SAINT HELEN'S PARISH

6th EASTER, ALLELUIA!

SEASON of LENT & EASTER

25th May 2025

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We will Come and to him Make our Home with him

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Jesus promises that He and His Father will come to make their home with us. He promises us His Spirit, who will settle Peace upon us, His peace. John sees a vision of how this will look, with Christ the Lamb as the place where we worship God, and the light to illuninate us. The Council of Jerusalem endorses Paul and Barnabas' insight that it is Jesus who saves us, not just laws or traditions.

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

Acts 15: 1 – 2, 22 – 29.

"*It has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us ….*"

Response: **Psalm 66.**

May 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 salvation.

Let the nations be glad and shout for joy.
With uprightness 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
That all the ends of the earth may revere him.

Revelation 21: 10 – 14, 22 – 23.

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

Acclamation for the Gospel:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
If anyone loves me he will keep my word, says the Lord.
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia Alleluia

John 14: 23 – 29.

The Holy Spirit will bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

Prayer of the Faithful: *R/.* Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Preface: for Children iii, in Eastertide

Acclamation: When we eat this bread …

Communion Chant: I will be the vine, and you will be the branches.
All you who live in me will never, never die.
I will be the sign, I will offer many chances;
So live, oh live in me, and you shall have new life.

Alleluia

MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

Sat 24th May		*6th EASTER*
	5.30pm	Jill Goldsmith (GG)
	6.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sun 25th May	**10.00am**	for our New Communicants
	11.45am	for the People of the Parish (*Bargoed*)
	2.00pm	Baptism of Hazel Nichols
Mon 26th May		**Saint Philip Neri.** Priest
	9.40am	Rosary
	10.00am	Revd, Henry Rickard
Tues 27th May	9.40am	Rosary
	10.00am	Service of the Word with Communion
Wed 28th May	9.45am	Sebastian & Felix (TT)
	10.15am	Rosary
	2.00 – 4.00pm	Adoration
Thurs 29th May		**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**
	10.00am	for the People of the Parish
	7.00pm	for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit
Fri 30th May	9.40am	Rosary
Pentecost Novena	10.00am	Charles Kowalick (GF)
Sat 31st May	am	**THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
Pentecost Novena		*7th EASTER*
	5.30pm	for the People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sun 1st June	**10.00am**	for the Confirmation Candidates
Pentecost Novena	**11.45am**	for Peace in the Holy Land (*Bargoed*)

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday **6.30pm,** 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 also for their families and carers:

John Maguire, Carol Beech, Sandra Bray, Dafydd Thomas, Mary Gordine
Pauline Richards, Margaret Jones, Carol Morrissey, Frank Price, Anne Morgan
Pat Starynski, Katrin Merry, Albert Carley, Michael Thomas, Loraine Cahill
Gwyn + Margaret Bishop, Ann Head, Keith Jones, Lorna Elliot
Katherine Partenie, Terrence Miles, Anthony Bromley, Monica Skillen, Lloyd Jones
Mary + Alan Conant, Johanna + Brian Greenaway

OUR MINISTERS THIS SUNDAY

	Saturday	Sunday
Welcome	Debbie & Simon O'Brien	Helen Owen & Susan Davies
Word	Sandra Williams, Berenice Williams, & John Davies	Geraldine Holmes, Steve Hoy, & Mike Maloney
Communion	Simon O'Brien, Maximillian Lewinski & Debbie O'Brien	Geraldine Holmes, Giovanna Fecci, & Chris Price

Do You Have DIFFICULTY WALKING UP TO COMMUNION?

Would you like Communion brought to you in the bench? If so, please let the Welcomers know as you come to church, so they can tell the Ministers to come to where you are. Please then chose to sit in a front bench

WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS to the children joining in Communion today for a first time, and to their families: Lois and Dorothea on Saturday, and Samuel, Cian, Evie, Aoife-Lily, Zachary, Darragh & Nora on Sunday.
Then next Sunday Lyra and Lucio in Saint Helen, and Mirella in Saint Peter; and on Sunday 22nd June, the whole group will gather again to celebrate 'Corpus Christi', the Body and Blood of Christ.

Don't miss out on the **TEA, COFFE AND BISCUITS** in the hall after Sunday morning Mass, and invitation to meet, chat, and build our Parish family links and communion.

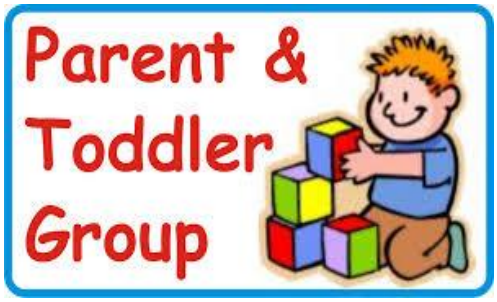
THE PARISH BOOK CLUB meets on Tuesday evening, 7.00pm, in the hall. We will look at "The List of Suspicious Things", and then choose a good read for the coming month. Any suggestions – please come and share them.

Thursday is the Solemnity of **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**. a 'HolyDay' of obligation, and the start of the great **Pentecost Novena to the Holy Spirit.**
The Yearbook says we celebrate Mass at 7pm on HolyDays, with an 'additional' 10am Mass in Term-time. For this great feast we really need both, and so we will have them. Come and enjoy the opportunity of mid-week celebration.

The SVP ask for your donations of any (good quality) unwanted items for the South Wales SVP shops. Please bring your items to church next weekend (31st May/1st June) and leave them at the back of the church. Thank you for your support.

WHAT ARE WE DOING FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE? – Thank you to Father Matt Roache-Saunders and Alessia Mahoney for an inspirational presentation on Monday evening, and to the Parish Development Group, interested Parishioners, School Representatives, and Young People too who responded with such eagerness for some real engagement.
Now we are looking to form a small leadership team ready to commit to making this happen over the next year (and then pass it on to others!) If this touches you – or if you are personally approached – please respond generously! Thank you

THANK YOU to the **PARENTS AND TODDLERS GROUP** for a massive donation of **£907.70** from the spring term.
Once again an urgent **APPEAL FOR HELP** to ensure that this good (and generous) work continues: Could you offer an hour (8-9) each Monday or Wednesday morning (or both even better!) to help prepare and put out the toys and activities. Please speak to Beth, there each session, or Father.



MISSION APPEAL: The Columban Missionary Fathers will make the annual Mission Appeal in the Parish on the weekend of the 14th/15th June. Please be generous!

OUTDOOR MASS? Weather permitting, we will celebrate Mass outdoors on Sunday 29th June.

BEES & BEE-KEEPING: Saint Helen's School bee-keepers (all 2 of them) are looking for a little help (only very occasionally) with the school hives. If you have this wonderful skill, and could help. Please contact the school on 02920 852532. Thank you!

We Remember and Pray for **Kelly Ellis & Simone Segato** who will be married on Saturday in Padua. Congratulations!

SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE:

Date	Time	Event
Sun 25th May	11.30am 2,00-5.00pm	Coffee, tea, and biscuits after Mass Party
Mon 26th May	1.30 – 2.45pm 4.30pm	Sweaty Mamas Fame Factory
Tues 27th May	10.30am – 12.30pm 1.30 – 3.30pm 7.00pm	Music Art for beginners Book Club
Wed 28th May	3.30 – 5.30pm	Taekwondo
Thurs 29th May	1.00 – 3.00pm	Art & Craft
Fri 30th May	9.30 – 11.30am 4.15 – 5.15pm	Mini Athletics Dance Group
Sat 31st May	9.15am	Dance
Sun 1st June	11.30am	Coffee, tea, and biscuits after Mass

COLLECTIONS	17th / 18th May
Gift Aid standing Orders	£ 527.00
Non Gift-Aided Standing Orders	£ 172.00
Loose	£ 417.62
TOTAL	**£ 1,116.62 Thank you**

THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH
Part 1: **THE PROFESSION OF FAITH.**
Section 2**: The Creds** Article 3 **"He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and was born of the Virgin Mary" Paragraph 1: The Son of God Became Man**
IV. How is the Son of God Man?

(474) By its union to the divine wisdom in the person of the Word incarnate, Christ enjoyed in his human knowledge the fullness of understanding of the eternal plans he had come to reveal (*Cf. Mark 8:31; 9:31; 10:33-34; 14:18-20, 26-30*). What he admitted to not knowing in this area, he elsewhere declared himself not sent to reveal (*Cf. Mark 13:32, Acts 1:7.)* Christ's human will

(475) Similarly, at the sixth ecumenical council, Constantinople III in 681, the Church confessed that Christ possesses two wills and two natural operations, divine and human. They are not opposed to each other, but co-operate in such a way that the Word made flesh willed humanly in obedience to his Father all that he had decided divinely with the Father and the Holy Spirit for our salvation. (*Cf. Council of Constantinople III (681): DS 556-559.*) Christ's human will "does not resist or oppose but rather submits to his divine and almighty will" (*Council of Constantinople III: DS 556.*) *Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992*

50 DAYS FOR OUR DELIGHT: FOR CHRIST IS RISEN AS ALL THINGS TELL. GOOD CHRISTIAN, SEE YE RISE AS WELL.

Christ is Risen, Alleluia! Risen indeed! Alleluia!

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