

SAINT HELEN'S PARISH
CHRIST THE KING



THE YEAR OF THE WORD – THE GOD WHO SPEAKS
YOUTH SUNDAY

22nd November 2020



LIVE STREAM



<https://sthelenscaerphilly.com/st-helens-live-stream/>

Children's Liturgy of the Word

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1wZh61-04IQ2n8zitU9dcHZ1nQT1QyxP3ROgZ3oob0cw/edit>

ALL ARE BROUGHT TO LIFE IN CHRIST

THE WORD THIS WEEK

When Pope Francis reminded the clergy that the 'shepherds should have the smell of the sheep', he was reminding us of how Jesus, the Good Shepherd, came to live with us and share everything as one of us, even the hardest bits, to the extent we might not recognise him if we overlook those suffering: "As often as you did this to the least of my bretheren, you did it to me". The romantic image of the shepherd looking after us, his flock, does not absolve us from looking after each other. And his care for us 'keeping us all in view', is also that of a concerned older brother, hoping we will follow his ways.

SUNDAY MASS: (*Psalter: Week 2*)

Gathering Antiphon (6.30pm):

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Ezekiel 34: 11 – 12, 15 – 17.

As for you, my sheep, I will judge between sheep and sheep.

Response: Psalm 22.

R/. The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

1 Corinthians 15: 20 – 28.

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Acclamation for the Gospel:

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

Matthew 25: 31 – 46.

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate one from another.

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

Preface: of the Feast. **Eucharistic Prayer:** i

Communion Antiphon (6.30pm):

The Lord sits as king for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.





MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

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| Sat 21 st Nov | 6.30pm | CHRIST THE KING (Youth Sunday) Deceased members of the Catenians (GM) (<i>Public Mass</i>) |
| Sun 22 nd Nov | 10.30am 2.00pm | for the People of the Parish (<i>Public Mass</i>) Baptism of Florence and Sebastian Lewis |
| Mon 23 rd Nov | 9.45am 10.00am | Morning Prayer of the Church Holy Souls |
| Tues 24 th Nov | 9.45am 10.00am | Saint Andrew Dung Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs Morning Prayer of the Church Holy Souls (<i>Public Mass</i>) |
| Wed 25 th Nov | 9.45am 10.00am 2.00-4.00pm | Morning Prayer of the Church Revd. Michael Ronan Exposition and Adoration |
| Thurs 26 th Nov | 12 noon | Requiem for Rosa Channon |
| Fri 27 th Nov | 9.45am 10.00am 1.00pm | Morning Prayer of the Church Revd. Ambrose Walsh (<i>Public Mass</i>) Funeral Service for Joan Channon |
| Sat 28 th Nov | am 6.30pm | The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B) for the People of the Parish (<i>Public Mass</i>) |
| Sun 29 th Nov | 10.30am | Holy Souls (<i>Public Mass</i>) |

ANDREW DUNG LAC



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. We remember also:

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| Teresa Meade | John Maguire | 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 | Katrin Merry | Katrin Merry |
| Sian Thomas | Maura Coll | Winifred Benedict | Albert Carley | William Newton |
| Mary + Colin Everson | | | | |

PRAYER CYCLE FOR OUR DIOCESE:

Please pray for the People and Parish of Saint Mary Abertillery, and their Priest Revd. Liam Hennessy.

The Diocesan YEAR BOOK is on sale in the porch, £ 3.00.

AN IMPORTANT REQUEST from the Archbishop and the Catholic Education service:

The Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill currently progressing through the Senedd will have a detrimental impact on Catholic schools and Catholic families across Wales. This Bill seeks to end the rights of parents to withdraw their children from Relationship and Sex Education and Religious Education. This is a vital right for parents, especially Catholic parents who can't send their children to a Catholic school, as it ensures these sensitive subjects can be delivered in line with Church teaching.

We are asking that people write to their Members of the Senedd to ask them to halt these changes. If you visit the website link below it will produce a template letter for your MSs. All you need to do is type in your name, address and email and click submit.

<http://catholiceducation.org.uk/welshparents>

We need MSs to know how serious an issue this is for the Catholic community, so please take part in this campaign and share this with friends and family.

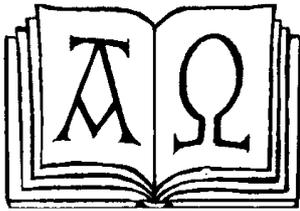
national youthsunday

This year the theme of **YOUTH SUNDAY** is **TOGETHER**.

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected every part of life. The way we live, work, study, play and pray has all changed. The most significant change has been that we have not been able to do many of those things together in person, but still we can do much together 'virtually'. This year's theme recognises what it means to be 'together'; with ourselves, with others and with God.

To come out of this crisis better than before, we have to do so together; together, not alone. Together. Alone no, because it cannot be done. Either it is done together, or it is not done. We must do it together, all of us, in solidarity. (Pope Francis, September 2020)

As we learn to live together again alongside the COVID-19 virus, the world isn't quite the same as it was. But there is still much to make us hopeful. There is something special about being together – being a part of a community – including a virtual community. It is our togetherness in shared moments, including social contacts, and times of prayer, which tells us who we are. It heals us and makes us complete. Let's celebrate National Youth Sunday together!



From the Start of Advent, we will be hearing the Sunday readings from

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MARK

In preparation for this we will have a **CONTINUOUS READING OF THE GOSPEL**, in parts, on Sunday 29th November and Sunday 6th December. For this we need at least

20 readers, from the regular Ministers of the Word, or other volunteers, able to spend a Sunday afternoon on zoom. Prepared texts will be sent out in the next two weeks – Please contact the Parish Office by phone or email if you would like to join in this project.



A (Virtual, Interactive) CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

has been set up by Claire Boswell, easily accessible each week: this week via

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1wZh61-O4IQ2n8zitU9dcHZ1nQT1QyxP3ROgZ3oob0cw/edit>

To help you navigate it, there is a 'user guide at:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Rg2VaNEW7knB2q53prWI-Fg93mUJNmoW/view>



Today we come to the end of our Church year. **Next Sunday** we start a new year with the season of **ADVENT**, 'the Coming'. With the final gathering of the Kingdom, we celebrate today the culmination of the story Matthew has been unfolding for us all year in his Gospel, and we prepare to hear and enter into Saint Mark's earlier telling of the story. To set us off, we will have a **Zoom/Facebook read-through of SAINT MARK** next Saturday afternoon, 2.30pm.

S.V.P. Collection: in preparation for Christmas, there will be a collection next weekend for the Society of Saint Vincent, to help out needy families over the feast. For those who come to church there will be a (clearly marked) alternative collection basket as you leave Mass. If you are shielding and unable to attend church, please post any contribution in an envelope, clearly marked 'SVP', either through the presbytery door, or by post (cheques only, no money, if you send it by post) Thank you.

"When did we see you Thirsty?" 'HANGING COFFEES' at the OLD LIBRARY

Please remember that though we are unable to run the 'Night Shelter' this year, there is still the very generous offer of a free coffee (and warm) for people in true need at the Old Library Café. If you come across anyone living rough, please direct them there as a first step. Even better, accompany them there yourself, and take the opportunity to see if there is any other way in which we could help. Please remember not to 'over-promise'. But also remember that in extremis, the Parish has a supply of 'vinnie-packs', emergency supplies for an overnight outside.

SAINT HELEN'S VIRTUAL COMMUNITY – THIS WEEK:

| Date | Time | Event |
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| Sat 21 st Nov | 6.30pm | SUNDAY MASS: https://sthelenscaerphilly.com/st-helens-live-stream/ |
| Sun 22 nd Nov | 10.30am 11.30am | SUNDAY MASS: https://sthelenscaerphilly.com/st-helens-live-stream/ 'Coffee Morning': <i>Via Saint Helen's Facebook</i> |
| Thur 26 th Nov | 7.30pm | Scripture Study: <i>for code contact</i> caerphilly@rcadc.org |
| Sat 28 th Nov | 2.30–4.30pm | Reading Saint Mark's Gospel together |

THE YEAR OF THE WORD – THE GOD WHO SPEAKS



**“The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God remains forever.”**

(Isaiah 40: 8)



ADVENT STARTS NEXT SUNDAY, a new Season, and a new Church year and year of the Word: B, the 'Year of Mark'. Another website to help you prepare with your children:

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/magazine/how-to-celebrate-advent-like-a-catholic-5923>

'This webpage gives a longer and more detailed introduction to the season of Advent and its 'spirit', before describing 15 Advent customs (Advent wreath, dinners, seasonal food, meditations, prayers, calendars, music, Nativity Scene, Jesse Tree, penance services, 'small sacrifices for the Christ Child', almsgiving, celebrating the Advent Saints, Christmas Tree blessing and other cultural traditions [such as Oplatki and La Posada]). Like the first, it is quite user-friendly and although there is naturally a degree of 'overlap' with the first, it provides some additional riches that could also be suggested to families in a parish'

And see more below

THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

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

Chapter 3: **Man's Response to God.** Article 1: **I Believe.**

II: "I Know Whom I Have Believed" (2 Tim 1: 12) **To believe in God alone**

(151) For a Christian, believing in God cannot be separated from believing in the One he sent, his "beloved Son", in whom the Father is "well pleased"; God tells us to listen to him (*Mark 1:11; cf. 9:7*). The Lord himself said to his disciples: "Believe in God, believe also in me." (*John 14: 1*) We can believe in Jesus Christ because he is himself God, the Word made flesh: "No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known." (*John 1: 18*) Because he "has seen the Father", Jesus Christ is the only one who knows him and can reveal him (*Jn 6:46; cf. Mt 11:27*).

(Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992)

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Saint of the Month – **SAINT CECELIA** – 22nd November



Saint Cecilia, by Guido Reni, 1606,
Source: WikiArt

Although very little evidence exists surrounding the life of St. Cecilia, she was an incredibly popular and famous Saint and Roman Martyr of the early church.

Her feast has been celebrated since at least 545 AD.

Legend records that she was a young Christian of high rank who, although forced into marriage, maintained her virginity and converted her husband to Christianity. Her husband and his brother were later martyred for refusing to sacrifice to the Roman gods. Cecilia also met the same fate not long after – however, legend surrounding her death states that she continued to live for three days after being struck three times on the neck with a sword. During that time she gave all she had to the poor, preached the Gospel for the conversion of many and asked the pope to convert her home into a church.

Since the Renaissance, St. Cecilia has usually been portrayed with a viola or small organ and has become the Patron Saint of musicians. She has come to symbolise the integral role of music in the liturgy and the importance of singing praises to God, both in our hearts and sometimes with our voices. Just as King David said in the Psalms: I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to you, O Lord, I will make music. (Psalm 101:1).



Fling Wide the Doors - An Advent & Christmastime Calendar

An Advent and Christmas-time calendar with art by Steve Erspamer. Forty doors open revealing images for every day from the beginning of Advent until the feast of the Baptism of the Lord at the close of the Christmas season.

Put a light inside or above and the images glow like stained-glass.

Designed as a six-sided tower, the calendar can be the centerpiece of your seasonal décor.

A booklet by Craig M. Mueller is included with customs, prayers and readings for each door opening.

LTP Advent Calendar

<https://www.mccrimmons.com/shop/ltp-liturgy-training-publications/flip-wide-the-doors--an-advent-christmastime-calendar/>

And **TRAI DCRAFT** is also doing an Advent calendar this year, with a difference – please go to:

www.traidcraftexchange.org/injustice-advent-calendar

For Christmas 2020 we're partnering with a hand-picked selection of world changing organisations to provide you with 24 simple ways to make the world a better place. Every day until Christmas we'll send you an opportunity to stand up for justice in a simple way. Here are the rules...

It will always be free.

It will always take less than 5 minutes to complete.

So you'll be signing petitions, sending short emails, maybe even texting a friend... but you won't be giving any money and you won't be losing hours of your day either.