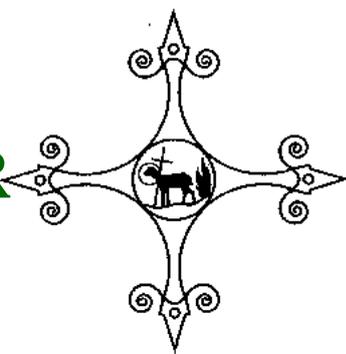




SAINT HELEN'S PARISH
25th SUNDAY of the YEAR
'HOME MISSION SUNDAY'
THE SEASON OF CREATION

19th September 2021



'To be First, Make yourself Servant of All'

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Want to catch the attention of adults? Bring on the children. The danger is that the attention on the child distracts from the real point: Jesus continues his instructing of his disciples – us – on what it means to follow him. The cross he told us to take up last Sunday means service, putting the other first; and welcome, of even the weakest and least. James lists the opposite: jealousy and ambition, strife and desires fighting within our own self: childishness, instead of seeking to be child-like.

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

Gathering Antiphon:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Wisdom 2: 12 – 2, 17 – 20.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death.

Response: Psalm 53.

R/. The Lord upholds my life.
O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth.

For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God.

But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good.

James 3: 16 – 4: 3.

Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Acclamation for the Gospel:
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!
I am the light of the world says the Lord,
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

Mark 9: 30 – 37.

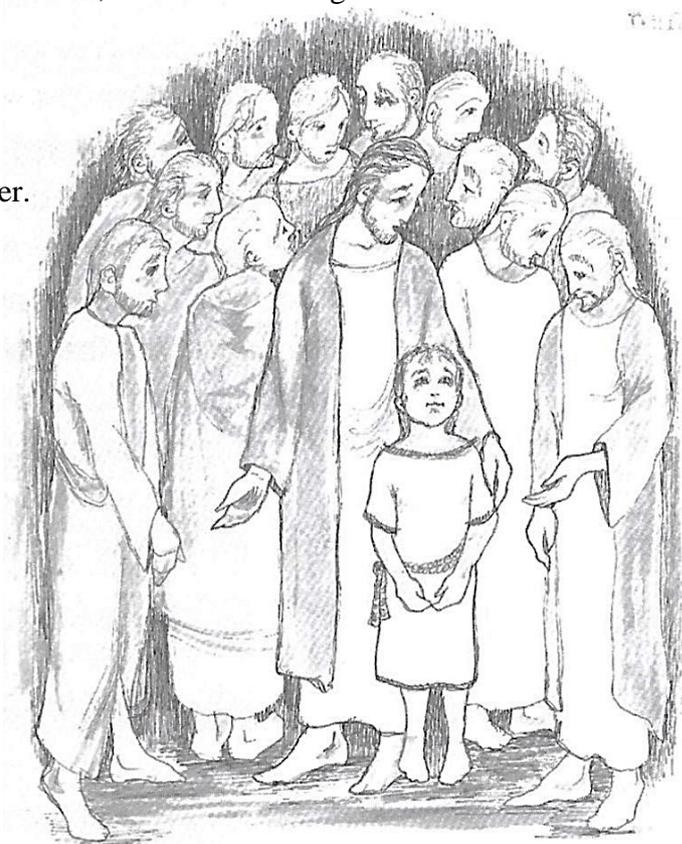
The Son of Man will be delivered.
If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself servant of all.

Prayer of the Faithful: *R/.* O God, hear our prayer.

Preface and Eucharistic Prayer: iv

Communion Antiphon:

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.



MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:



Sat 18 th September	6.30pm	25th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME Henry Pickard (<i>Public Mass</i>)
Sun 19 th September	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 20 th September	9.45am 10.00am	Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon , Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang , and Companions, Martyrs Morning Prayer of the Church Aloysius Thomas (TT)
Tues 21 st September	9.45am 10.00am	SAINT MATTHEW , Apostle + Evangelist Morning Prayer of the Church For the Peace of our World (<i>Public Mass</i>)
Wed 22 nd September	9.15am 9.30am 2 – 4 pm	Morning Prayer of the Church Miles J Intention (MK) Exposition and Adoration
Thurs 23 rd September	9.45am 10.00am	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina , Priest Morning Prayer of the Church Maria Agius (JC)
Fri 24 th September	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Anne James SW) (<i>Public Mass</i>)
Sat 25 th September	12 noon 6.30pm	Nuptial Mass for Sarah Taylor + Gavin Jackson 26th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME Trish + Ian Steel Golden wedding (VS) (<i>Public Mass</i>)
Sun 26 th September	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>)



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, please remember the sick, and all suffering from the pandemic and its effects, especially:

Eileen Morris	John Maguire	Graham Jenkins	Sandra Bray	Lloyd Jones
Mary Gordine	Isobel Cummins	Pauline Richards	Margaret Jones	Carol Morrissey
Claris Howell	Frank Price	Anne Morgan	Pat Starynski	Yvonne Grandon
Martyn Western	Marjorie Gurney	Carmen Agius	Lowela Teves	Keith Griffiths
Pino Emanuelli	Katrin Merry	Sian Thomas	Vinifred Benedict	Albert Carley
Mary Everson	Maura Coll	Gwyn Bishop	Christine Roberts	Christopher Bray
Lorraine Nolan	Margaret Morgan	Louisa Antoniazzi	Mary & Wilson Brown	Mark Emery

PRAYER CYCLE FOR OUR DIOCESE: Please pray for the People of the Parish of Holy Family, Fairwater, with their clergy Rev Canon Peter Collins Rev Mgr John Maguire (rtrd), and their care for Holy Family Primary School and Rookwood Hospital.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

“I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.

Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them and I will be their Lord forever.”

(Today's Entry Antiphon)

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‘The God Who Speaks’ September Focus is on **Scripture and the Environment** during this Creationtide season and in preparation for COP26. This link takes you into some very evocative texts and pictures: godwhospeaks.uk/noah-and-creation-care There is plenty from which to choose for each week in September.

See also:

www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/pont-messages/2021/documents/20210901-messaggio-protezionedelcreato.html for an important message from the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, Pope Francis, and the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby.

TODAY is HOME MISSION SUNDAY, a call first of all to pray for the evangelisation of our own families, town, and country, and secondly to work for it. We often feel the second bit is hard, or ‘not our thing’ or, well, how would you do that in our rather apathetic society where religion is a bit weird, if not actually suspect. And yet this is the call of our Baptism, the point of the Ephphatha, and the weekly Mission we receive at the end of Mass, “Go and proclaim”. What’s more most of us are already doing it, without words, by our love, care, generosity, joy, hope,

To get even better at it, why not join the Archdiocesan Evangelisation Programme, **SPREAD THE GOSPEL: DEVELOPING A MISSIONARY PARISH**: for details and how to join in, go to page 5 at the end of this newsletter on the Parish website.



PRAISE THE LORD! We are holding a taster session **SINGING PRACTICE** this Monday (20th September) at 7pm in the church. It will be socially distanced and we’ll all be wearing masks. This is not an audition for a new choir! It’s a session to help us get familiar again with hymns and Mass setting and to learn some new hymns. Why not come along and try it. You don’t need a wonderful voice and it will be fun!

WHAT ARE THE SCRIPTURES SAYING TO US? With apologies, we failed to set this up for last Thursday. The plan is to meet via zoom **every second Thursday**, to look at the Gospel for the coming Sundays, and listen to the other up-coming readings. We will now try again this coming Thursday 23rd.



SCHOOL MASS / FAMILY MASS, call it what you will – next Sunday Year 6 of Saint Helen’s Primary School will take on the ministries in the Sunday Mass.



Did Not Our Hearts Burn Within Us, As We Walked Along The Road?

If you, or anyone you know is hungry to walk that road with Jesus, to listen to what the Lord might be saying to us, or want to join the merry band of the Church as we seek to walk that way together, and explore what makes us tick as we go, then come along, and bring your enquiring friend(s) along to ‘**the journey of faith**’: An introductory exploration evening on **Thursday 30th September, 7pm in the Hall.**

TALK TO YOUR M.P. IN PREPARATION FOR ‘COP26’: Wayne David M.P. will join us for coffee after Mass, but not next Sunday – Sunday 3rd October instead – just as we celebrate the close of the ‘Season of Creation’, and the day before we celebrate the feast of Saint Francis, patron Saint of Ecology: an extra week to get your questions and comments ready!



Preparing our Children for RECONCILIATION and COMMUNION

Parents of children of 7 or over who wish to bring them into Sacramental Communion in the Church and share the gift of Reconciliation with them are invited to an introduction to the help the Parish offers for the journey, on **Tuesday 5th October, 7pm, in the Hall.**

If you wish to join, please collect an enrolment form from the porch to complete and return.



“Our insistence that each human being is an image of God should not make us overlook the fact that each creature has its own purpose. None is superfluous. The entire material universe speaks of God’s love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God. The history of our friendship with God is always linked to particular places which take on an intensely personal meaning; we all remember places, and revisiting those memories does us much good. Anyone who has grown up in the hills or used to sit by the spring to drink, or played outdoors in the neighbourhood square; going back to these places is a chance to recover something of their true selves.”.

‘Laudato Si’, #64, 85 :: Pope Francis



SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE

Date	Time	Event
Sun 19 th September	11.30am	Coffee Morning

SAINT HELEN'S VIRTUAL COMMUNITY:

Date	Time	Event
Sat 18 th September	6.30pm	SUNDAY MASS
Sun 19 th September	10.30am	SUNDAY MASS
Thurs 23 rd September	7.30pm	Opening the Sunday Scriptures
Sat 25 th September	6.30pm	SUNDAY MASS
Sun 26 th September	10.30am	SUNDAY MASS



A.P.F. (Red) Mission Boxes We are re-establishing the net-work. If you have a Red Mission box, please hold onto it for the moment, but notify the parish office by written word or email. And if you are a local collector, please let us know that also. As soon as we have all the necessary information, and a new overall organiser is ready, we will ask you to bring in the boxes for emptying and return. Thank you!

THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH
Part 1: **THE PROFESSION OF FAITH.** Section 2: **The Creeds**
Chapter One: **I Believe in God The Father**

Article 1 **"I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth"**
Paragraph 1. **I believe in God**

The Living God

(206) In revealing his mysterious name, YHWH ("I AM HE WHO IS", "I AM WHO AM" or "I AM WHO I AM"), God says who he is and by what name he is to be called. This divine name is mysterious just as God is mystery. It is at once a name revealed and something like the refusal of a name, and hence it better expresses God as what he is - infinitely above everything that we can understand or say: he is the "hidden God", his name is ineffable, and he is the God who makes himself close to men (*Cf. Isaiah 45:15; Judges 13:18*).

(207) By revealing his name God at the same time reveals his faithfulness which is from everlasting to everlasting, valid for the past ("I am the God of your father"), as for the future ("I will be with you") (*Exodus 3:6, 12*). God, who reveals his name as "I AM", reveals himself as the God who is always there, present to his people in order to save them.

(Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992)

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SECOND RUN OF THE ARCHDIOCESAN EVANGELISATION PROGRAMME

The Diocesan Evangelisation Commission is pleased to announce a second run of its Archdiocesan Evangelisation Programme.

SPREAD THE GOSPEL: DEVELOPING A MISSIONARY PARISH.

A seven-week programme, approved by the Archbishop, running for one and half hours via Zoom on Tuesdays, September 28th, October 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th, and November 2nd and 9th. It will be delivered once again by members of the Evangelisation Commission. We will remind participants of the 'Great Commission' and the basic Gospel message, cover a rudimentary history of the early church, and 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 information and to register, please email Madeleine Walters at madeleine.walters@rcadc.org.