

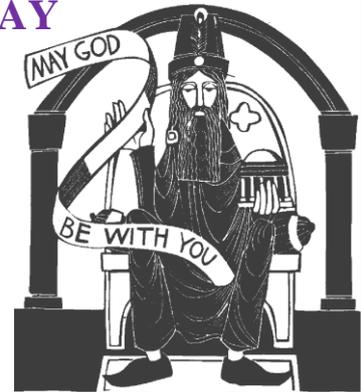
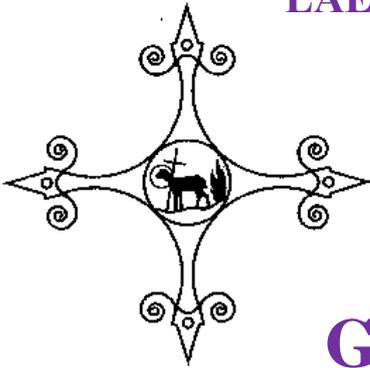
SAINT HELEN'S PARISH  
4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of LENT

'LAETARE' SUNDAY – MOTHERING SUNDAY

Season of Lent + Easter

The Year of the Word

14<sup>th</sup> March 2021



## God So Loved The World

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

**Gathering Antiphon:**

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**2 Chronicles 36: 14 – 16, 19 – 23.**

*The wrath and mercy of God are revealed  
in the exile and in the release of his people.*

*Response: Psalm 136.*

*R/. Let my tongue cleave to my mouth.  
If I remember you not.*

**Ephesians 2: 4 – 10.**

*You who were dead through your sins  
have been saved through grace.*

*Acclamation for the Gospel:*

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!  
God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son;  
everyone who believes in him has eternal life.  
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

**John 3: 14– 21.**

*God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved.*

**Prayer of the Faithful:** *R/. Lord, bring us to life.*

**Preface:** of Lent iii. **Eucharistic Prayer:** ii.

**Communion Antiphon:**

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together.  
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,  
to praise the name of the Lord.

**THE WORD THIS WEEK**

The Covenant fails, the people and their leaders fail; but God never fails us, never gives up. Instead a foreigner, Cyrus, becomes his instrument to restore the Temple of true worship. So 'God is generous with his mercy, when we were dead through our sins', 'rich in grace'. 'We are God's work of art!' and his saving work and mercy is for everyone – 'For God loved the world so much that he sent his only Son ... not to condemn the world but so that through him the world might be saved.'

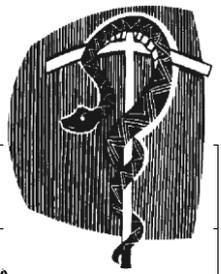


**CELEBRATING EASTER:** Restrictions continue, so once again we will have to book for the great feasts of the Triduum, and accept that maybe we will not all be able to attend all the ceremonies in person.

In next week's newsletter we will have the phone numbers you will need to call to book a place at the Palm Sunday Mass;

The week after the numbers to call for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter morning will be published.

Please start thinking now which celebration you will choose to attend, and which follow on live-stream.



## MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT, 'LAETARE!'</b> for All who are Sick ( <i>Public Mass</i> )	
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>10.30am</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	for the People of the Parish ( <i>Public Mass</i> ) for the People of the Parish ( <i>Public Mass, Bargoed</i> )	
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> March	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Boase Family Intention	
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> March	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Private intention (FK)	
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am 2– 4pm	<b>Saint Patrick</b> , Patron of Ireland Requiem for Pat Emanuelli Exposition and Adoration ( <i>Open to All</i> )	
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> March	9.45am 10.00am	( <b>Saint Cyril of Jerusalem</b> , Bishop) Morning Prayer of the Church Gwyn Bishop Intention (MB)	
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> March	9.45am 10.00am 7.00pm	<b>SAINT JOSEPH</b> , Husband of Mary Morning Prayer of the Church Elena Antoniazzi (LA) Zoom Way of the Cross	
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b> For the People of the Parish ( <i>Public Mass</i> )	
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>10.30am</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	for the Homeless ( <i>Public Mass</i> ) for the People of the Parish ( <i>Public Mass, Bargoed</i> )	

## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

At any time by arrangement with the priest.

**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	Mary & Wilson Brown	Pino Emanuelli	Katrin Merry	
Sian Thomas	Winifred Benedict	Albert Carley	Mary Everson	Maura Coll
Pat Dohoney	Gwyn Bishop	Christine Roberts		

**PRAYER CYCLE FOR OUR DIOCESE:** Please pray for the People and Parish of Saint Joseph, Aberdare, with their priest, Canon Edward O'Connell, and their care for Saint Margaret's Primary School.

## THE YEAR OF THE WORD – THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

“O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come.”

(Collect, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent)

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**LENT AT HOME:** Also available from the ‘Year of the Word’ Team: some excellent resources for use through Lent, available at: [godwhospeaks.uk/lent-at-home](https://godwhospeaks.uk/lent-at-home)

### Children's Liturgy of the Word:

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1y-Jj-xj\\_Pi1TELikErsZkdUIOL-dQvAHcofMI73Ae\\_Y/edit](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1y-Jj-xj_Pi1TELikErsZkdUIOL-dQvAHcofMI73Ae_Y/edit)

## HAPPY 'MOTHERS DAY' on this 'LAETARE (Rejoice) SUNDAY'

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent is called 'Laetare Sunday', Rejoice Sunday. Since the middle-ages in Britain it has also been 'Mothering Sunday', originally the day 'daughter' churches made a Lenten pilgrimage to their 'mother' church, so an occasion when sons and daughters working as servants in the big houses had an opportunity to get back to town to see their mothers, and give them a small treat. Now it's a chance for chocolates (yes, even in the middle of lent!) and flowers, and to go to church together.



**"SCRUTINY"**: A HARD LENTEN LOOK, at ourselves. The 'Scrutinies' on the three middle Sundays of Lent are first of all for those preparing to be Baptised at Easter, and to enter into and be Confirmed in the Communion of the Risen Christ in his Body the Church. But like God's People who needed to be rescued from regular relapses, we too lapse and need to be challenged and to change. So **The Scrutinies** give us all a chance to look closely at our life of faith, and a call to catch hold of Christ's offer of reconciliation and renewal. At Mass this weekend we will celebrate **THE SECOND SCRUTINY**.

**THE PARENTS PREPARING CHILDREN FOR RECONCILIATION** meet, with the catechists, at 6.30pm on Tuesday, to look at progress so far: What has helped and what has been difficult; think about prayer; and think about our catholic, sacramental ways of approaching and living with God in Christ..



**FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS**: 7pm. This week led by Saint Catherine, Mill Road. To log in this week, please go to <https://beneficeofeglwysilanandcaerphilly.org.uk/services/>, and scroll down to find the blue button which says "Click here to join any Zoom Service".

Next Sunday is **Census Day**: Have you filled yours in yet?

**LENTEN ONLINE YOUTH RETREAT**: Saturday 20th March from 10:00am until 1:30pm. The retreat is hosted by the pastoral area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar, All Saints, Ebbw Vale and St. John's, Rhymney and will be led by the Vocations Director, Fr. Nicholas Williams. There will be a variety of events taking place online via the parish camera at Immaculate Conception, Tredegar and on Zoom. The retreat is suitable for young people aged 12 and over. If you wish to attend the online retreat, please register via the online form (<https://forms.gle/HysoPjx63oRfau2t5>).



For the details of the day, please go to: [Lenten Online Youth Retreat Schedule 20/03/21](#)

**Ooops, Father Forgetful!** Someone forgot to renew our parish subscription for 'The Universe' Catholic weekly paper, so those who have been receiving it, wont! We only have a small number of subscribers. If you wish to continue getting the paper each week, or would like to start, please contact the parish office to register your interest, so that we can get the right number of papers. Thank you.

For this month's **CATHOLIC PEOPLE**, the paper of the Church in South Wales, please go to: <https://rcadc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Cardiff-Catholic-People-March-2021.pdf>

**Thank you, Gerard Morris**, for an arduous but excellent job, tarmacking the gap between the road into the church grounds and the retainer wall:

## VIRTUAL COMMUNITY:

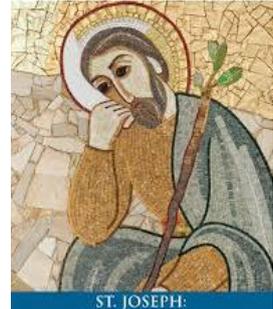
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Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> March	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am 11.30am	Sunday Mass 'Coffee Morning': <i>Via Saint Helen's Facebook</i>
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> March	6.30pm	Parents Prepare for Reconciliation
Thur 18 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm	Sharing the Sunday Scriptures
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> March	7.00pm	Way of the Cross: <i>see previous page</i>
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Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> March	10.30am	Sunday Mass

## THANK YOU

Thanks to all who contributed to the Cafod collection in church which raised £369.50, and to all who gave directly on line. And thanks also for the contributions and promised sponsorship coming in for the Cafod "Walk for Water".



Saint Patrick and Saint Joseph: saints of the week.



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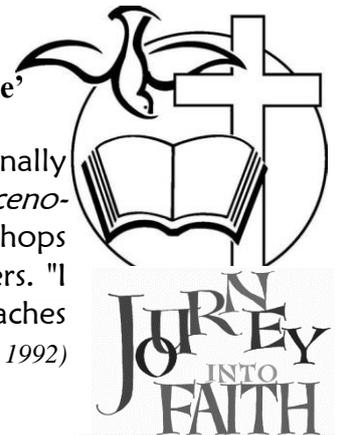


### THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

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

Chapter 3: **Man's Response to God.** Article 2: **We Believe.**

(167) "I believe" (*Apostles' Creed*) is the faith of the Church professed personally by each believer, principally during Baptism. "We believe" (*Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed*) is the faith of the Church confessed by the bishops assembled in council or more generally by the liturgical assembly of believers. "I believe" is also the Church, our mother, responding to God by faith as she teaches us to say both "I believe" and "We believe".  
(*Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992*)



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