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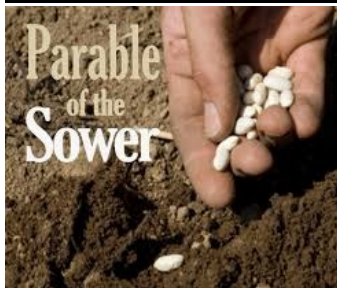
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Sunday 16th July 2017

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“The seed falling on good soil refers to people who hear the word and understand it. They produce a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

16th July 2017, 15th Sunday Of Ordinary Time

Saturday	6.30pm	Margaret Callaghan
Sunday	8.30am	Sheila Thomas
	10.30am	People of the Parish

23rd July 2017, 16th Sunday Of Ordinary Time

Saturday	6.30pm	Brown O'Brien Families
Sunday	8.30am	Frank Clements
	10.30am	People of the Parish

Parish Hall Events

Monday	1.00pm	Parent & Toddler
Thursday	9.30am	Slimming World

Please pray for all the sick and elderly members of the Parish, their families, carers, and all their families.

+Monthly Family Prayer -Last Friday of every month.
Next date is 28th July in the Lady Chapel at 2pm.

Sanctuary Lamp: Joseph & Phyllis Hourahane

15th Sunday Of Ordinary Time

Weekday Masses: Mon 17th July– Sat 22nd July 2017

Monday Weekday In Ordinary Time	9:00am	Patrick Byrne
Tuesday Weekday In Ordinary Time	9:00am	Rebeca & Johnson Adoration 9:30am – 4:00pm
Wednesday Weekday In Ordinary Time	9:00am	Alice Fitzsimons
Thursday Weekday In Ordinary Time	9:00am 11:00am	Thomas Venton Thanksgiving Mass— Mrs Mathias (Joined by pupils from St Helen's Catholic Primary school.) Church open for Prayer 9:30am-5:30pm
Friday Weekday In Ordinary Time	9:00am	Theresa Thorne Miraculous Medal 9:30am-1:00pm
Saturday St Mary Magdalene (Feast)	9:00am 10am-11am	Mocherie Family Confessions

Sacramental Events

Baptism Preparation- 19th July. Next months dates are 9th & 16th August at 7pm in the Presbytery.

Cleaners and Counters

Church Cleaners— Wendy & Co
Counters- This week **D** next week **A**

+Please Pray

For the repose of the soul of **Bertha Mann-Cobbaert** who died recently. Funeral arrangements to follow.

Dates for your Diary

+Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament

Please note until further notice the Tuesday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be from 9.30am until 4.00pm.

+Apostleship Of The Sea Collection

Thank you for your generous support in last weeks Apostleship Of The Sea Collection! As a parish, we collected £437.83. Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help with this important work. If you still would like to give a donation you can do so online, please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

+Thanksgiving Mass for Mrs Mathias

On Thursday 20th of July at 11:00am St. Helen's Catholic Primary School will be attending Mass celebrated by Canon Boardman. This Mass is in thanksgiving for the service Mrs Janet Mathias has shown to our school and Catholic Education over many years. We would like to offer our thanks as a Parish community for her dedication and kindness and wish her well in the future.

+Ladies Circle

Wednesday 19th July Rosary in Church at 1:30pm. Meeting in Parish Hall at 2:00pm, This week there will be a Maria Curie tea party with a bring and buy sale proceeds from this will go to this worthy cause. The trip to Porthcawl has been postponed to a later date.

+Holy Hour For Vocations To The Priesthood

You invited to the annual Holy Hour & Vespers for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life on Wednesday 30th August at the Cathedral. The Holy Hour (including Evening Prayer) will begin at 6pm and is open to everyone. For more information please contact Cardiff Metropolitan Cathedral, Charles Street. CF102SF

+R.C.I.A 2017-2018

In September, our parish will begin a new journey in faith. If you know of anyone interested, Please let them know about the forthcoming sessions. Contact the Presbytery 01446 735051, or introduce them to a member of the R.C.I.A team: Brian Morris, Ingrid Grant, Anne Munroe, Kieran Crossey or Mervyn Jones.

+ Celebration of Holy Matrimony

Congratulations to Louise & Lloyd McGowen who were Married at St Helen's Church on Saturday 15th July. May God Bless the two of you with his Love, his wisdom and his guidance.

+Newsletter Announcements

Please can any announcements be given to Kirsty in the Presbytery by 12noon on a Thursday to ensure it makes the weekends newsletter. Please also provide a telephone number in case of any queries. Thank you.

+Barry Male Voice Choir

Barry Vale voice choir held a very successful Annual concert at St Helen's on Friday 30th June. Barry Male Voice Choir have said that the success of the concert was 'greatly attributable to having such a wonderful venue to hold the concert.'

Barry Male Voice Choir's next concert at St Helen's will be their Christmas concert on Saturday 16th December at 2.00pm. More details will follow closer to the date regarding tickets.

+ Mary's Meals

Thank you to everyone who donated towels and soap for Mary's meals it really does help!

+Thoughts For Your Consideration

Today's readings remind us of the possibilities that can happen as God's gifts are used well. Abundance and fruitfulness are possible. Good things are possible. We can work together toward the common good. We can work together towards ending hunger and injustice. Isaiah says that the rain and snow will not return to God until they have watered the earth and made it fertile and fruitful. The parable of Jesus affirms that a 30 or 60 or 100 fold increase is possible. To use the image of the second reading, there is a purpose to the groaning and struggling of life. It all leads to something good. In the gospel parable today the image of the sower is that of one who generously, almost recklessly scatters seeds everywhere. Grace is abundant. The goodness of God is abundant. God's word is abundant. The possibilities for the world and its people are numerous and wonderful. The challenge is to share this abundance responsibly and lovingly. Some close their eyes or ears or hearts and do not respond to the word. Choked by wealth and anxiety, we can close ourselves to the reality of the poor and marginalized of our world. Shocked by the structures and institutions of our world, we can feel paralyzed. The word today reminds us that something more is possible.