

SAINT HELEN'S PARISH 6th SUNDAY of the YEAR

14th February 2021

LIVE STREAM

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1vAc0mN5JXIIYJMRSSqzCEXg3zqrx4A6JYZ_Uvra9RE8/edit



If You Want To, You Can Cure Me

THE WORD THIS WEEK

'Leprosy'? 'Skin disease'? or Exclusion? Whatever we call it, by the end of the first chapter of Mark, we see that Jesus is set against it to the extent of going to the margins and taking on their exclusion himself to bring victims back into community. As we prepare for Lent, we recognise Jesus as the sacrament of reconciliation. Paul imitates him, 'not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved'.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: (Psalter: Week 2)

Leviticus 13: 1 – 2, 44 – 46.

The leper must live apart: he must live outside the camp.

Response: Psalm 31.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord//
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile.

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.
I said, 'I will confess my offence to the Lord'.
And you, Lord, have forgiven//
the guilt of my sin.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!
O come ring out our joy,
all you upright of heart.

1 Corinthians 10: 31 – 11: 1.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

Acclamation for the Gospel:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

Mark 1: 40 – 45.

The leprosy left him at once and he was cured.

Prayer of the Faithful: R/. Lord, heal us.

Preface and Eucharistic Prayer: Masses for Various Occasions III; Jesus, the Way to the Father.

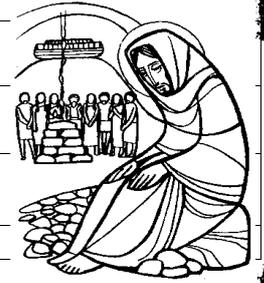
Communion Antiphon:

God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son,
So that all who believe in may not perish, but may have eternal life.



MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

Sat 13 th February	6.30pm	6th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR for the People of Both Parishes
Sun 14 th February	10.30am	Private Intention (HO)
Mon 15 th February	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Father Ray O'Shea
Tues 16 th February	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church For the Reconciliation Families
Wed 17 th February	10.00am 12 noon 7.00pm	ASH WEDNESDAY _ Start of Lent Lillian and James (<i>Public Mass with Distribution of Ashes</i>) Mass + Distribution of Ashes (<i>in Saint Peter, Bargoed</i>) Distribution of Ashes (<i>Public Service</i>)
Thurs 18 th February	9.45am 10.00am	Evening Prayer of the Church Theresa Meade (SVP)
Fri 19 th February	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Cecelia Mawbey (SVP)
Sat 20 th February	6.30pm	1st SUNDAY OF LENT for the People of the Parishes
Sun 21 st February	10.30am	for our Schools



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: At any time by arrangement with the priest.
(A Hint: 'Shrove' Tuesday is the day for shricing or being shriven – look it up)

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:

Eileen Morris	John Maguire	Graham Jenkins	Sandra Bray	Lloyd Jones
Mary Gordine	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	
Sian Thomas	Winifred Benedict	Albert Carley	Mary Everson	Maura Coll
Pat Doheney	Paul Barnaby			

Of Your Charity Please pray for the repose of the soul of Celia Mawbey, who died early on Wednesday morning in Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr, We offer our condolence to her two sons, her brother, and all her family. May she rest in peace.

PRAYER CYCLE FOR OUR DIOCESE: Please pray for the People and Parish of the Saint John Rhymney, with their Priest, Rev Richard Aziati (Archdiocese of Accra).

THE YEAR OF THE WORD – THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

“At many moments in the past and by many means, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our time, the final days, he has spoken to us in the person of his Son, whom he appointed heir to all things and through whom he made the ages.”

(Hebrews 1: 1-2)

SCRIPTURE TALKS: Our neighbours in the Diocese of Menevia have arranged a programme of excellent Scripture Talks, live-streamed on YouTube

The next talk is this Saturday, February 20th between 11am and 1pm. Fr. Liam Bradley will open up 'Creation and the Revelation of the Trinity in Genesis.' To access the Talk on the day, please go to DOMSEC website domsec.org.uk and click “Livestream” on the top menu bar.

To see the whole programme, please go to:

<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/our-dioceses/menevias-programme-for-2021/>

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THE FAMILIES PREPARING CHILDREN FOR RECONCILIATION

meet with the catechists at 6.30pm on Tuesday, 'pancake day'. You may want to have pancakes ready for a shared virtual feast at the end of the hour. Also, see if there is anything else about this day which makes it so appropriate for thinking about the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

This Wednesday is **ASH WEDNESDAY**, the start of **LENT**. We will have Mass with the distribution of Ashes (sprinkled on the head, rather than marked on our foreheads) at 10am, and a Service of the Word with Distribution of Ashes (on the head) at 7pm. As we will still be socially distanced, we will not all be able to join in these celebrations in person, but they will be live-streamed. Or you may wish to celebrate as a family at home: two suggested services can be found on the Parish Website: one for families with children - <file:///C:/Users/parish/Downloads/Ash-Wednesday-a-Lenten-liturgy-for-the-home-004.pdf>, and a second, more formal service, closer to what we do in church - <file:///C:/Users/parish/Downloads/AshWednesday-at-Home-002-1.pdf>.



FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS: The 7pm Way of the Cross shared with Saint Catherine, Mill Road, will start again this week, but via Zoom: a code will soon be available on facebook.

GLOBAL HEALING (ENVIRONMENTAL SERIES)

A series of reflective evenings with inspiring speakers, prayer, and discussion, using the film-based resource "Global Healing". These engaging documentaries will inform and challenge people to respond to Pope Francis' call to Care for Our Common Home. Suitable for all who are concerned about what is happening to our world and who want to take action.

Dates: Six Thursdays from 18th February – 25th March 2021, 7.30pm – 8.30pm.

Delivered by: The Global Catholic Climate Movement. **Full details on:** <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/global-healing-lent-reflections/>



The Lenten Family Fast Day will be on Friday 26th, looking at the lengths some have to go to just to have water:

Abdella walk for 10 hours a day to collect water for his family. We are challenged to have a sponsored 5 mile walk to raise funds to change this: **Interested?** Please talk to Berenice Williams or Father, or go direct to walk.cafod.org.uk to find out more.

Or you may wish to leave it to one brave Parishioner who has volunteered to walk 7.500 steps each day of Lent, and will accept sponsorship: Sponsor forms available next week!

Ask your MP to support an amendment to help stop forced abortion in Xinjiang, China:

There is extensive evidence that many women in the **Uyghur Muslim community** in Xinjiang, China are being subjected to forced abortions. Lord Alton is currently championing an amendment to the Trade Bill which would give British courts a role in determining whether a country is committing genocide. This would help with putting international pressure on the Chinese Communist Party to stop the practice of forcing abortions on the Uyghur Muslim community along with the wider human rights abuses that evidence shows is being perpetuated against this community. If you would like to email your MP asking them to support the amendment, you can do this easily using a tool which has been set up on the Genocide Response campaign website which can be accessed by visiting the link: <https://genocideresponse.org/>

Your February edition of the **CATHOLIC PEOPLE** is now published, available via:

<https://rcadc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Cardiff-People-February-2021.pdf>

VIRTUAL COMMUNITY:

Date	Time	Event
Sat 13 th Feb	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 14 th Feb	10.30am 11.30am	Sunday Mass 'Coffee Morning': <i>Via Saint Helen's Facebook</i>
Tues 16 th Feb	6.30pm	Reconciliation Families
Wed 17 th Feb	10.00am 7.00pm	Mass and Ashes Word and Ashes
Thur 18 th Feb	7.30pm	Sharing the Sunday Scriptures
Fri 19 th Feb	7.00pm	Way of the Cross: <i>Zoom Code via facebook</i>
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THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Part 1: **THE PROFESSION OF FAITH.** Section 1: 'I Believe' – 'We Believe'

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

III: The Characteristics of Faith Faith – the Beginning of Eternal Life

(163) Faith makes us taste in advance the light of the beatific vision, the goal of our journey here below. Then we shall see God "face to face", "as he is" (*1 Cor 13:12; 1 Jn 3:2.*). So faith is already the beginning of eternal life:

When we contemplate the blessings of faith even now, as if gazing at a reflection in a mirror, it is as if we already possessed the wonderful things which our faith assures us we shall one day enjoy (*St. Basil, De Spiritu Sancto, 15,36:PG 32,132; cf. St. Thomas Aquinas, STh II-II,4,1.*)

(*Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992*)

"The source of scripture is not attributable to human investigation, but to divine revelation which flows 'from the Father of lights'. . . this is the knowledge of Jesus Christ from whom the strength and understanding of the whole of holy scripture flows as from its source"

"The result or fruit of holy scripture is not simply any kind, but rather a fullness of eternal happiness. In scripture are the words of eternal life. It is written not only that we may believe, but also that we may possess eternal life, in which we shall see and love, and our desires will be completely satisfied. When these desires are satisfied, we shall know the overwhelming love of knowledge and thus we shall abound unto all the fulness of God. Divine scripture tries to lead us to this plenitude. This then is the end and this the intention with which holy scripture should be studied, taught and heard."

(*from the Breviloquium of Saint Bonaventure*)

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