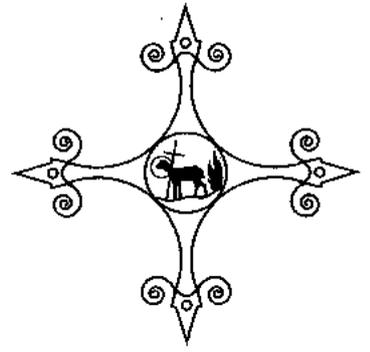


SAINT HELEN'S PARISH
2nd EASTER SUNDAY

Season of Lent + Easter

The Year of the Word

11th April 2021



Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

ALLELUIA, CHRIST HAS RISEN!

RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA!

THE WORD THIS WEEK

RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA! As we reach the end of this seven-day long 'Easter Day' we move into a seven-week long 'Easter Week', a season marked out for 'mystagogia' – being led (deeper) into the mysteries (greek for 'sacraments'). Through the Easter season we are called and helped to deepen our understanding and living of the 'mysteries', God-touches, and in particular the Easter '*Sacraments of Initiation*': Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist (water, Spirit, and blood), through which we are planted and grow into the risen life of Christ. Today we start with Baptism, the seed of Faith.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: (*Psalter: Week 2*)

Gathering Antiphon:

Like new-born infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk,
that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Acts 4: 32 – 35.

United, heart and soul.

Response: Psalm 117.

*R/. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his love has no end.*

1 John 5: 1 – 6.

Anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Acclamation for the Gospel:

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

Jesus said, 'You believe because you can see me.'

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

John 20: 19 – 31.

Eight days later, Jesus came.

Prayer of the Faithful: R/. Lord of life, give us your peace.

Gathering Antiphon:

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Alleluia

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PEACE TO YOU

Lord by your Cross and Resurrection

you have set us free, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:



Sat 10 th April	6.30pm	2nd EASTER SUNDAY for our Schools (<i>Public Mass</i>)
Sun 11 th April	10.30am 6.00pm	for the People of the Parish (<i>Public Mass</i>) for the People of the Parish (<i>Public Mass, Bargoed</i>)
Mon 12 th April	6.45pm 7.00pm	Evening Prayer of the Church Private Intention
Tues 13 th April	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Pat Emanuelli (TL+MJ) (<i>Public Mass</i>)
Wed 14 th April	9.45am 10.00am 12 noon 2- 4pm	Morning Prayer of the Church Catherine & Gerard Carpentier (JMcF) Funeral Service for William Sullivan Exposition and Adoration
Thurs 15 th April	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Elena Antoniazzi (LA)
Fri 16 th April	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Vele Sebastin (TT) (<i>Public Mass</i>)
Sat 17 th April	6.30pm	3rd EASTER SUNDAY for the People of the Parish (<i>Public Mass</i>)
Sun 18 th April	10.30am 2.00pm 6.00pm	for the Hungry (<i>Public Mass</i>) Baptism of Gruffydd King for the People of the Parish (<i>Public Mass, Bargoed</i>)



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

At any time by arrangement with the priest.

Alleluia Alleluia

THE YEAR OF THE WORD – THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

‘The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them,
“Peace be with you. As the Father send me, so am I sending you.”.’

(John 29: 22)

“WALK WITH ME” for Eastertide on sale in the porch, £1.

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ENCOUNTERING JESUS: The Archdiocese of Cardiff Online Talks start up this month with **Fr. Tim McGrath** giving a talk on “**Encountering Jesus as the Messiah in Matthew’s Gospel**” on Saturday, April 24th from 11am-12.30pm.

How to Access the online talks: You can access the talks on the day via Zoom

at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82409256453?pwd=YktlYnQvWjNzQjI5L0xnZkFsaHNYUT09> ;

meeting ID 824 0925 6453, Passcode 633303. The talks will also appear on YouTube. Please go to the [ACES YouTube channel](#).

Contacts for enquiries: Madeleine Walters at madeleine.walters@rcadc.org or Kate Duffin at kate.duffin@hotmail.co.uk

The PARISH PRAYER LIST: Among all those we pray for in this time,

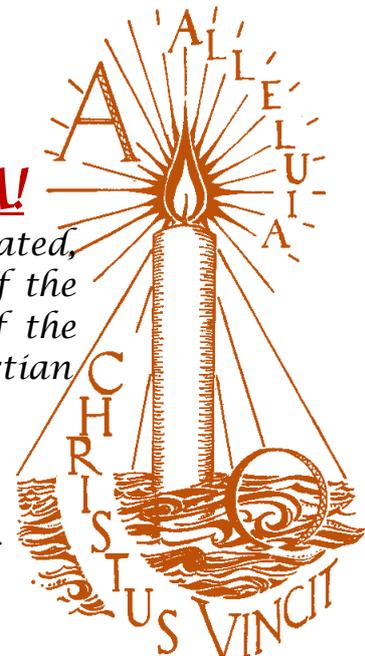
we continue to remember all suffering from the virus and its effects. We remember also:

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
Keith Griffiths	Pino Emanuelli	Katrin Merry	Sian Thomas	Winifred Benedict
Albert Carley	Mary Everson	Maura Coll	Pat Doheney	Gwyn Bishop
Christine Roberts	Beth Jones	Mary & Wilson Brown		

PRAYER CYCLE FOR OUR DIOCESE: Please pray for the People and Parish of Saint Thomas, Abercynon, and their priest, Reverend John Phillips.

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN - RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA!

Congratulations and thank you to all who prepared, celebrated, joined, in person, or by live-stream, the joyful celebration of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Our Lord, that gift of the 'Paschal Mystery' 'which is the centre and reality of our Christian faith and life. Thank you to the cleaners and flower-arrangers, stewards and welcomers, musicians and servers, readers, cantors, and ministers, and a special thank you to the 'Casa Mia' restaurant for the loan of the screens. And thank you and congratulations to the whole worshipping Parish who gathered, despite all the difficulties, in church or remotely at home, to be reborn again into the New Life of the Risen Christ in the Baptism of Easter. Thank you, Alleluia!



FAMILIES PREPARING TO SHARE COMMUNION

will meet up with the Catechists on Tuesday 6.30pm. the zoom code will be sent out to you on Monday. If you have not yet collected your book, please call at the presbytery after Saturday evening Mass (so that you and your child can get a chance to work through chapter 1 together by Tuesday). Thank you.



LOOKING AT THE SUNDAY SCRIPTURES and preparing to hear them together will start again on Thursday, at the usual time of 7.30pm. All welcome – to join in, please look for the link on the Parish Facebook page, or send an email request to the Parish before Thursday lunch-time.

'DISCERNMENT GROUP': a small group meeting once a month, to think about what has happened over the past year, and how as a parish we must use this as a gift of God for growth. If you have thoughts or burning insights, please write them down and post or email them to the Presbytery.

THE CATHOLIC PEOPLE for APRIL is now available at:

[Catholic People Cardiff-April-2021.pdf](#). Keep up with all the local church news.



"Spread the Gospel: Developing a Missionary Parish."

The Diocesan Evangelisation Commission has through the year of lockdown created this tool and piloted it in several parishes, reviewing, and amending it. The Programme has now been approved by His Grace, Archbishop George Stack. It is a seven-week programme, running for one and half hours via Zoom on one evening a week, delivered by members of the Evangelisation Commission. The dates will be Wednesday, April 21st and 28th, May 5th, 12th and 19th, June 9th and 16th, 2021.

The Programme is open to all parishioners and clergy across the Archdiocese.

The new Programme will remind participants of the Great Commission and the basic Gospel message. It will cover a rudimentary history of the early church and will consider important messages from recent papal papers, how to give witness testimonies, evangelise non-church going Catholics with practical approaches and tools for building a parish team to evangelise.

The Genesis Mission will be an important follow-on activity offered to participants, providing the necessary skills for successful encounters.

For more information and to register, please email Madeleine Walters at madeleine.walters@rcadc.org.

UNFORTUNATELY this course is now fully booked: However there will be a repeat at a further date, and we should enrol a team of five or six from the Parish: **Is this something in which you would like to be involved?**

VIRTUAL COMMUNITY:

Date	Time	Event
Sat 10 th April	6.30pm	EASTER MASS
Sun 11 th April	10.30am	EASTER MASS
	11.30am	Parish Coffee morning zoom
	7.30pm	Parish Discernment Group
Tues 13 th April	6.30pm	Communion Families Zoom
Thurs 15 th April	7.30pm	Looking at the Sunday Scriptures
Sat 17 th April	6.30pm	EASTER MASS
Sun 18 th April	10.30am	EASTER MASS
	11.30am	Parish Coffee morning zoom

THANK YOU & CONGRATULATIONS! to all who sponsored the ‘Senior Walker’, to the tune of £537.00 for the ‘Walk for Water’. This has now been sent to Cafod along with a further £500.00 from the Cafod 100 Club. Thank you.



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“This is the feast of the year for which we long, the beginning of life-giving realities. Here is given us the grace of the heavenly mysteries, the gift of the Pasch.
 In this feast the baptismal font, the womb which begets pure life, is ablaze with the light of candles under the cross, the tree of life. Here men and women are sanctified by the gift of heavenly grace and fed by the spiritual sacrament, the sacred mystery. Here the church, gathered in unity, is nourished.”
From a paschal homily of an ancient author.

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.**

II. The Language of Faith

(170) We do not believe in formulas, but in those realities they express, which faith allows us to touch. "The believer's act [of faith] does not terminate in the propositions, but in the realities [which they express]." (*St. Thomas Aquinas, STh II-II,1,2, ad 2.*) All the same, we do approach these realities with the help of formulations of the faith which permit us to express the faith and to hand it on, to celebrate it in community, to assimilate and live on it more and more.

(Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992)

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Calendar Additions: calendar@sthelenscaerphilly.com

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50 DAYS FOR OUR DELIGHT: FOR CHRIST IS RISEN AS ALL THINGS TELL. GOOD CHRISTIAN, SEE YE RISE AS WELL. 