



# SAINT HELEN'S PARISH

## 17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of the YEAR

30<sup>th</sup> July 2023



### HIDDEN TREASURE

#### THE WORD THIS WEEK:

Some just find it. Some, like Solomon, ask for it, look for it, pray for it. All are gathered in and judged according to it. The gift of Wisdom. The Spirit pours it out on us in a wonderful way in the choice and gift of Baptism. So we, called according to his purpose, know how God co-operates with all who love him.

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

**Gathering Antiphon:** God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house;  
He himself gives might and strength to his people.

#### **1 Kings 3: 5, 7 – 12.**

*You have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself.*

**Response: Psalm 118.**

My part, I have resolved, O Lord  
is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me  
than silver and gold.

Let your love be ready to console me  
by your promise to your servant.

Let your love come to me and I shall live  
for your law is my delight.

That is why I love your commands  
more than finest gold,  
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:  
I hate false ways.

Your will is wonderful indeed;  
therefore I obey it.

The unfolding of your word gives light  
and teaches the simple

#### **Romans 8: 28 – 30.**

*God intended us to become true images of his Son.*

*Acclamation for the Gospel:*

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,  
Because I have made known to you  
Everything I have learnt from my Father.  
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

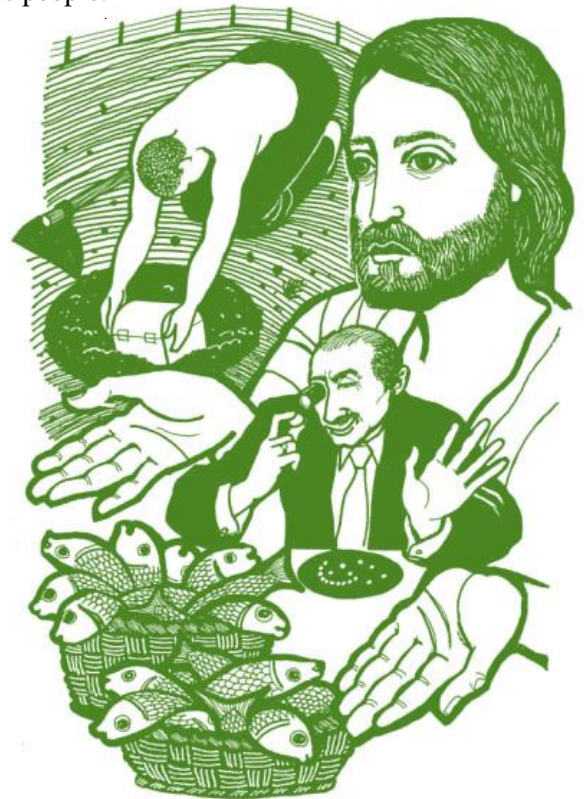
#### **Matthew 13: 44 – 52.**

*He sells everything he owns and buys the field.*

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






**Preface:** of Sundays vi. **Eucharistic Prayer:** ii. **Acclamation:** We proclaim your death, O Lord ...

**Communion Antiphon:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget his benefits.



**'SYNOD':**  
a Journey of  
gracious listening  
and  
gracious speaking  
to take us from  
cacophony  
to  
symphony.

## MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> July	5.45pm – 6.15pm <b>6.30pm</b>	Celebration of Reconciliation <b>17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in Ordinary Time</b> Bro. Theophine Thaliyan (VT)	
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>10.30am</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	For the People of the Parish for the Cooper, Mahoney, Vivian + Lanfear families (BC) (Bargoed)	
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> July	9.45am 10.00am	<b>Saint Ignatius of Loyola</b> , Priest Morning Prayer of the Church Hugo Bertorelli Intention (G + RF)	
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> August	9.45am 10.00am	<b>Saint Alphonsus Mary Liguori</b> , Bishop + Doctor of the church Morning Prayer of the Church Thanksgiving (TM)	
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	9.45am 10.00am 2.00 - 4.00pm	Morning Prayer of the Church Faustina + Giovanni Fecci (G+RF) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	9.45am 10:00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Rosa Jones (BW)	
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> August	9.45am 10.00am	<b>Saint John Mary Vianney</b> , Priest Morning Prayer of the Church Remo Orsi (GM)	
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> August	5.45pm – 6.15pm <b>6.30pm</b>	Celebration of Reconciliation <b>TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD</b> Canon John O'Flaherty (GM)	
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>10.30am</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	For peace with the <b>Baptism</b> of Chukwuadika Aririeri for the People of the Parish (Bargoed)	

## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 5.45 – 6.15pm, or at any time by arrangement with the priest.



## SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE:

Date	Time	Event
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	11.30am	Tea, Coffee, and Catch-up
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> July	1:30pm	Sweaty Mamas
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	12pm 2.00pm	Elder Fit Sunshine Club
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9:30am	Little Fizz
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	11.30am	Tea, Coffee, and Catch-up

COLLECTION	22 <sup>nd</sup> /23 <sup>rd</sup> July	
Gift Aid	£	20.00
Gift Aid standing Orders	£	527.00
Other Envelopes	£	61.00
Non Gift-Aided Standing Orders	£	172.00
Loose	£	244.16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>1,024.16</b> <b>Thank you</b>

## PENRHYS PILGRIMAGE +

**MASS:** Our Deanery (the Deanery of Our Lady of Penrhys) will lead the 'Pilgrim Mass' at the shrine at **3pm on Sunday 13th August**. Book the date now. The bus list for the Pilgrimage is now in the porch.

### Parish Directory

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“In our fathers’ days it could be taken for granted that knowledge of God was the abiding concern of a huge swath of the Welsh lay folk. Now it is politics or scientific theory, and our young people not only have no theology but have no appetite for it at all.

In our age agnosticism has come to the front as a conscious phase of the human intellect and teaches our young people not that this or that solution to the problem is fallacious ... but that the problem itself need not be solved in either way.”

*Thomas Charles Edwards, 1888*

## **MARTYRS’ PILGRIMAGES** – two summer pilgrimages to local martyr saints:



**PILGRIMAGE** to the grave of **SAINT JOHN KEMBLE**, Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August, starting at Welsh Newton Churchyard, 3pm: For details, please see the notice in the porch. John Kemble, a 79 year old quiet and respected local priest, so loved by the local agricultural community that he was tolerated, even befriended, by the new reformation authorities, was taken (on foot) to London after the ‘Titus Oates Plot’,

*Blessed John Kemble  
smoking his last pipe*

tried, and brought back to Hereford to be ‘Hung, Drawn, and Quartered’.



**PILGRIMAGE** to the grave of **SAINT DAVID LEWIS**, Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August, 3pm in Usk Church. Saint David Lewis, a Jesuit born in Abergavenny, was also caught up in the aftermath of the Titus Oates plot, and martyred in Usk in 1697, the last of the Welsh martyrs.

### **Pilgrimage Walk to Penrhys**

The Archdiocese is organising a guided pilgrimage walk from Cardiff to Penrhys in support of the Priest Training Fund on Sat 16 & Sun 17 Sept. Cost includes guides, storytelling evening and lifts back to starting point each day. £40pp for one day/£60pp for two. Visit [www.rcadc.org](http://www.rcadc.org) for further information or contact Cathy Morris on 02920 37 9482 or at [Catherine.morris@rcadc.org](mailto:Catherine.morris@rcadc.org) Places are limited so early booking is strongly advised.

### **Pilgrimage to Knock led By Archbishop Mark O’Toole:**

£699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights’ in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Starting on the 4th September. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

*“Attention is the rarest and purest form of generosity”*

Simon Weil