SAINT HELEN'S PARISH

14th SUNDAY of the YEAR

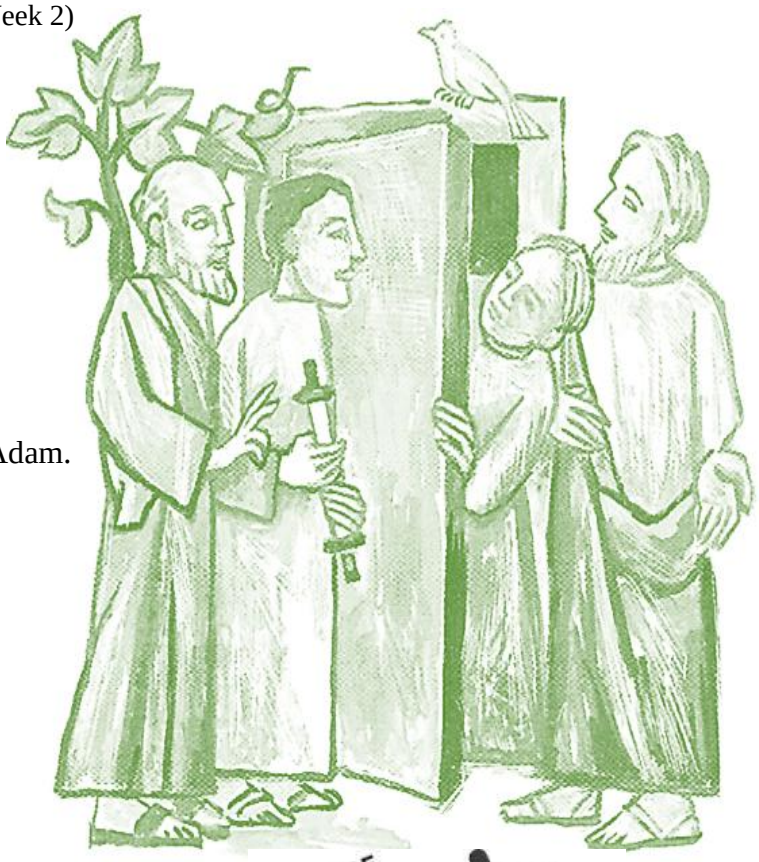
6th July 2025

THE LORD SENT THEM OUT IN PAIRS

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Rejoice! Cry out with joy! We may be welcomed, or we may not; We may mourn over our mother the Church, we may rejoice over her. Like Saint Paul our faith may / will be a crucifixion. We may fear the labourers are too few. But almost unseen, unknown to us, the Spirit uses our christian couples and baptised families as God's blessing and Christ's presence in our everyday world. Rejoice!

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



Isaiah 66: 10 –14.

Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river.

Response: **Psalm 65.**

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'how tremendous your deeds!'

'Before you all the earth shall bow down;
Shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God,
his wondrous deeds among the children of Adam.

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river on foot.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might.

Come and hear, all who fear God;
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blest be God, who did not reject my prayer,
Nor withhold from me his merciful love.

Galatians 6: 14 – 18.

I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. .

Acclamation for the Gospel:
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!
May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

Luke 10: 1 – 12. 17 – 20.

Your peace will rest upon him..

Prayer of the Faithful: *R/.* Lord, may your kingdom come.

Preface + Eucharistic Prayer: for Various Needs iii: '*Jesus, the way to the Father*'.

Acclamation: We proclaim your death, O Lord…

"THE CHURCH IS MISSIONARY, BY HER VERY NATURE" *Ad Gentes, the Mission document of Vatican II.*

"In Baptism, all members of the People of God have become MISSIONARY DISCIPLES" *Evangelii Gaudium :: Pope Francis.*

MASS AND SERVICES THIS WEEK:

Sat 5th July	**5.30pm**	**14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** for Our Young People
Sun 6th July	**10.00am** **11.45am**	for the People of the Parish for Peace (Bargoed)
Mon 7th July	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Sylvester Pereira (TT)
Tues 8th July	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Carmel Pereira (TT)
Wed 9th July	9.45am 10.00am 2.00 – 4.00pm	Morning Prayer of the Church Compte Henri de Witasse-Thezy Family Intention (DH) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thurs 10th July	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mary Brown (GF)
Fri 11th July	9.45am 10.00am	**SAINT BENEDICT,** Abbot, Patron of Europe Morning Prayer of the Church Dom. Andrè Bourdon
Sat 12th July	am pm **5.30pm**	**Saint John Jones,** Priest + Martyr **15th SUNDAY of the Year** for the People of the Parish
Sun 13th July	**10.00am** **11.45am**	for Carers Anne Evans (MW) (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	Anthony Bromley	Terrence Miles	Monica Skillen	Lloyd Jones
Mary + Alan Conant	Johanna + Brian Greenaway		Maria Walton	

PLEASE PRAY ALSO for **Helen Molyneux,** for many years a teacher in Saint Helen's Primary School, Helen died on Wednesday. We offer our condolence to her family, friemds, and former colleagues. May she rest in peace.

MINI–PILGRIMAGES OF HOPE on the Sundays of July: For the Jubilee we hope to visit a neighbouring church each Sunday afternoon, to hear their history, learn from them, and pray with them. This Sunday we are invited to Saint Martin at the top of town to share a selection of Hymns. In the next three Sundays we will visit Saint Dyfrig Treforest, Sacred Heart Pontllanfraith, and either All Saints Ebbw Vale or Our Lady of Peace Newbridge. In August there will be te Diocesan Pilgrimages to Penrhys, Saint John Kemble, and Saint Davifd Lewis, and in Septmber the annual vespers in Tintern. To make this possible we will share cars (and maybe a sandwich or drink as well). Please sign up on the list in the porch for car-shares.

	Saturday	Sunday
Welcome	Sandra Williams & Sylvia Miles	Paige Grace & Cliff Bray
Word	Jo Caruana, Berenice williams & Sandra Williams	Mike Maloney, Geraldine Holmes & Terry ap Hywel
Communion	Joe Caruana, Kate Duffin & Catherine Pritchard	Graham Taylor, Katherine Painter & Danmar Viernes
Counting	Anita and Paul Jackson & Giovanna Fecci	

This Saturday evening we welcome **Father Matt Roche Saunders**, the new (full-time) Diocesan **Youth Chaplain**, who is inviting us to work with him for the next year setting up a youth programme in the Parish: No, he won't give us all the answers, and certainly won't do it all himself: He will work with us - we will need to work with him. Are you up for it? – Let's do it!

The children will again be invited to celebrate a **CLoW (Children's Liturgy of the Word)** at Mass this Sunday: let them enjoy a real encounter with Jesus, our Word of Life.

The Benefice invites us to a **'HYMN-ATHON'** this Sunday, 6pm in Saint Martin's church, a chance to sing along with many favourite oldies,, and maybe find a few new ones.

Join the monthly **'LECTIO DIVINA',** shared reading and praying of Scripture this Monday afternoon: Lectiio Divina is an ancient prayer practice in our Catholic Tradition to meditate and pray with the Scriptures, as well as a time for quiet contemplation. Interested in finding out more, sharing it, enjoying it? Please contact 077 62873251: Tessa, Steve and Cecilia

THE PARISH DEVELOPMENT GROUP meets in the small meeting room on Monday, 7pm. Among the topics for discussion, discernment, and decisions: Youth Ministry, following Father Matt's presentation; and wider use of the Hall.. If you have anything to add, please remember the 'Suggestions Box' in the church porch – and if possible add your name to any suggestions so that you can be told of any response or follow up, and maybe be part of seeking some solutions. Thank you.

On Tuesday evening, the **PARENTS** of our **NEW COMMUNICANTS** will gather in the hall, 7pm, to reiew progress so far, and look at moving on for their and their children's (and Parish's) future progress.and progres.

THE PARISH CATECHISTS for adult, infant and youth Initiation (RCIA, Baptism, Confirmation and Communion) and Marriage preparation are asked to gather on Wednesday evening, 7**.30**pm in the hall to review the past year and start planning and co-ordinating preparations for next year, to ensure our Parish's continues growing in faith-filled prayer, practice, and life. Interested? Come and join in!

Next Weekend we celebrate '**SEA SUNDAY':** As well as remembering and praying for all who live on or by the sea, and bring us so much of our food and other necessities, we will have **Retiring Collection** for **'Stella Maris'**, the Church's Mission to Seafarers.

THANK YOU to those who took Father's exhortation to heart at Mass last weekend, and asked for forms to start Gift-aiding their collection, and/or to set up standing orders. If you missed out last weekend, the welcomers can provide you with all necessary forms this weekend.
(Well well! On the weekend of Father's financial appeal, we recorded our lowest Sunday collection of the year: The finance Committee proibably won't be asking him again)

We are missing 2 of our **Red check table cloths** from the Hall (2 out of the 6, a third of our little collection). If you know where they are, please try to get them back.
(We are also missing about 100 of our **regular Parishioners** (100 out of 300, about a third of our little Congregation). If you know where they are, please try to get them back.

SHORT PILGRIMAGES OF HOPE on the Sundays of July in this Holy Year: for details, please see oposite. For lifts, please sign up in the porch

SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:

Date	Time	Event
Sun 6th July	11.00 am	Tea, Coffee and Catch-up
Mon 7th July	9.15am	Parents and Toddlers
	1.30pm	Sweaty Mamas
	4.30 pm	Fame Factory
	7.00pm	Parish Development Group (s.m.r.)
Tues 8th July	7.00pm	Communion Parents Review
Weds 9th July	9.15am	Parents and Toddlers
	4.30 pm	Taekwondo
	7.30pm	Catechists Coordinators Group
Fri 11th July	9.30am	Mini Athletics
	7.00pm	Choir Concert
Sat 12th July	9.15am	Dance
	10.00am	Secular Carmelites Prayer Group (s.m.r.)
Sun 13th July	11.00 am	Tea, Coffee and Catch-up

COLLECTIONS	28th/29th June	
Gift Aid standing Orders	£ 527.00	
Non Gift-Aided Standing Orders	£ 172.00	
Loose	£ 277.30	
TOTAL	**£ 976.30**	**Thank you**

THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Part 1: **THE PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE CREEDS**

Chapter Two: **I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY SON OF GOD**

Article 3: **"He Was Conceived By The Power Of The Holy Spirit, And Was Born Of The Virgin Mary"**

Paragraph 2. "Conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary"

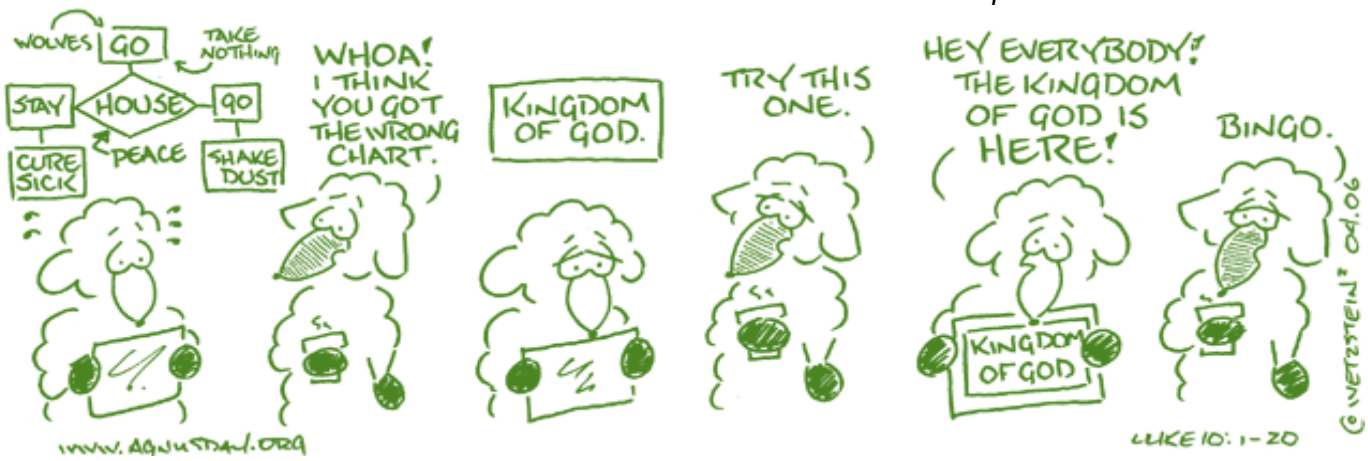
ii. Born Of The Virgin Mary

(487) What the Catholic faith believes about Mary is based on what it believes about Christ, and what it teaches about Mary illumines in turn its faith in Christ.

Mary's predestination

(488) "God sent forth his Son", but to prepare a body for him, (*Galatians 4:4; Hebrews 10:5*). he wanted the free co-operation of a creature. For this, from all eternity God chose for the mother of his Son a daughter of Israel, a young Jewish woman of Nazareth in Galilee, "a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary": (*Luke 1:26-27*).

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992



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