



SAINT HELEN'S PARISH
2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
PEACE SUNDAY

14th January 2024



“RABBI, WHERE DO YOU LIVE?” “COME AND SEE!”

THE WORD THIS WEEK:

The Lord calls us by name. Jesus invites us to come and see. But today there are so many other things to look at, so many other voices calling, so many other sites to visit. Who are the Andrews, to invite family? Where are the Baptists, to point us to the Lord as he passes? Who are the Elis who can hear and harness the eagerness of the young, and point them in the right direction? What can we do to wake them?

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: (Psalter: Week 2)

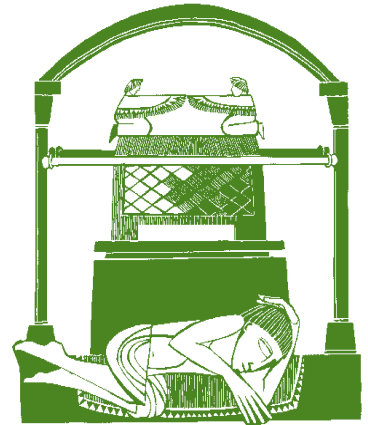
1 Samuel 3: 3 – 10, 19

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.

Response: Psalm 39.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me.

He heard my cry
he put a new song in my mouth, //
praise of our God.



You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I.

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart.

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord.

1 Corinthians 6: 13 – 15, 17 – 20.

Your bodies are members making up the body of Christ.

Acclamation for the Gospel:
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

John 1: 35 – 42.

They saw where he lived, and stayed with him.

Prayer of the Faithful: R/. Lord, hear our cry.

Preface + Eucharistic Prayer: of Reconciliation II

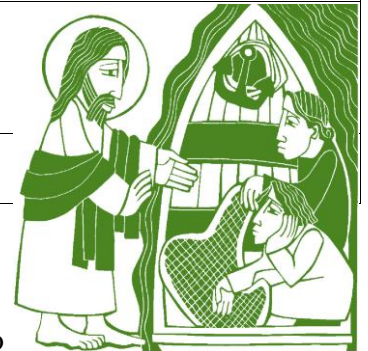
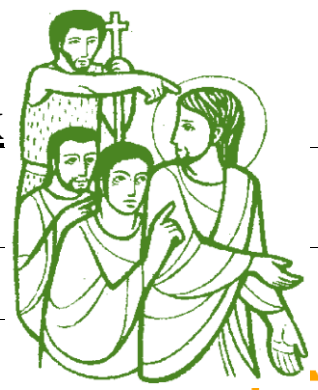
Acclamation: When we eat this bread...

Communion Antiphon: We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.



MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

Sat 13 th Jan	5.45 – 6.15pm 6.30pm	Celebration of Reconciliation 2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (B) for the People of the Parish
Sun 14 th Jan	10.30am 12.00 noon	for Peace in Our World Irene Rossi (MR) (Bargoed)
Mon 15 th Jan	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church for Peace in the Holy Land
Tues 16 th Jan	9.45am 10:00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Linda Manson (GJ)
Wed 17 th Jan	9.45am 10:00am 2.00 - 4.00pm	Saint Anthony , abbot Morning Prayer of the Church Cynthia Reynolds (GM) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thurs 18 th Jan	9.45am 10:00am	Opening of the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity Morning Prayer of the Church Maria Agius (JC)
Fri 19 th Jan	9.45am 10:00am	Morning Prayer of the Church for the Unity of Christians
Sat 20 th Jan	5.45 – 6.15pm 2.00pm 6.30pm	Celebration of Reconciliation Prayer Walk for Caerphilly (Wesley) 3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Margaret Morgan (JM)
Sun 21 st Jan	10.30am 12.00 noon	for the People of the Parish for Christian Unity (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	Katrin Merry	Albert Carley	Mary Everson
Gwyn + Margaret Bishop	Loraine Cahill	James McGowan	Ann Head	
Katherine Partenie	Dafydd Thomas	Vi Zadnic	Carol Beech	Keith Jones
Mike Shaughnessy	Terrence Miles	Mary Bailey	Andrea Davies	Denis Kennedy

IN YOUR PRAYERS please remember also **Priscilla Rees** who died on Monday, fortified with the Sacraments of the Church. May she rest in Peace. We offer our condolence to her children and all the family.

"A Synodal Church in Mission - a workshop with Austen Ivereigh"

A great event for Cardiff has been organised by the Diocesan Synodal Team: Dr. Austen Ivereigh will be speaking at the Cornerstone on **Wednesday, January 24th at 2pm**. Austen Ivereigh is a UK-based Roman Catholic journalist, author, commentator and biographer of Pope Francis. He was one of the expert facilitators at the Synod in Rome last October. We look forward to his presentation in Cardiff and hope many of us will be able to attend. For a ticket please go to: [Why what happened at The Synod matters for parishes with Dr Austen Ivereigh Tickets, Wed 24 Jan 2024 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#)



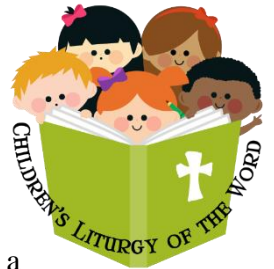
We are invited to a **TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION for PEACE IN OUR WORLD** at Our Lady of Peace, Newbridge 25th January, 7.00pm: Please see the poster in the Porch.



Today is the World Day of **PRAYER FOR PEACE**. For his theme for the World Day of Peace in 2024, Pope Francis has chosen ‘**Artificial Intelligence and Peace**’. Whilst this might seem a strangely technical theme, we know that we do need to think about the consequences of the advances in AI for peace and justice. At the same time, we know how urgently we need to pray and work for peace in our increasingly divided and war-torn world this year.

In **PAX CHRISTI** we have an active Catholic peace movement which aims at working together to promote peace through parishes, schools and social media. Their website suggests ways we can all become better peacemakers: <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2024>. Please take a look.

C.L.o.W. (A Children’s Liturgy of the Word) will start again at morning Mass this Sunday: The catechists hope to celebrate it every term-time Sunday. Could you help? Ring Claire on 07811 949581.



White Flower Appeal

S.P.U.C. (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) will hold a white flower appeal collection as we leave church this weekend, in support of their campaigns against the current Abortion laws.

The **PARISH SUPPORT GROUP** meets on Monday, 7.00pm, in the Small Meeting Room

Meanwhile **GETTING TO GRIPS WITH THE SCRIPTURES**

continues this, and every Monday via **Zoom**, 7.30 – 8.30pm: All welcome to join in via the code:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85746899589?pwd=eG9RaG9vN3B1eHhEekJ1SDZrdm4vUT09>.

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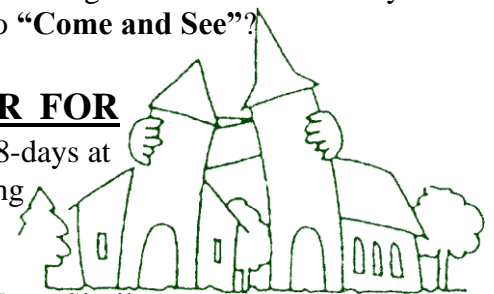
THE PARISH BOOK CLUB meets in the Hall on Tuesday evening, 7pm, to look at our Christmas book Evelyn Waugh’s “**Helena**”, a must-read for all in this Parish, and to chose a good read for the coming month. All welcome!

GROWING AND CONFIRMING FAITH: Congratulations to the five young members of the Parish seeking to know Christ better and asking us to help them grow in holiness and Confirm their Baptism: They will meet again on Wednesday, 7pm in the Small Meeting Room.



ONLY 5! Should we send out the Catechists to round up more and force them in? Or the Teachers and the Schools to make them go? Or is it the job of the Mission Team to chivvy the Parents to drag them along? Or the Priest to preach better sermons to make them guilty for not coming? How as a Community do we invite and grow our younger generation? How do we invite them to “**Come and See**”?

Thursday 18th is the start of the annual **OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**. As well as praying for Unity each day in the 8-days at Mass, we are invited on a ‘**Prayer Walk** for Caerphilly on Saturday, starting at Wesley at 2pm,



The LECTIO DIVINA GROUP meets again on Tuesday 23rd at 7pm. Similar arrangement to before - phone Tessa on 07777659744 or speak to Cecilia or Steve. Thank you.

MASS TIMES

The final decision is **5.30pm** on Saturdays and **10.00am** on Sundays.

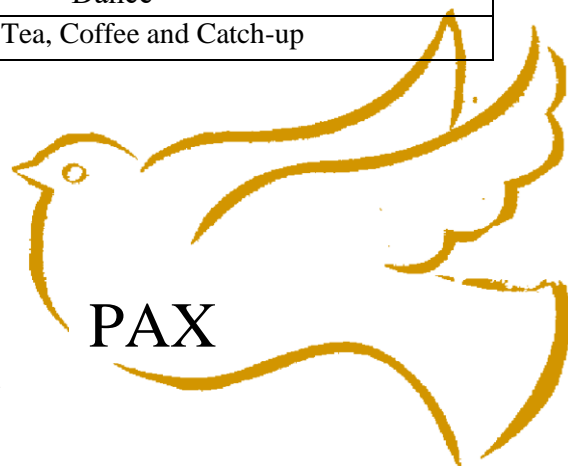
These changes will take place on the weekend of the **First Sunday of Lent**, that is **17/18th February**. Meanwhile we will continue with the present times of 6.30pm on Saturday and 10.30am on Sundays.

SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:

Date	Time	Event
Sun 14 th January	11.30am	Parish Tea, Coffee and Catch-up
Mon 15 th January	9.30am – 12.00 noon 4.00pm – 8.00pm 7.00pm 7.30pm	Parents + Toddlers 'Fame Factory' Parish Support Group (s.m.r.) Getting to Grips with the Scriptures (zoom)
Tues 16 th January	10.00am 7.00pm	'Music Appreciation' Parish Book Club
Wed 17 th January	9.30am – 12.00noon 7.00pm	Parents + Toddlers Growing and Confirming Faith
Thurs 18 th January	12.30pm 1.30pm	'Elder Fit' 'Sweaty Mamas'
Fri 19 th January	1.00pm – 3.00pm	'History'
Sat 20 th January	9.30am	'Dance'
Sun 21 st January	11.30am	Parish Tea, Coffee and Catch-up

COLLECTIONS	6 th /7 th January	
Gift Aid	£	15.00
Gift Aid standing Orders	£	527.00
Other Envelopes	£	36.00
Non Gift-Aided Standing Orders	£	172.00
Loose	£	316.33
TOTAL	£	1,066.33

Thank you



We offer our **GRATEFUL THANKS** to Jonathan Morgan for the generous donation of £500.00 to the Parish on the occasion of his mother Margaret Morgan's birthday next Saturday.

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 vi. Man

III. Male and Female He created them

(373) In God's plan man and woman have the vocation of "subduing" the earth (*Genesis 1:28*) as stewards of God. This sovereignty is not to be an arbitrary and destructive domination. God calls man and woman, made in the image of the Creator "who loves everything that exists", (*Wisdom 11:24*.) to share in his providence toward other creatures; hence their responsibility for the world God has entrusted to them.

IV. Man in Paradise

(374) The first man was not only created good, but was also established in friendship with his Creator and in harmony with himself and with the creation around him, in a state that would be surpassed only by the glory of the new creation in Christ. *Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992*

Parish Directory

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Bereavement support: 20863450

Music: 07971848734.

Piety shop: *post vacant*

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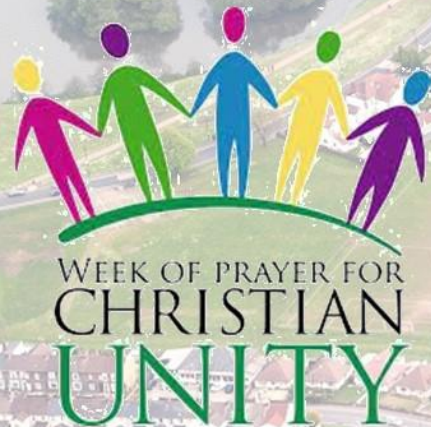


Prayer for Caerphilly

Saturday 20th January

Meet at Wesley Methodist Church at 2:00

*Choose to walk or stay in the church to pray.
Finishing about 3:00 with a cup of tea and a
chance to share anything you feel God might
have said to you.*



“You can only spend in good works what you have earned in contemplation.” *Meister Eckhart*

For the Year of Prayer, we are offered a weekly **CATECHESIS ON PRAYER**
from Pope Francis, available in full via [Pope Francis Catechesis for Year of Prayer.pdf](#)