SAINT HELEN'S PARISH

27th SUNDAY of the YEAR

5th October 2025

Day for Refugees and Migrants

Increase Our Faith!

WHAT DO THE SCRIPTURES SAY?

"Why did God make you?" "To know, love, and serve God in this world, and be happy with him forever in the next": For still the vision awaits its appointed time. But the righteous shall live by his faith. Fan into a flame the gift. Share in suffering for the Gospel by the power of God. Faith the size of a mustard seed will move mountains, uproot trees (and planks from our eyes): Meanwhile, serving the Lord, 'We have only done what was our duty.'

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: (*Psalter:* Week 3)

Habakkuk 1: 2 – 3; 2: 2 – 4.

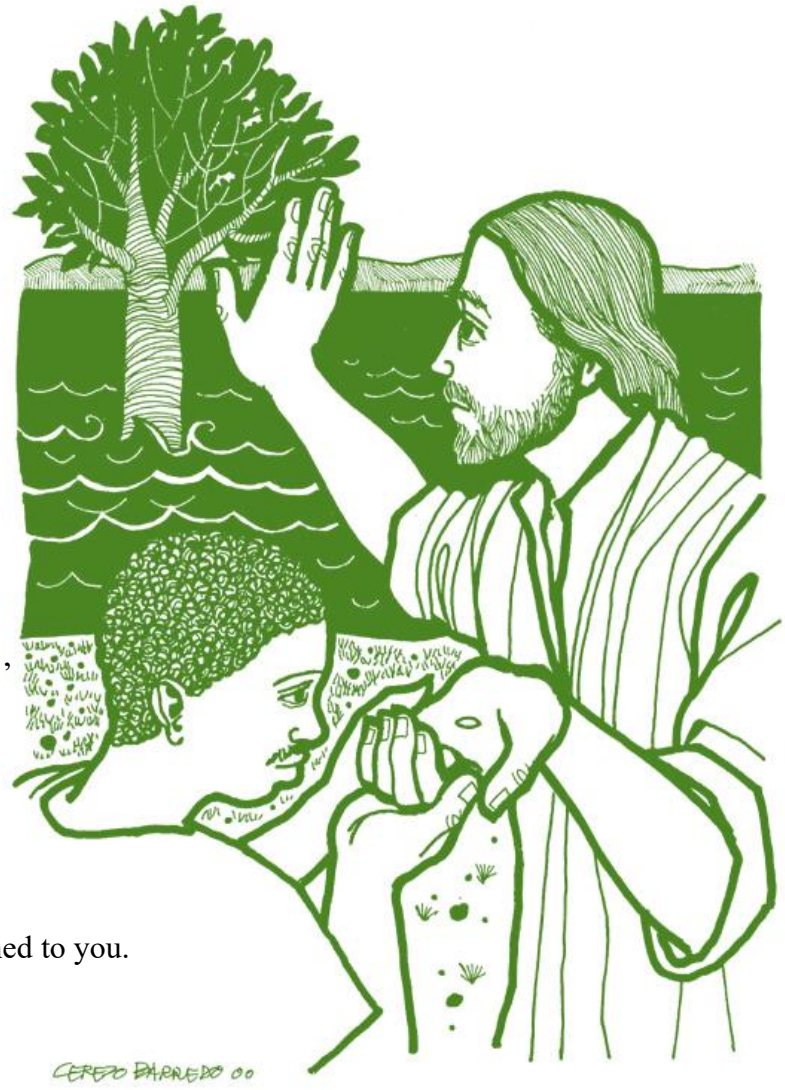
The righteous shall live by his faith.

Response: **Psalm 94.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord,
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;
Let us hail him with a song of praise.

O come; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the Lord who made us
for he is our God and we the people
the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert //
when your forebears put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'



2 Timothy 1: 6 – 8. 13 – 14.

Do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord.

Acclamation for the Gospel:

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!
The word of the Lord remains for ever:
and this word is the good news that was preached to you.
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

Luke 17: 5 – 19.

If you had faith.

Prayer of the Faithful: *R/.* Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.

Preface: of Weekdays v. ***Eucharistic Prayer:*** iii. ***Acclamation:*** We proclaim your death, O Lord, ...

MASS AND SERVICES THIS WEEK:

Sat 4th October	**5.30pm**	**27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** Day for Migrants and Refugees for the People of the Parish
Sun 5th October	**10.00am** **11.45am**	for Peace for Refugees (Bargoed)
Mon 6th October	9.40am 10.00am	Rosary Margherita Antoniazzi (LA)
Tues 7th October	9.40am 10.00am	**Our Lady of the Rosary** Rosary Boswell Family Intention
Wed 8th October	9.40am 10.00am 2.00 – 4.00pm	Rosary Margaret Gunterson (SD) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thurs 9th October	9.40am 10.00am	**Saint John Henry Newman,** Priest Rosary for Cardinal Newman High School
Fri 10th October	9.40am 10.00am	Rosary Stephen Dickinson (PD)
Sat 11th October	**5.30pm**	(Saint John xxiii, Pope) **28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** Week of Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependants for the People of the Parish
Sun 12th October	**10.00am** **11.45am**	Victoria & Nazareth (TT) for Prisoners and their Families

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 & Martin Thomas
Pauline Richards, Margaret Jones, Carol Morrissey, Frank Price, Anne Morgan
Pat Starynski, Katrin Merry, Michael Thomas, Albert Carley, Loraine Cahill
Ann Head, Gwyn + Margaret Bishop, Keith Jones, Lorna Elliot
Katherine Partenie, Anthony Bromley, Terrence Miles, Monica Skillen, Lloyd Jones
Mary + Alan Conant, Johanna + Brian Greenaway, Theresa Erwin & Kevin, Ethan Boswell

'It was all about moving away from what Leo calls "an individualist spirituality and privatised piety in which I pray to God, go to Mass, and hope that God saves me", and about "us becoming an authentic ecclesial Communion in order together to give witness to the presence of Christ in the world".

The vision of the 2nd Vatican Council as understood by Bishop McNabb, Pope Leo's predecessor in Peru, and put into practice in Bishop Prevost's Pastoral Plan.

	Saturday	Sunday
Welcome	Debbie and Simon O'Brien	Susan Davies & Douglas Gordine
Word	Daniel Shaughnessey, Nick Trodd, & Catherine Pritchard	Tom Foley, Ilinca Woods & Steve Hoy
Communion	Debbie and Simon O'Brien & Sandra Williams	Chris Price, Danmar Viernes & Giovanna Fecci

HARVEST FAST DAY COLLECTION: Please put your (full-to-bursting!) CAFOD envelopes into the offertory basket along with your general Parish collection, to be laid before the altar, and sorted later. If you have forgotten your envelope, there will be a CAFOD basket in the porch for your Fast day savings. Thank you!

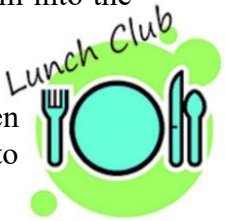
WE WELCOME Father Matt RS for the monthly **YOUTH MASS + EVENING** this Saturday. Thank you to their Parents for bringing our young people, and fetching them too: Not worth going home and back during that hour? Kate is opening up the Small Meeting room for you for a quiet chat, maybe a video, and time to chew over questions, joys, or other conundrums.

The Children are invited to enjoy a **Children's Liturgy of the Word** at morning Mass

THE PARISH DEVELOPMENT TEAM gather in the small meeting room on Monday to look at the ideas for our future and growth that you have put to them, or offered via the Suggestions Box in the porch. Also on the agenda: Youth Engagement; the development of the Parish Centre for Day Retreats; an 'Overseer' role in keeping the parish running.

The FAMILIES Preparing to JOIN in COMMUNION meet up on Tuesday, 6.30pm in the Hall, to look at and celebrate the gift of Baptism into the Body of Christ, the Church.

THE PARISH LUNCH – After a break over the summer months, the monthly Lunch open to all will resume on Wednesday 15th October at 1.00pm. If you can make it we would love to see you. Please remember to add your name to the list at the back of the church, today..



ALPHA continues for everyone wanting to think about life, love, and faith. on **Wednesday, 7pm**, for adults , and on **Thursday, 7.00pm**, for younger parishioners, especially those wanting to think about maybe being **CONFIRMED.**.

An AFTERNOON of RECOLLECTION for **MINISTERS of COMMUNION** for all the Ministers of the Deanery led by Father Anthony Akpan OP from Pontllanfraith, this Saturday, and repeated next Saturday, 11th October, 2.00 – 4.00pm, both in our church. This will be an opportunity to complete the call you received at the renewal of your Commission on Corpus Christi, to attend a time of prayer and recollection. See you there!

CANCEL DEBT, CHOOSE HOPE in this JUBILEE YEAR: A central part of the Jubilee has always been the cancellation of debt: the spiritual debt of sin cancelled by the sacrifice of Christ and celebrated in the Sacrament of Forgiveness; the cancelation of economic debt and restoration of dignity to those bowed down by poverty or even trafficked or enslaved. This Jubilee Year we are invited to sign a worldwide Church petition calling for action on the debt crisis affecting 54 of the world's poorest countries:

Please add your name to the petition at the back of Church

Concluding his address to the '*Raining Hope* conference on the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si*, Pope Leo asked the question: "God will ask us if we have cultivated and cared for the world that He created, and if we have taken care of our brothers and sisters. What will be your answer?"

SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:

Date	Time	Event
Sun 5th October	11.00am	Tea, Coffee, Chat & Biscuits
Mon 6th October	4.30pm – 7.30pm 7.00pm	Fame Factory Parish Development Group
Tue 7th October	10.30am – 12.30pm 1.00pm-3.00pm 6.30pm	Music Appreciation Art for Beginners Communion Preparation (Baptism)
Wed 8th October	9.30 – 11.30 am 7.00pm 7.00pm	Parents and Toddlers Parish Alpha H.C.P.T. (s.m.r.)
Thurs 9th October	9.30 – 2.30pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	Cardinal Newman High School Retreat Singing Practice (in Church) Youth Alpha
Sat 11th October	9.15am 2.00 – 4.00pm	Dance Eucharistic Ministers Recollection (in Church)
Sun 12th October	11.00am	Tea, Coffee, Chat & Biscuits

COLLECTIONS	27th / 28th September
Gift Aid standing Orders	£ 527.00
Non Gift-Aided Standing Orders	£ 172.00
Loose	£ 529.40
TOTAL	**£ 1,228.40** **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

Mary - "ever-virgin"

(499) The deepening of faith in the virginal motherhood led the Church to confess Mary's real and perpetual virginity even in the act of giving birth to the Son of God made man. (*Cf. DS 291; 294; 427; 442; 503; 571; 1880.*) In fact, Christ's birth "did not diminish his mother's virginal integrity but sanctified it."(*Lumen Gentium 57.*) and so the liturgy of the Church celebrates Mary as Aeiparthenos, the "Ever-virgin". (*Cf. Lumen Gentium 52.*)

(500) Against this doctrine the objection is sometimes raised that the Bible mentions brothers and sisters of Jesus. (*Cf. Mark 3:31-35; 6:3; I Corinthians 9:5; Galatians 1:19.*) The Church has always understood these passages as not referring to other children of the Virgin Mary. In fact James and Joseph, "brothers of Jesus", are the sons of another Mary, a disciple of Christ, whom St. Matthew significantly calls "the other Mary". (*Matthew 13:55; 28:1; cf. Matthew 27:56.*) They are close relations of Jesus, according to an Old Testament expression. (*Cf. Gentiles 13:8; 14:16; 29:15; etc.*)

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