



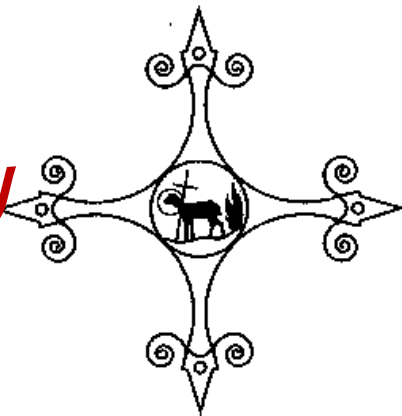
SAINT HELEN'S PARISH
7th EASTER SUNDAY

Season of Lent + Easter

The Year of the Word

16th May 2021

PENTECOST NOVENA



<https://rcadc.org/pentecost-novena-for-the-care-of-creation/>

Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

**ANYONE ONE WHO LIVES IN LOVE
LIVES IN GOD + GOD LIVES IN THEM**

THE WORD THIS WEEK

In his 'great priestly prayer' at the Last Supper, Jesus seems to anticipate the coming and activity of the Spirit, keeping the disciples true, teaching and strengthening them, and co-missioning them – and us. In the same way in the Letter of Saint John we seem to hear the ruffling of the Spirits' wings, fanning the indwelling of God in us, and us in God, in love. And the apostles' election of Matthias by lot seems to assume a guiding presence in their choice. "So strong is his love for those who fear him."

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: (Psalter: Week 3)

Gathering Antiphon:

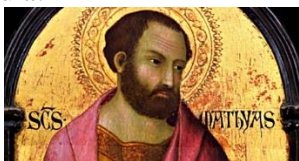
O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;
of you my heart has spoken: seek his face;
hide not your face from me, alleluia!

Acts 1: 15 – 17, 20 – 26.

We must choose one of these to be
a witness to his resurrection with us.

Response: **Psalm 102.**

R/. The Lord has set his sway in heaven.



1 John 4: 11 – 16.

Anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in them.

Acclamation for the Gospel:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord,
I will come back to you,
and your hearts will be full of Joy. Alleluia!

John 17: 11 – 19.

That they may be one, like us.

Prayer of the Faithful: R/. Lord of life, send your Spirit.

Preface: of the Ascension II. **Eucharistic Prayer:** III.

Communion Antiphon:

Father, I pray that they may be one
as we also are one, Alleluia!





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MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

Sat 15 th May	6.30pm	7th EASTER SUNDAY Archbishop George Stack Intention (<i>Public Mass</i>)	
Sun 16 th May	10.30am 1.30pm 6.00pm	for the People of the Parish (<i>Public Mass</i>) Baptism of Mila Lamorte for the People of the Parish (<i>Public Mass, Bargoed</i>)	
Mon 17 th May	9.40am 10.00am	Rosary and Pentecost Novena Margherita Antoniazzi (LA)	
Tues 18 th May	9.40am 10.00am	Rosary and Pentecost Novena Stephen Read Intention (<i>Public Mass</i>)	
Wed 19 th May	11.30am 2- 4pm	Pat Wheelan (<i>Public Mass in Saint Peter, Bargoed</i>) Exposition and Adoration	
Thurs 20 th May	9.40am 10.00am	Rosary and Pentecost Novena Pam Griffiths (SVP)	
Fri 21 st May	9.40am 10.00am	Rosary and Pentecost Novena Varghese Neyyan (TT) (<i>Public Mass</i>)	
Sat 22 nd May	pm 6.30pm	PENTECOST for the People of the Parish (<i>Public Mass</i>)	
Sun 23 rd May	10.30am 6.00pm	The Newly Confirmed Members (<i>Public Mass</i>) with the celebration of CONFIRMATION for the People of the Parish (<i>Public Mass, Bargoed</i>)	

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



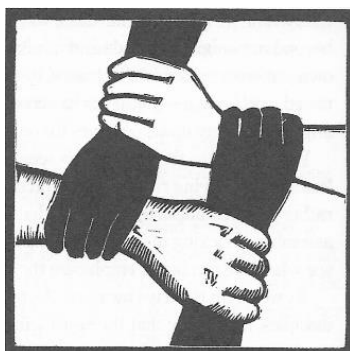
‘Through prayer a new incarnation of the Word takes place. And we are the “tabernacles” where the words of God want to be welcomed and preserved, so that they may visit the world. This is why we must approach the Bible without ulterior motives, without exploiting it. The believer does not turn to the Holy Scriptures to support his or her own philosophical and moral view, but because he or she hopes for an encounter; the believer knows that those words were written in the Holy Spirit, and that therefore in that same Spirit they must be welcomed and understood, so that the encounter can occur.’

(Pope Francis, January 2021)



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	



PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul of Richard Elwood, Dr. Nick Elwood’s father, who died on Thursday. We offer our condolence to Nick and all the Family. May he rest in peace.

PRAYER CYCLE FOR OUR DIOCESE: Please pray for the People and Parish of Saint Benedict, Merthyr Vale, with their priest, Revd. Canon Barry English.



FAMILIES PREPARING TO SHARE COMMUNION will meet up with the Catechists on Tuesday 6.30pm. A new zoom code will be sent out on Monday morning. If you don't receive it, please email the Parish office by Tuesday midday. And before Tuesday please work through Chapter 4 of the books together, 'We give thanks'.

PARENTS PREPARING FOR BAPTISM continues this Wednesday (19th) with a practice in the church at 7.30pm.



PREPARING TO BE CONFIRMED: the Candidates are invited to an extra session on Thursday, 6.45pm, in the hall.

PREPARING NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES Thursday 7.30pm (or a little later if Governors and /or Confirmation preparation go on longer.

Next Weekend is **PENTECOST**, the Celebration of the **OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**. We will mark and celebrate it with the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 10.30 Sunday Mass. For that reason, you will need to book for (the slightly reduced) places at that Mass, and at the Saturday 6.30pm.: to book your place to support and pray for our nine young adults at 10.30am on 23rd May, please ring 02920 883291, on Wednesday afternoon, between the hours of 2.00 and 7.00pm. The Candidates and their families and sponsors are already booked in, for the rest of us it will be first come, first served. To book your place at the 6.30pm Mass on 22nd May, please ring 02920 861930, on Wednesday afternoon, between the hours of 2.00 and 7.00pm



“THE GOD WHO SPEAKS”: SCRIPTURE STUDY DAYS

The next Scripture Study Day will be given by **Deacon Rob Coyne** on “**Celebrating, Living and Sharing ‘The God Who Speaks’**” on Saturday, May 29th, 11am-12.30pm. This promises to be an enlightening talk, taking as its title the theme of the Year of the Word. Details of the programme of talks for the year can be found on the Archdiocesan website

<https://rcadc.org/events/>. To Access the Online talks on the day via Zoom click on <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



RE-OPENING THE HALL: Thank you to Kieron Chowdhury who has volunteered as the key-holder to open up and close before and after events (and maybe ensure that you clean through properly!). As we gradually re-open the Parish Hall for up to 15 people for children's events, and for Catechesis and return to fuller use, we still need someone in charge of **Bookings:** this can be done 'from home: it involves taking phone call and email bookings and keeping the diary for all the regular and for occasional events, and ensuring the key-holders are available to open and close.



‘LOVE-WHERE-YOU-LIVE’: ‘The Message.’ has invited the churches in Caerphilly to join them in a 4 day ‘Christian presence’ in Lansbury from the 27th to the 30th August – working with residents to bring out the best, clean and tidy, rub up and renovate, and enjoy and celebrate the environment together, and maybe have the opportunity to share the joy, hope, and love of the Gospel. With our presence there already with Saint Helen's School, the Parish is already involved. So, Interested? To find out more, and get involved, please go to <https://www.message.org.uk/love-where-u-live-lansbury-park/>



SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – YES!

Date	Time	Event
Tues 18 th May	10.30am – 12.30am	Music Group
Wed 19 th May	7.30pm	Parents Prepare for Baptism (in church)
Thurs 20 th May	6.45pm	Confirmation Candidates Prepare
Sat 22 nd May	9.30am – 12.30pm	Dance

AND THE VIRTUAL COMMUNITY CONTINUES TOO:

Date	Time	Event
Sat 15 th May	6.30pm	EASTER MASS
Sun 16 th May	10.30am 11.30am	EASTER MASS Parish Coffee Morning zoom
Tues 18 th May	6.30pm	Families prepare for Communion
Wed 19 th May	5.00pm	Couples Prepare for Marriage
Sat 22 nd May	6.30pm	PENTECOST VIGIL MASS
Sun 23 rd May	10.30am 11.30am	PENTECOST MASS with the SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Parish Coffee Morning zoom

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: In Brief

(180) "Believing" is a human act, conscious and free, corresponding to the dignity of the human person.

(181) "Believing" is an ecclesial act. The Church's faith precedes, engenders, supports and nourishes our faith. The Church is the mother of all believers. "No one can have God as Father who does not have the Church as Mother" (*Saint Cyprian, De unit. 6: PL 4, 519*).

(182) We believe all "that which is contained in the word of God, written or handed down, and which the Church proposes for belief as divinely revealed" (*Paul VI, CPG § 20*).

(183) Faith is necessary for salvation. The Lord himself affirms: "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (*Mark 16:16*).

(184) "Faith is a foretaste of the knowledge that will make us blessed in the life to come" (*Saint Thomas Aquinas. Comp. theol. 1, 2*). (*Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992*)

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And a message from the Archdiocesan administration:

“WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU”

We at the Archdiocese of Cardiff are keen to use your opinions and experience to shape our internal and external communication platforms.

Covid-19 has presented many challenges and has highlighted the need for us to streamline and re-assess our communication channels.

We value your frank feedback and look forward to putting your thoughts to good use.

Please take the short survey here: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/IJYOMY/>

*Please respond by Tuesday, 15 June 2021.

A hard copy version of the survey is available on request. Please contact Owen Collins on Owen.Collins@rcadc.org for further information.

