

SAINT HELEN'S PARISH

23rd SUNDAY of the YEAR

10th September 2023



O That Today you would Listen to His Voice!

THE WORD THIS WEEK:

In a contentious world that feels increasingly dangerous, with war and civil upheaval growing more 'normal', how do we calm things? Ezekiel warns us not to try to duck the issue, nor does Jesus let us hide our heads or shy away. Rather he charges us with the same responsibility as Peter, to bind and loose. 'You must love your neighbour as yourself', or as Jesus loves us, into heaven.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: (Psalter: Week 3)

Gathering Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Ezekiel 33: 7 – 9.

If you do not speak to the wicked man, I will hold you responsible for his death.

Response: Psalm 94.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the lord.

Come in, let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we //

the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert //
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

Romans 13: 8 – 10.

Love is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Acclamation for the Gospel:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself,
and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Matthew 18: 16 – 20.

If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.

Prayer of the Faithful: R/. Lord, graciously hear us.

Preface and Eucharistic Prayer: of Reconciliation i.







Acclamation: Save us, Saviour ...

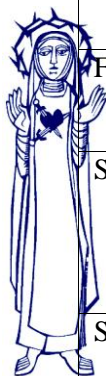
Communion Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.



Stay Curious!
Try *Alpha*.
Wednesday
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MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

Sat 9 th September	5.45pm – 6.15pm 6.30pm	Celebration of Reconciliation 23rd SUNDAY in Ordinary Time For the People of the Parish	
Sun 10 th September	10.30am 6.00pm	for our schools for the People of the Parish (Bargoed)	
Mon 11 th September	9.45am 10.00am	Saint Deiniol , Bishop Morning Prayer of the Church Rev. Marshall Gibbs (G+RF)	
Tues 12 th September	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Elvira Cronin	
Wed 13 th September	9.45am 10.00am 2.00 - 4.00pm	Saint John Chrysostom , Bishop + Doctor of the Church Morning Prayer of the Church Mervyn Williams (SW) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thurs 14 th September	9.45am 10:00am	EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Morning Prayer of the Church Service of the Word	
Fri 15 th September	9.45am 10:00am	Our Lady of Sorrows Morning Prayer of the Church Service of the Word	
Sat 16 th September	5.45pm – 6.15pm 6.30pm	Saint Cornelius , Pope + Saint Cyprian , Bishop, Martyrs Celebration of Reconciliation 24th SUNDAY in Ordinary Time Holy Souls (TT)	
Sun 17 th September	10.30am 6.00pm	for the People of the Parish 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.

PARISH PRAYER LIST: In our prayers we are asked to pray for all who are sick, in hospital or at home, the long-term housebound, and those who care for them, including:

Eileen Morris	John Maguire	Wilson Brown	Sandra Bray	Jackie Jones
Mary Gordine	Pauline Richards	Margaret Jones	Carol Morrissey	Frank Price
Anne Morgan	Pat Starynski	Keith Griffiths	Katrin Merry	Albert Carley
Mary Everson	Gwyn + Margaret Bishop		Loraine Cahill	Ann Head
James McGowan	Katherine Partenie	Dafydd Thomas	Vi Zadnic	Vic Owen
Carol Beech				

PEASE PRAY also: For Joseph Benedict and Anthony Minaphy, both of whom died 10 days ago. May they rest in peace. We pray also and offer our condolence to their families.

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GROWING INTO COMMUNION IN THE BODY OF CHRIST, THE CHURCH:

Is Now The Time For You?

Welcome to the families who enrolled to grow (or grow deeper) into our privileged love and relationship with God Our Father, through Christ, and gathered by his Spirit in the Communion of his Body. First materials have now been bought for the parents to work with their children, mostly presuming ages 8 to 10. But if there are families with older children, or younger, who feel now is the time to start this journey, please contact Father John within the week so that more appropriate materials can be resourced for them.

Or you might prefer to start another way, perhaps 'Stay Curious – try Alpha'. ?





The annual Tintern Abbey ECUMENICAL VESPERS is today, Sunday, at 3:00pm, in the ruins of the Abbey - Please see the poster in the porch for details. NB: there's no seating in the Abbey - Please bring your own.



The Parish BOOK CLUB meets on Tuesday, to

See what we made of 'Femina', and what we will chose for September reading: Probably back to fiction this time.



The ALPHA TEAM meets on Wednesday evening to make final preparations before the first evening on Wednesday week, 20th September. *Who have you invited? Who are you bringing?*

ALPHA: A personal invitation to meet Jesus and get to know him better.

CHOIR starts back This Thursday, 14th September, at 6:30pm in Saint Helen's Church. Each weekly session will last just one hour. Our members range from 10 years of age to 70++. You don't need a great voice, just the desire to praise God. Our choir is an inclusive community singing group. Come along and see, it can be good for your health and your social life. For more info contact Brett or Matt in person, by phone (07971 848734), through the website or just come along on the night.



A MISSIONARY PRIEST from the Xaverian Fathers will celebrate Mass with us next weekend. Please make him welcome. He will be staying in the presbytery on his own, so might enjoy an invitation to Sunday lunch, or afternoon tea – a chance to hear some of his traveller's tales?

Sunday 17th should be 'HOME MISSION SUNDAY', a good launch for Alpha on the 20th. However since we have a foreign Mission appeal, we may combine 'Home' with the wider theme of 'World Mission Sunday', 22nd October.



A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

'THE SEASON OF CREATION', an ecumenical celebration and prayer, runs from

Let Justice and Peace Flow

Season of Creation 2023

1st September, the start of the Orthodox Church Year, embraces the time of Harvest Festivals, and concludes on 4th October, the feast of Saint Francis, the Patron Saint of Ecology. We are invited to reflect on the myriad creatures that share the life of 'our

common home', the planet, in the light of faith in God, the Creator of all that exists. To believe that the world is created is to see it as a gift of love, and to find our joy in so much more than just our human world. Nothing that is God's is alien to me. The season also gives us space to grieve for the harm to our common home, to repent, and to make new resolutions. However as Christians we must begin with gratitude, wonder, and joy for a world that is, to paraphrase Saint Paul, immeasurably more than we could ever ask or imagine.

Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary? Or at a significant stage in your marriage, e.g. new baby, illness, empty nesters, retirement, bereavement etc... ?

The Archdiocesan THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE is being celebrated for ALL married (and engaged) couples in **St David's Cathedral on Saturday 7th October at 12 noon**, and you are all invited.

You might also consider having your anniversary date included in the Mass booklet and share photographs to form part of a reflective presentation. For more details, to share information and to express your wish to attend, please contact Joanne White via flc@rcadc.org; you can still be included even if you are unable to attend in person and the Mass will be livestreamed via the Cathedral website.



SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:

Date	Time	Event
Sun 10 th September	11.30am	Tea, Coffee, and Catch-up
Mon 11 th September	1:30pm 4:30 – 8:30pm	Sweaty Mamas Fame Factory
Tues 12 th September	7:00pm	Parish Book Club
Wed 13 th September	9.30 – 11.30am 7:00pm	Parents and Toddlers Alpha Team meet + prepare
Thurs 14 th September	12pm – 1pm 1.00 – 3.00pm	Elder Fit Sunshine Club
Sat 16 th September	9.30 – 11:30am	Dance
Sun 17 th September	11.30am	Tea, Coffee, and Catch-up

COLLECTION	2 nd /3 rd September	
Gift Aid	£	20.00
Gift Aid standing Orders	£	527.00
Other Envelopes	£	36.00
Non Gift-Aided Standing Orders	£	172.00
Loose	£	265.87
TOTAL	£	1,020.87

Thank you



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CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of the latest draw for the **CAFOD 100 club**: 1st No 40 K. Malone; 2nd No 99 G. Taylor; 3rd No 27 B Williams.

DIDN'T WIN this time? Why not sign the **BIG LETTER** about how we could all be winners, here, and throughout the world, if only we could **FIX THE FOOD SYSTEM**

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 v. Heaven and Earth: II The Visible World

(342) The hierarchy of creatures is expressed by the order of the "six days", from the less perfect to the more perfect. God loves all his creatures (*Psalm 145:9*). and takes care of each one, even the sparrow. Nevertheless, Jesus said: "You are of more value than many sparrows", or again: "of how much more value is a man than a sheep!" (*Luke 12:6-7; Matthew 12:12*.)

(343) Man is the summit of the Creator's work, as the inspired account expresses by clearly distinguishing the creation of man from that of the other creatures. (*Genesis 1-26*.)

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992

Something for the NEWSLETTER? Please email it to Caerphilly@rcadc.org. clearly marked 'Newsletter Item', to arrive before 3pm on Tuesdays, for Lizzie to be able to include it. Thank you.

Parish Directory

Priest: Revd. John Kelly 20 883192

Safeguarding Officer: cmben@hotmail.com **SVP:** 07704 292 945 **Hall Bookings:** 07533 082601

Bereavement support: 20863450 **Music:** 07971848734. **Piety shop:** post vacant

CAFOD: 07726968374 / 07791318809 **Marriage Care:** appointments@marriagecare.co.uk

Saint Helen's School: 20852532 **Cardinal Newman School:** 01443 494110

Newsletter items: 20883192 **Calendar Additions:** calendar@sthelenscaerphilly.com

caerphilly@rcadc.org **www.sthelenscaerphilly.com**

Website Additions: Website@sthelenscaerphilly.com



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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’)

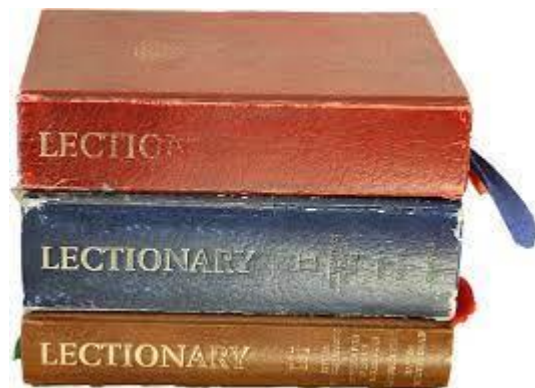
THE LECTIONARY – The Book of the Daily Readings for Mass – is being revised, using a new translation, due for publication and use from Advent 2024.

So do I need to buy a new Missal?

You may if you wish.

Or you can go to ‘**Universalis**’, free website, or look out and upload

the app ‘Universalis’ on your phone, cost £10, which gives you the readings (and prayers) for each day, feria or saints days, and also the Prayer of the Church (Morning and Evening Prayer, and much more) easily laid out and accessible.



The Dicese of Swansea is seeking to appoint a
SAFEGUARDING DEVELOPMENT MANAGER.
Interested? Please see the job advert in the porch.

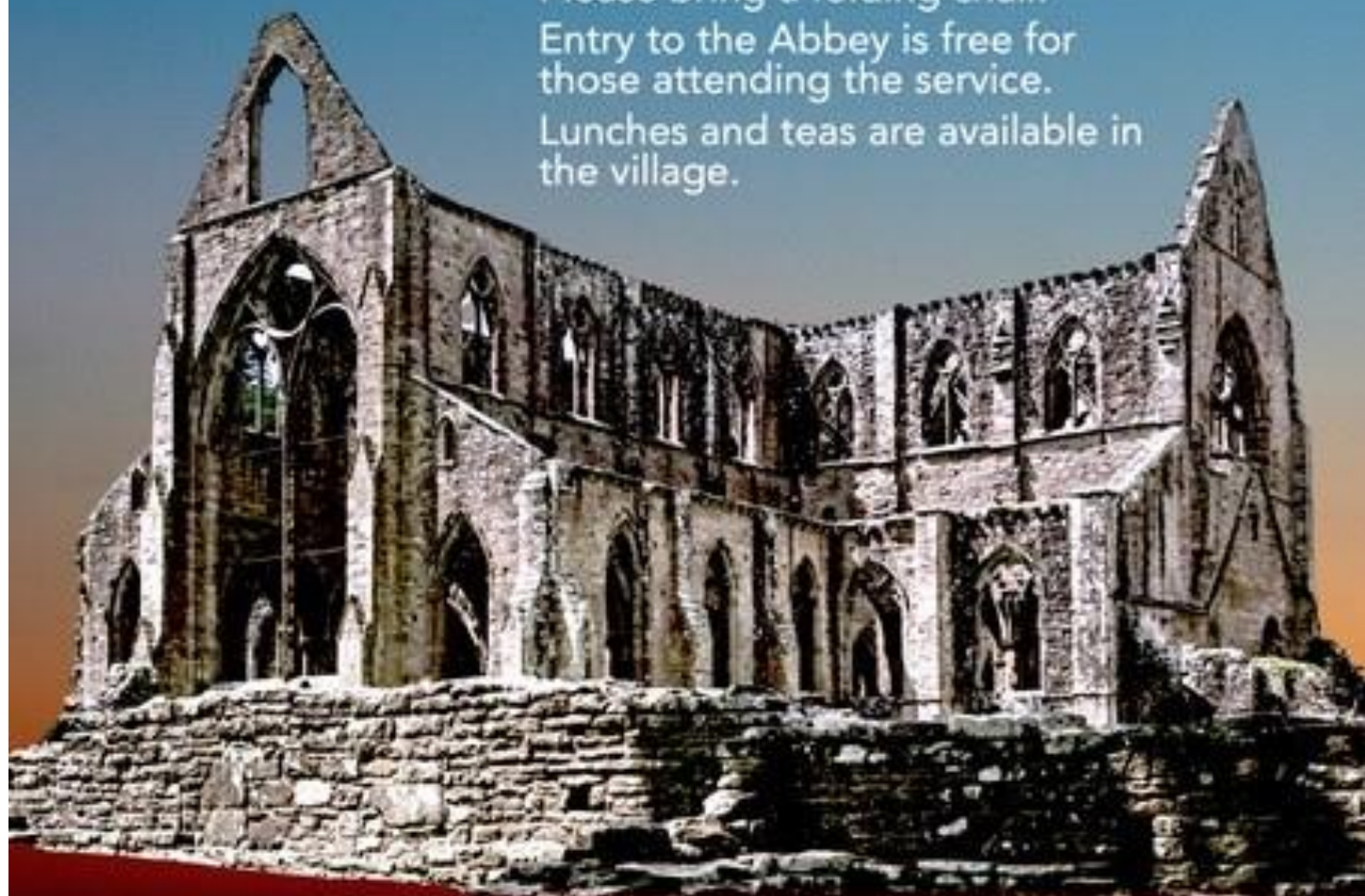
Tintern Sung Vespers

An Ecumenical Service of Prayers for Peace

3.00pm Sunday 10th September
Tintern Abbey

Speaker: Rt Rev'd Cherry Vann, Bishop of Monmouth
Newport Cathedral Choir

Please bring a folding chair.
Entry to the Abbey is free for
those attending the service.
Lunches and teas are available in
the village.



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