



SAINT HELEN'S PARISH

20th Sunday of the Year

20th August 2023



I WILL MAKE THEM JOYFUL IN MY HOUSE OF PRAYER

THE WORD THIS WEEK:

Doubly despised, as a woman and a foreigner, the Canaanite still doesn't hold back: She challenges Jesus – cheeky, or just humorous, she nevertheless seems to manage to persuade Jesus, and maybe change him too. A model for prayer? Most of us are a little more respectful, but perhaps our lack of boldness betrays a lack of trust too? Isaiah proclaims that the God acts with integrity and justice, open to foreigners too. Saint Paul sees that as our, gentile, hope and way in to God's 'house of prayer for all the peoples'.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: (Psalter: Week 4)

Gathering Antiphon: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one;
One day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Isaiah 56: 1, 6 – 7.

I will bring foreigners to my holy mountain.

Response: Psalm 66.

O God be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.

Romans 11: 13 – 15, 29 - 32.

With Israel, God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Acclamation for the Gospel:

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

The sheep that belongs to me listen to my voice,
Says the Lord,
I know them and they follow me.
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

Matthew 15: 21 – 28.

Woman, you have great faith.

Prayer of the Faithful: R/. O God, be gracious and bless us.

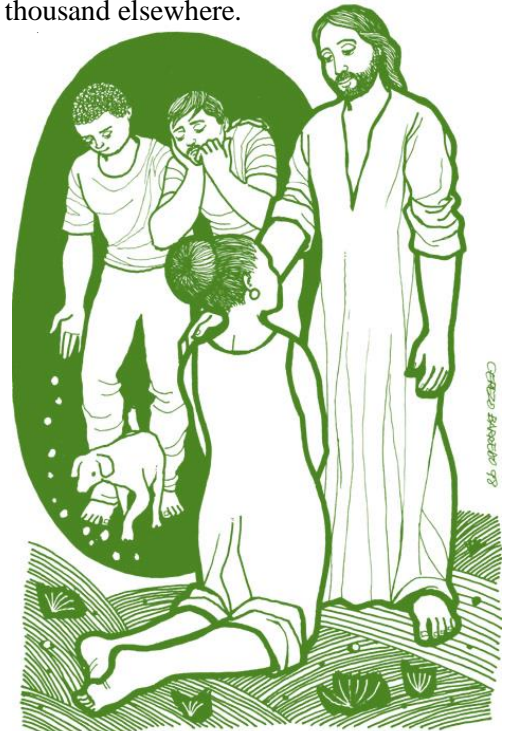
Preface and Eucharistic Prayer: of Reconciliation ii.

Communion Antiphon: With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sunday 3rd Sept: Parish **Support Group**

Monday 4th Sept: Saint Helen's **School** is back

Friday 8th Sept: **Mass** for the sick and housebound.

Sat/Sunday 16/17th: **Xaverian Fathers** Mission Appeal

Wednesday 20th September: **ALPHA!**

Tuesday 26th Sept: Preparing to Live in **Communion**

Monday 25th Sept: Parish Finance Committee

Acclamation: When we eat ...

MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

Sat 19 th August	5.45pm – 6.15pm 6.30pm	Celebration of Reconciliation 20th SUNDAY of the Year Carmen Agius	
Sun 20 th August	10.30am 6.00pm	for the People of the Parish Daniel Anthony Barry (C + NB)	
Mon 21 st August	9.45am 10.00am	Saint Pius X , Pope Morning Prayer of the Church Anne James (SW)	
Tues 22 nd August	9.45am 10.00am	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Morning Prayer of the Church Margaret Morgans (D,R,J,M)	
Wed 23 rd August	9.45am 10.00am 2.00 - 4.00pm	Morning Prayer of the Church Rosa + Marshall (TT) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thurs 24 th August	9.45am 10:00am	SAINT BARTHOLOMEW , Apostle Morning Prayer of the Church MC Intention	
Fri 25 th August	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Thanksgiving	
Sat 26 th August	5.45pm – 6.15pm 6.30pm	Saint David Lewis , Priest + Martyr Celebration of Reconciliation 21st SUNDAY of the Year for all on holiday	
Sun 27 th August	10.30am 6.00pm	for the People of the Parish David Williams (MW) (Bargoed)	

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 5.45 – 6.15pm, or by arrangement with a priest .

COLLECTION	12 th /13 th August	
Gift Aid	£	35.00
Gift Aid standing Orders	£	527.00
Other Envelopes	£	40.00
Non Gift-Aided Standing Orders	£	172.00
Loose	£	318.63
TOTAL	£	1,092.63

Thank you



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PILGRIMAGE SUMMER: The pilgrimage to the grave of **Saint John Kemble** this Sunday starts at 3pm at his grave in the Anglican church in Welsh Newton, then moves to Saint Mary, Monmouth for Benediction (and tea and cakes).



Next Sunday we celebrate **Saint David Lewis**, the last of our local Martyrs. We start with Benediction in the church of Saint Francis Xavier and Saint David Lewis, Usk, at 3pm, then process to the grave, at the door of the Anglican Parish church. All welcome.

The S.V.P. (Saint Vincent de Paul Society) meets on Monday, 6pm in the Hall.

TEA AND COFFEE (& Biscuits and a good chat) are served in the hall after Sunday morning Mass.

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Priest: Revd. John Kelly 20 883192

Hall Bookings: 07533 082601

Piety shop: post vacant



A HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS:

On Wednesday 23rd August, at 6pm there will be a Vocations Holy Hour and Benediction in the Aquinas Hall to the Rear of the University Catholic Chaplaincy, (62 Park Place, Cardiff CF10 3AS). Some parking may be available (please email nicholas.williams@rcadc.org for details). Alternatively Cathays train station is 3 minutes walk away. All welcome.

You may also be interested to learn that Father Williams is leaving the chaplaincy, and his role as Vocations Director this Autumn, to take up a post in the Pre-Seminary at Valladolid in Spain.

Father Michael Doyle, the new Dean of Saint David's Cathedral, will also be taking over as Vocations Director.

He will be assisted by (our own) Father Elliot Hanson, also moving to Saint David's Cathedral, who will be 'Vocations Promoter', and also University Chaplain in Cardiff



A PRAYERFUL PILGRIMAGE TO PATMOS Monday 3rd – Monday 10th June 2024.
Organised by Deacon Garth Tasker of Saint Illtyd, Dowlais. All welcome.

The cost will be £1550 per person with a single supplement of £250.

Monday 3rd June: BA flight from London Heathrow to Athens, Transfer to central Athens hotel

Tuesday 4th June: morning - Guided tour of the Acropolis

afternoon - Blue Star ferry 15.15 – 22.30 arrives in Patmos, Accommodation in Skala hotel

Mass and visit each morning; Lunch each day at a local family-run taverna Talk each evening

Sunday 9th June: Overnight ferry departs 23.30 – cabin accommodation

Monday 10th June: Ferry arrives at Piraeus, Athens port 08.00; Transfer to airport, BA flight 15.35.

(P.S.: In 2025 we will have a Parish Pilgrimage to Rome for the 'HOLY YEAR OF HOPE')