



# SAINT HELEN'S PARISH 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of the YEAR

17<sup>th</sup> September 2023



HOME MISSION  
SUNDAY

Stay Curious! Try *Alpha*.  
**THIS** Wednesday, 7,00pm

## Seventy Times Seven

### THE WORD THIS WEEK:

“The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy”. In the book of Ecclesiasticus Sirach warns against anger and resentment and calls us back to forgiveness in the light of our religious duties. In the parable of the forgiving master and unforgiving servant, Jesus repeats the lesson in an easy-to-follow format. Both point to God as the source and the model of mercy, and in the psalm we praise God for it. All of this is summed up and brought to us in the death and new life of Christ.

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: (Psalter: Week 4)

**Gathering Antiphon:** Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

### **Ecclesiasticus 27: 30 – 28: 7.**

*Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.*

*Response: Psalm 102.*

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion.

His wrath will come to an end;  
he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our faults.

For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.  
as far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.

### **Romans 14: 7 – 9.**

*Alive or dead we belong to the Lord.*

*Acclamation for the Gospel:*  
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!  
I give you a new commandment:  
love one another, just as I have loved you.  
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

### **Matthew 18: 21 – 35.**

*I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy-seven times.*

**Prayer of the Faithful:** R/. Lord, have mercy.

**Acclamation:** We proclaim your death...

**Communion Antiphon:** How precious is your mercy, O God!  
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.





**MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:**

Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> September	5.45pm – 6.15pm <b>6.30pm</b>	Celebration of Reconciliation <b>24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in Ordinary Time</b> Holy Souls (TT)
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>10.30am</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	for the People of the Parish for the People of the Parish (Bargoed)
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> September	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Service of the word
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> September	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Service of the word
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> September	9.45am 10.00am 2.00 - 4.00pm	<b>Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chang Ha-sang, and Companions, the Korean Martyrs</b> Morning Prayer of the Church Service of the word Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> September	9.45am 10:00am	<b>SAINT Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist</b> Morning Prayer of the Church Aloysius Thomas (TT)
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	9.45am 10:00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Theresia (VT)
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	5.45pm – 6.15pm <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, priest</b> Celebration of Reconciliation <b>25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in Ordinary Time</b> For the People of the Parish
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>10.30am</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	Private Intention (GJ) 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:

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|---------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 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 Denis Cronin whom died 3 days ago in west Wales, where he had moved to his daughter. May he rest in peace. We pray also and offer our condolence to family, and friends.

*Stay Curious! Try Alpha. THIS Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm*

I'M TELLING YOU, BEING ON FACEBIBLE MAKES FOLLOWING (JESUS EASY.)

WWW.AGNUSDAY.ORG

EVERY TIME SOMEONE DOES SOMETHING WRONG, TO ME, I CLICK ON THIS "FORGIVE" BUTTON NEXT TO THEIR PROFILE PICTURE.

\* 490 TIMES WITH THE KJV PLUG-IN INSTALLED

IF I CLICK IT MORE THAN 77 TIMES\* FOR ANYONE, FACEBIBLE AUTOMATICALLY REMOVES THEM FROM MY "FRIENDS LIST" I DON'T EVEN HAVE TO THINK ABOUT IT!

LORD HAVE MERCY.

MATTHEW 18:21-35

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**WELCOME** to **Father Patrick Duffy**, A Missionary from the Xaverian Fathers who will celebrate Mass with us this weekend. Please make him welcome. We will have a retiring collection for the Xaverian missionaries as we leave Mass today. Please be generous in support of the Missionaries, and all those for whom they work.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> should be '**HOME MISSION SUNDAY**', (a.k.a. **EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY**), a good launch for Alpha on the 20<sup>th</sup>. However since we have a foreign Mission appeal, we may combine '**Home**' with the wider theme of '**World Mission Sunday**', on the 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> October.

**THE S.V.P.** (Society of Saint Vincent de Paul) meets on Monday, 6pm in the Small Meeting Room



**IT'S HERE! - ALPHA** starts **This Wednesday Evening**, 7pm in the Hall.

*A meal a video a chance to chat*

Not found anyone to bring with you yet? Don't worry, come along anyway, you are bound to find friends – and who knows, you might make new ones!

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

**CHOIR:** This Thursday and every Thursday, 6:30pm in the Church.

Next Sunday is the **WORLD DAY FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**, celebrated every year on the last Sunday of September. It is an opportunity to learn more about refugees and migrants on the move, to pray for them as a community, and work together to for positive change. The theme for this year's celebration is 'Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay'. Many of us have come to this country as migrants, or are descended from migrants. To celebrate our roots and to show solidarity with today's migrants, on World Day for Migrants and Refugees, why not wear a symbol of your family origins. A flag, a badge, a scarf etc. Let's be proud of our diversity.

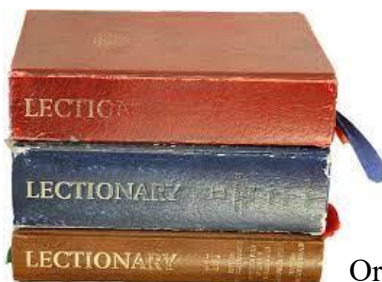
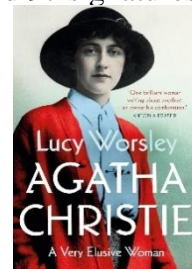
For more information and a few ideas, please see the poster in the porch.



**THANK YOU** for signing the **BIG LETTER** urging the World Bank to move towards **FIXING THE FOOD SYSTEM** by making changes to its policies on the trade in seed grain and instead of privileging the big agribusinesses and multinationals, to facilitate and encourage local saving, sharing and swapping of seed to ensure local production and diversification. we added 97 signatures.



**THE NEXT BOOK** chosen for this month's read by the Parish Book Club is '**Agatha Christie**', a biography, by Lucy Worsley, which has just come out in paperback. Why not read along!



**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.

## SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:

Date	Time	Event
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> September	11:30am 2.00 – 5.00pm	Tea, Coffee, and Catch-up Birthday Party
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> September	1:30pm 4:30 – 8:30pm 6:00pm	Sweaty Mamas Fame Factory S.V.P. (Small Meeting Room)
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> September	11:00am – 12:30pm	Diocesan Caritas Group (S.M. R)
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 – 11.30am 7:00pm	Parents and Toddlers Alpha
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> September	12pm – 1pm 1.00 – 3.00pm	Elder Fit Sunshine Club
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	9.30 – 11:30am	Dance
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> September	11.30am	Tea, Coffee, and Catch-up

COLLECTION	9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> September	
Gift Aid	£	10.00
Gift Aid standing Orders	£	527.00
Other Envelopes	£	36.00
Non Gift-Aided Standing Orders	£	172.00
Loose	£	258.56
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>1,003.56</b>
		<b>Thank you</b>



### 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

(344) There is a solidarity among all creatures arising from the fact that all have the same Creator and are all ordered to his glory: May you be praised, O Lord, in all your creatures, especially brother sun, by whom you give us light for the day; he is beautiful, radiating great splendour, and offering us a symbol of you, the Most High. . .

May you be praised, my Lord, for sister water, who is very useful and humble, precious and chaste.

May you be praised, my Lord, for sister earth, our mother, who bears and feeds us, and produces the variety of fruits and dappled flowers and grasses. . .

Praise and bless my Lord, give thanks and serve him in all humility. *(Saint Francis of Assisi, Canticle of the Creatures.)*

*Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992*

**Something for the NEWSLETTER?** Please email it to [Caerphilly@rcadc.org](mailto: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

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**Website Additions:** Website@sthelenscaerphilly.com



## ***Evangelii Gaudium Sunday – (‘Home Mission Sunday’)***

### ***Preparing for the Jubilee Year of Hope in Faith and Prayer***

*Evangelii Gaudium* Sunday calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. “*Evangelii Gaudium*” is Latin for “Joy of the Gospel”. The day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops’ Conference.

A key focus of work for the next few years is responding to Pope Francis’ calling of a Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*. The Holy Father has invited the whole Church to prepare for the Jubilee in the two years prior through:

- Reflecting on the four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council in 2023.
- Deepening our prayer life, with a special focus on the Lord’s Prayer, in 2024.

To support the Church in England and Wales in this important initiative the Mission Directorate has produced a series of videos on the four Constitutions which reflect on the Liturgy, the Word of God, the Church and on its role in the modern world.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday>

A range of resources are being prepared for the Year of Prayer in 2024 which include a course on the Lord’s Prayer from small groups for Lent, encouragement to try different ways of praying from the tradition of the Church. The Mission Directorate will be supporting the Jubilee co-ordinator appointed by each diocese.

Please support the Mission Directorate through prayer and giving to the second collection. However much you give, big or small, it will go directly to support this important work to bring the joy of the Gospel to all.

### **‘Fact sheet’**

The second collection of *Evangelii Gaudium* Sunday supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops’ Conference. In the last year this has included:

- Enabling the recording of the videos on the four constitutions.
- Bringing together a working group from across England and Wales to prepare materials for the Jubilee Year 2025 and Year of Prayer 2024.
- Supporting Patrimony experts to deliver funding to 39 projects at outstanding Grade I and II\* Catholic churches with the £6.6million awarded to the Catholic Bishops’ Conference via Historic England through the governments’ Culture Recovery Fund in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Supporting co-ordinators and their teams in dioceses through formation and sharing of best practice.

Archbishop Mark has recorded a short video message, which you can view here:

<https://rcadc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Mark-Evangelii-Gaudium-Sunday-message.mov>

## **CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Please note new times for Confession in Saint David’s Cathedral, Cardiff:

Monday – Thursday: 12 noon – 12.30pm

Friday: 6.00-7.00pm

Saturday: 10.45-11.45am & 4.30-5.15pm

Sunday: 10.00-10.30am