



# SAINT HELEN'S PARISH

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

1<sup>st</sup> October 2023



### “You Go and Work in the Vineyard today”

#### **THE WORD THIS WEEK:**

Still in the vineyard of the Lord, called to cultivate the Kingdom. We have heard the call, since Baptism. But how many other duties, desires or delights distract us. Jesus ‘empties himself’, not to be poor, but humble enough to be with us poor, incomplete, inconsistent humans, and draw us back to the ways and works of our patient Father.

#### **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** (Psalter: Week 2)

**Gathering Antiphon:** All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

#### **Ezekiel 18: 25 – 28.**

*When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live.*

*Response: Psalm 24.*

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord, //

and the love you have shown from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth.

In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor.

#### **Philippians 2: 1 – 11.**

*In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.*

*Acclamation for the Gospel:*

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

If anyone loves me they will keep my word  
and my Father will love them,  
and we shall come to them,  
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

#### **Matthew 21: 28 – 32.**

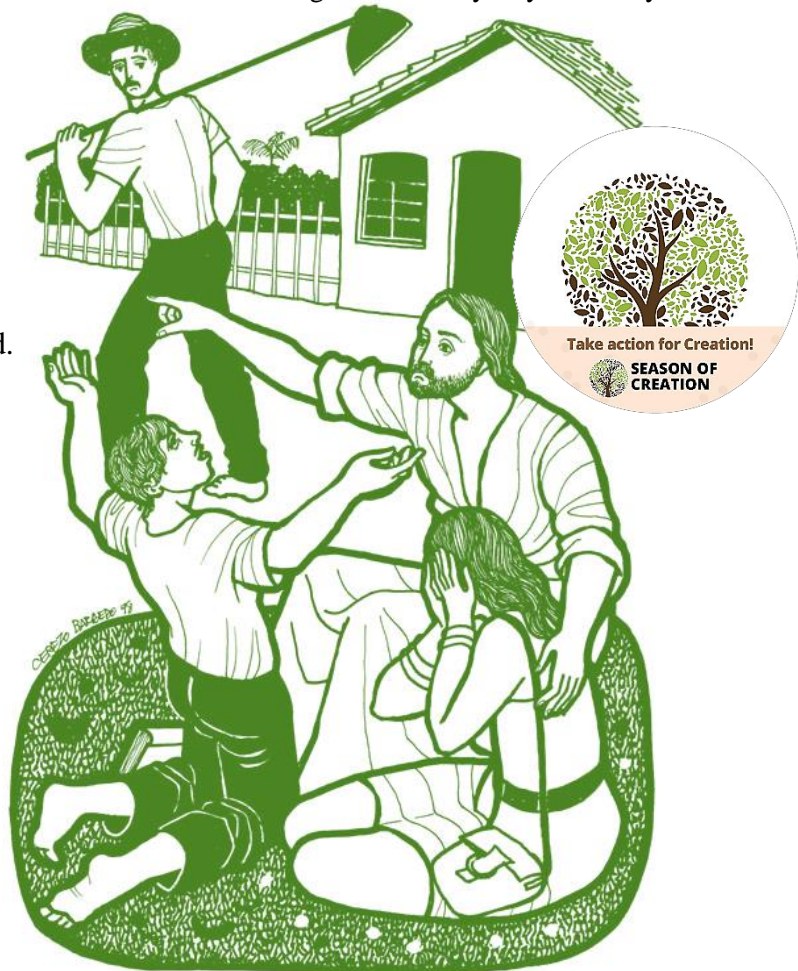
*"Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you."*

**Prayer of the Faithful:** R/. Remember your mercy, O Lord

**Preface + Eucharistic Prayer:** IV






**Acclamation:** Dying, you destroyed our death...

**Communion Antiphon:** Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.





## **MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:**

Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> September	5.45 – 6.15pm  <b>6.30pm</b>	Celebration of Reconciliation <b>26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in Ordinary Time</b> for the Care of Creation	
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>10.30am</b> <b>12 Noon</b>	Jan & Grazyna Mroz (JK) for the People of the Parish (Bargoed)	
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	9.40am 10.00am	<b>The Holy Guardian Angels</b> Rosary Cherry Quinn (PQ)	
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	10:00am	For years 5 + 6 (in Saint Helen's School)	
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> October	9:40am 10:00am 2.00 - 4.00pm	<b>Saint Francis of Assisi, Religious</b> <b>Close of the 'Season of Creation'</b> Rosary For the care of creation Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>7.00pm</b> <b>7:20pm</b>	Rosary (in the Lady chapel) Carmen Agius (G+RF)	
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>6.40pm</b> <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>HARVEST FAST DAY</b> Rosary Harvest Thanksgiving	
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> October	5.45 – 6.15pm  <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b> Celebration of Reconciliation <b>27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in Ordinary Time</b> <b>'Prisoners Sunday'</b> for the People of the Parish	
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>10.30am</b> <b>12 Noon</b>	for Prisoners and their families Thanksgiving for the Harvest (Bargoed)	

## **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

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

Or you may want to investigate the 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

**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				

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



On Saturday, October 21st, at 12:00 noon Archbishop Mark and the Archdiocese of Cardiff Safeguarding Team are hosting the first **LOUDfence** event in Wales.

**LOUDfence** is a survivor-led initiative that gives a voice to all those who have experienced abuse within a faith-based setting or have been affected by it, although it is open to everyone. LOUDfence provides an opportunity for reflection on the times the Church and wider society has failed victims/survivors of abuse and to say we are truly sorry. It enables us to commit ourselves to doing our utmost to being a place which is safe for all people.

To find out more visit our website: <https://rcadc.org/loudfence>



**C.L.o.W IS BACK!** (A Children's Liturgy of the Word). At the Sunday morning Mass today primary age children are invited to go with their Catechists to hear and celebrate the Gospel of the day – and bring back to us their wisdom and insights..

**THE PARISH SUPPORT GROUP** prays, dreams, and plans the day-to-day life and on-going growth and development of us as a Parish. We are all invited to join in, on Sunday evening, 7pm in the Hall. Do you have ideas, do you have energy, do you have a prayer for the Parish? We are all asked to work in the vineyard of the Lord, with whatever we have to offer, so come and share in the building up and development of this corner of the Kingdom.



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

**10am Morning MASS** on **TUESDAY** will be in Saint Helen's School, with Years 5 and 6. As always, all the Parish family is welcome to weekday Mass, wherever and whenever it is, along with the parents and families of the pupils.



**ALPHA CONTINUES** this Wednesday, 7pm in the Hall, and every Wednesday till Advent. Last week we looked at 'Who is Jesus?'. This week we will ask 'Why did Jesus Die?' All welcome to struggle with one of the hard questions of our faith!



Friday is **CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY**: Please hear the appeal at Mass today, take the fast day envelope to fill with your Friday Fast savings, and bring it back next weekend.



Or you can give online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk), or using this QR code:

"Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need."

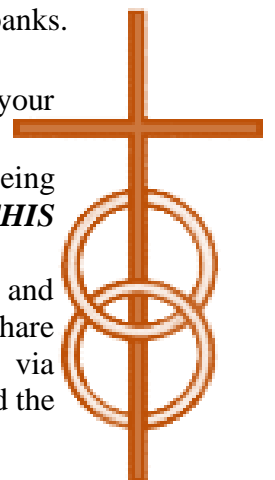
Hear more on *Harvest Appeal video* <https://youtu.be/NJr5jOvp1hU>

To make next Sunday a 'HARVEST CELEBRATION', you may wish also to bring up gifts of non-perishable foods in the offertory procession, for distribution to the local food banks.

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 *Saint David's Cathedral THIS coming Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

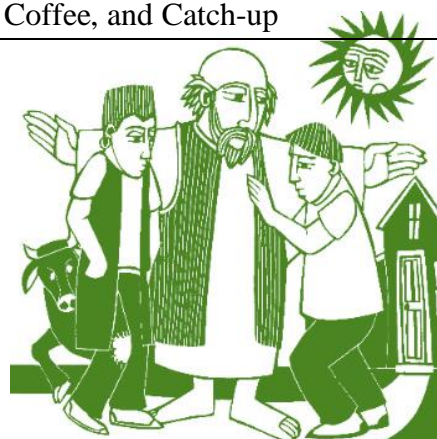


**ARE YOU GOOD WITH FIGURES? Enjoy Counting? Manage Money?** We urgently need more 'counters' for the collections. At present we have only one small, and very dedicated team, who count the collection week by week. We need at least one, preferably two more teams of three or more people, to give them a week off from time to time: A good 'behind-the-scenes' parish job for those who don't like the public-facing ones. Please speak to Father, Veronica Simmonds, or Giovanna Fecci. Thank you.

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

Date	Time	Event
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> October	11.30am 7.00pm	Tea, Coffee, and Catch-up Parish Support Group
Mon 2nd October	10:00am – 2:00pm 4:30 – 8:30pm 6:00pm	Cardinal Newman School Retreat Fame Factory SVP (S.M.R)
Tues 3rd October	10:00am – 2:00pm	Cardinal Newman School Retreat
Wed 4th October	7:00pm	Alpha
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> October	12pm – 1pm 1.30pm	Elder Fit Sweaty Mamas
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> October	10:00am – 2:00pm	Cardinal Newman School Retreat
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30 – 11:30am	Dance
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> October	11.30am	Tea, Coffee, and Catch-up

COLLECTION	23 <sup>rd</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup> September	
Gift Aid	£	30.00
Gift Aid standing Orders	£	527.00
Other Envelopes	£	41.00
Non Gift-Aided Standing Orders	£	172.00
Loose	£	365.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>1,135.80</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

(347) Creation was fashioned with a view to the sabbath and therefore for the worship and adoration of God. Worship is inscribed in the order of creation. (*Cf. Genesis 1:14.*) As the rule of St. Benedict says, nothing should take precedence over "the work of God", that is, solemn worship. (*Saint Benedict, Regula 43, 3: PL 66, 675-676.*) This indicates the right order of human concerns.

(348) The sabbath is at the heart of Israel's law. To keep the commandments is to correspond to the wisdom and the will of God as expressed in his work of creation.

(349) The eighth day. But for us a new day has dawned: the day of Christ's Resurrection. the seventh day completes the first creation. the eighth day begins the new creation. Thus, the work of creation culminates in the greater work of redemption. the first creation finds its meaning and its summit in the new creation in Christ, the splendour of which surpasses that of the first creation. (*Cf. Roman Missal, Easter Vigil, prayer after the first reading.*)

*Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992*

### **Parish Directory**

**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



“The (Vatican II) Council marked the transition of the Catholic Church from ‘Catholicism’ (confessional closedness, countercultural to Protestantism and modernity) to *Catholicity*, universal ecumenical openness.”

“The first reformation arose from the courage of Saint Paul (following the way and newness of Jesus) to lead young Christianity out of the narrow confines of one the Jewish sects. He presented it as a universal offer, transcending religion, culture, social and gender boundaries: it no longer matters whether one is Jew or gentile, male or female,, free or slave – we are all new creatures in Christ.”

“The history of the world and the history of the Church is neither a one-way progress, nor a permanent decline and alienation from an idealised past, but an open drama, a constant struggle between grace and sin, faith and unbelief, waged in every human heart.” *Tomas Halik :: ‘Transcending Boundaries :: The Tablet 16.ix.23*



LOUDfence visually represents support and solidarity for abuse survivors through tied ribbons, symbolizing their voices.

**LOUDfence Mass**  
at  
St David's Cathedral  
celebrated by  
**Archbishop Mark O'Toole**  
on  
**Sat 21st October at 12 noon**

Tie a ribbon – make your voice  
and your compassion visible

Email: [annie.griffiths@ecadc.org](mailto:annie.griffiths@ecadc.org)

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