

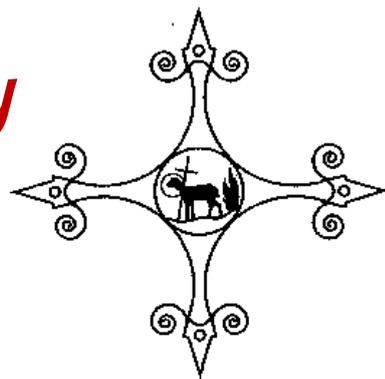


SAINT HELEN'S PARISH  
5<sup>th</sup> EASTER SUNDAY

Season of Lent + Easter

The Year of the Word

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021



Alleluia  
Alleluia Alleluia

I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES

**THE WORD THIS WEEK**

How do we get tied in to the church, and who ties us in? how do we relate to God, and who can make that link? The 'good man' Barnabas introduces Paul, their recent persecutor, to the community of the church, and calms their fears. Jesus, the Son, is our link to the Father, and calms our fears. The image of the Vine and Branches reassures us of that link, and promises fruitfulness, It also calms the fears that come from the ups and downs of life, the sufferings and the persecutions the Christian community was about to endure: The vine-dresser must prune the rampant branches, if they are to re-focus their energies on fruitfulness.

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** (Psalter: Week 1)

Gathering Antiphon:

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia!

**Acts: 9: 26 - 31.**

Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey.

Response: **Psalm 21.**

R/.: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly

**1 John 3: 18 - 24.**

His commandments are these:

that we believe in his Son, and that we love one another.

Acclamation for the Gospel:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.

Alleluia!

**John 15: 1- 8.**

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.

Prayer of the Faithful:

R/. Lord of life, live in us.

Preface + Eucharistic Prayer: of Reconciliation, 1.

Communion Antiphon:

I am the true vine and you are the branches says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me, and I in them, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.



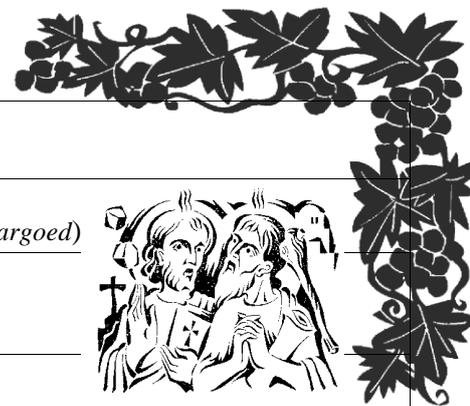
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Lord by your Cross and Resurrection

You have set us free, Alleluia, Alleluia!

# Alleluia Alleluia

## MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:



Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> EASTER SUNDAY</b> for the People of the Parish ( <i>Public Mass</i> )
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>10.30am</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	Canon Richard Byron ( <i>Public Mass</i> ) for the People of the Parish ( <i>Public Mass, Bargoed</i> )
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	9.45am 10.00am	<b>SAINT PHILIP + SAINT JAMES, Apostles</b> The Rosary Dickson Periera (TT)
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> May	9.45am 10.00am	Rosary Louis Gambetta (JG) ( <i>Public Mass</i> )
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> May	9.45am 2– 4pm	<b>Saint Asaph,</b> Requiem for Margaret (Pam) Griffiths Exposition and Adoration
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> May	9.45am 10.00am	Rosary Thanksgiving (VT)
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> May	9.45am 10.00am	Rosary Mike Trodd (NT) ( <i>Public Mass</i> )
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> May	pm <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> EASTER SUNDAY</b> for the People of the Parish ( <i>Public Mass</i> )
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>10.30am</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	Mark Bray (S+CB) ( <i>Public Mass</i> ) for the People of the Parish ( <i>Public Mass, Bargoed</i> )



GOD  
IS  
LOVE

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

At any time by arrangement with the priest.

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

**'I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty.'**

(John 15: 1, 5)

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**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	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	Frank Price	Christopher Bray	Richard Elwood

**PRAYER CYCLE FOR OUR DIOCESE:** Please pray for the People and Parish of All Hallows, Llantrisant, with their priest, Revd. Allan Davies-Hale, and their care of the Royal Glamorgan Hospital.



**MAY, 'Month of Our Lady':** The Pope has asked for special prayers in this time of pandemic, with a different Marian shrine from around the world leading devotions each evening at 6pm (Vatican time) on the Vatican channel. Information, the prayers, and the schedule of shrines is available on the Parish website, under 'May Rosary Campaign'



The Parish **BOOK CLUB** meets on Tuesday evening, 7.30pm. Even if you didn't manage to struggle through the obscure and comic mysteries and interspersed latin of 'The Name of the Rose' this month, you are welcome to come to hear the struggles and joys of those who did, and to join in choosing a book for next month: All details of joining on the Parish Facebook page.



**PARENTS PREPARING FOR BAPTISM** will start on Wednesday (5<sup>th</sup>) at 7.30pm, and continue the following two Wednesdays (12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May). The families who have already registered will receive the zoom invitation in the next two days: If you are hoping to Baptise your child in the next few months, please email the Parish office as soon as possible with your request to join the preparation,

**PREPARING TO BE CONFIRMED:** the Candidates will meet up with their Catechists on Thursday at 6.45pm, to prepare to celebrate and complete their Baptismal Initiation into the Church. Details of how and where will be sent out on Monday. See you then!



**THURSDAY** is **ELECTION DAY.**

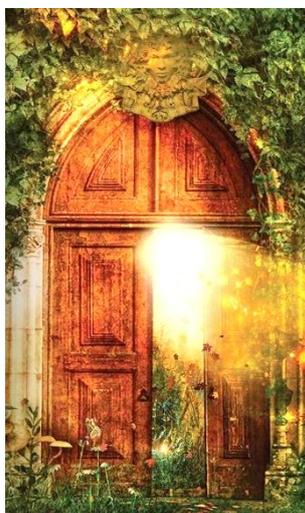
The Hall will be used as a polling station, with a strict one-way policy

**PREPARING NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES**

resumes this Thursday, 7.45pm, for an hour looking at what the Lord is saying to us this week. To join in, or just listen in, find the link on the Parish facebook page, or email the Parish office for a code.

**RE-OPENING THE HALL:** From 3<sup>rd</sup> May we will be allowed to re-open the Parish Hall for up to 15 people for children's events, and for Catechesis (and for the Senedd election on the 6<sup>th</sup>). As we gradually return to fuller use, we will need: someone in charge of **Bookings**; and a **key-holder** able to open and lock up before and after events, and maybe ensure that the users clean through properly. For convenience, both of these should if possible live near to the hall, or have transport.

*and*  
**GRADUAL RE-OPENING OF THE CHURCH:** We now have Mass on four days a week, but this depends both on stewarding before Mass, and cleaning after – or rather **Stewards** and **Cleaners**! Though we have been supported by a very faithful, but small band of both so far, we need more help in both these areas if we are to continue as we are, and much more if we are to open up any more. Please talk to Keith Anthony or any of the Stewards to ask to join their ranks – they will also tell you about help with cleaning.



**“THANK YOU** for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day during Lent. We featured Marian and her son, Svondo, in Zimbabwe in Lent 2018. The community vegetable garden that your donations helped provide is growing well and during the pandemic the family has survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and hand-washing stations in the garden and in family homes. This is just one of many long-term development projects that CAFOD has funded with the money from that Fast Day. Thank you for your steadfast support.”



**VIRTUAL COMMUNITY:**

Date	Time	Event
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>EASTER MASS</b>
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>EASTER MASS</b>
	11.30am	Parish Coffee morning zoom
	7.30pm	Parish Discernment Group
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30pm	Parish Book Club
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30pm	Parents Prepare for Baptism
	6.45pm	Confirmation Candidates prepare
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> May	7.45pm	Opening next Sunday's Scriptures
	6.30pm	<b>EASTER MASS</b>
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> May	6.30pm	<b>EASTER MASS</b>
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am	<b>EASTER MASS</b>
	11.30am	Parish Coffee morning zoom



"If you live out a Christianity that doesn't denounce injustice, that doesn't proclaim the kingdom of God courageously, that doesn't reject the sins humankind commits, then you are not doing your duty, you are betraying your mission. The Church was put here to convert humankind, not to tell people everything that they do is all right: and because of that, naturally, it irritates people. Everything that corrects irritates people. I know that I have irritated many people"

*Saint Oscar Romero*

**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.**

**III. Only One Faith**

(174) "For though languages differ throughout the world, the content of the Tradition is one and the same. The Churches established in Germany have no other faith or Tradition, nor do those of the Iberians, nor those of the Celts, nor those of the East, of Egypt, of Libya, nor those established at the centre of the world. . ." (*St. Irenaeus, Adv. haeres. 1,10,1-2:PG 7/1,552-553.*)  
The Church's message "is true and solid, in which one and the same way of salvation appears throughout the whole world." (*St. Irenaeus, Adv. haeres. 5,20,1:PG 7/2,1177.*)

(175) "We guard with care the faith that we have received from the Church, for without ceasing, under the action of God's Spirit, this deposit of great price, as if in an excellent vessel, is constantly being renewed and causes the very vessel that contains it to be renewed." (*St. Irenaeus, Adv. haeres. 3,24,1:PG 7/1,966.*)  
*(Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992)*

**CHRIST IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!**

**RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA!**

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