TIME OF COVID:** The experience and good example of the Parents and the Catechists who prepared our children for Reconciliation and Communion through this difficult year leaves us with a question: With present restrictions, how will we manage this parish effort and work of Faith-Sharing for the future, for our Children preparing for sacraments, for Couples preparing for Marriage, for Parents preparing to Baptise and bring up their children? Who can do it? Who will do it? On Tuesday (15<sup>th</sup> September) we will gather at **7.00pm in church** ~~Stop Press-~~ **via Zoom** to look at **SHARING FAITH IN THE PARISH.** The zoom invite will be sent to all present catechists, but all others interested should request the link via the parish email.



**STEWARDS – HELP, PLEASE!** Our hard-working team of Stewards are under pressure! One is moving away, and two are forced to stay away while the lockdown continues. Their care and help to keep us safe in the Covid restrictions is essential to ensure we have permission to stay open and active: At the very least we need three new volunteers to train up immediately, and if possible several others. This could be a ‘ministry’ for older teenagers, or for parents whose children have flown to college or beyond. Please talk to Father or to Keith Anthony or any of the Stewards to find out what is involved. **Thank you!**

**And a virtual HARVEST FESTIVAL:** Gardens have been flourishing, home-baking rediscovered, and now fruit-bottling is helping pass all those extra lock-down hours. In addition, we have all become more conscious of the natural world around us, and how less human activity has left room for other creatures to flourish. So we would like to put together and broadcast a Harvest Festival for these distanced times. Suggestions and possible contributions in the form of memories and experiences, prayers and meditations, quotations and readings all gratefully received, and we also need technical expertise to put it all together and put it out there. Please speak to Father or to Brett Pugh.



The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through repenting, repairing, and rejoicing together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

This year, amid crises that have shaken our world, we're awakened to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and each other. During the season this year, we enter a time of restoration and hope, a jubilee for our Earth, that requires radically new ways of living with creation.

The Season of Creation unites the world's 2.2 billion Christians around one shared purpose. With so much injustice all around us, now is the time for Christians everywhere to come together and show the world how to love each other and creation.

For information, ideas, and lots more, go to <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

## SAINT HELEN'S VIRTUAL COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:

Date	Time	Event
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> September	7.00pm	Sharing Faith – Parish Catechists: <i>Code from caerphilly@rcadc.org</i>
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> September	7.30pm	Scripture Study: <i>Via Saint Helen's Facebook</i>
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> September	10.30am 11.30am	SUNDAY MASS: <i>Via Saint Helen's Website or Facebook</i> 'Coffee Morning': <i>Via Saint Helen's Facebook</i>



**MEMORIES:** Our near Neighbours in Saint Peter, Bargoed have begun collecting stories and experiences from the (first) lockdown to add to their excellent on-line parish archive. Our original attempt at 'Lockdown Diaries' rather faded out as the lockdown began to ease and other things took our attention. Now that we are going back to stricter controls, is it time to start collecting memories and incidents, pictures maybe or other items we can store and record to preserve the knowledge, and maybe learning from this unique time in our lives? We need ideas, suggestions, initiatives, and also people with the time, imagination, and expertise to put something together for us all.

### THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

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

Article 3: **SACRED SCRIPTURE** *In Brief:*

(137) *Interpretation of the inspired Scripture must be attentive above all to what God wants to reveal through the sacred authors for our salvation. What comes from the Spirit is not fully "understood except by the Spirit's action" (cf. Origen, Hom. in Ex. 4, 5: PG 12, 320).*

(138) *The Church accepts and venerates as inspired the 46 books of the Old Testament and the 27 books of the New.*  
(Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992)

### Parish Directory

**Priest:** Revd. John Kelly 20883192

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**Cafod:** 20861930

**Saint Helen's School:** 20852532

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**Hall Bookings:** 20883192

**Piety shop:** 20862998

**Marriage Care:** appointments@marriagecare.co.uk

**Cardinal Newman School:** 01443 494110

**Calendar Additions:** calendar@sthelenscaerphilly.com

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