



St. Helen's Church Barry

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The Gospel today reminds us of the warning Jesus gave his disciples to "stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming". The Son of Man will come and we must be prepared.

1st Sunday of Advent—27th November 2016

Saturday	6.30pm	Glenys– Griffiths Jones
Sunday	8.30am	Wedding Anniversary Cigi & Roy
	10.30am	Ann Caddy

2nd Sunday of Advent—4th December 2016

Saturday	6.30pm	Joan Caloe
Sunday	8.30am	John Williams
	10.30am	People of the Parish

Parish Hall Events 2016

Monday	1..00pm	Parent & Toddler
Thursday	9.30am 7.00pm	Slimming World Goose is Loose

Sanctuary Lamp: Holy Souls

Advent Quote

Each of us is an Inn Keeper who decides if there is room enough for Jesus.

Weekday Masses Mon 28th November- Sat 3rd December 2016

Monday 1st week of Advent	9.00am	Andrew Olney
Tuesday 1st week of Advent	9.00am 9.30-3pm	Holy Souls Adoration
Wednesday 1st week of Advent	9.00am	Fr. Francis Lynch (Silver Jubilee)
Thursday 1st week of Advent	9.00am	Thanksgiving Reetha Saju & Family
Friday 1st week of Advent	9.00am	MMM Jubilarians
Saturday 1st week of Advent	9.00am	Angelo, Maria, Aldo Cavalli
Saturday	10am-11am	Confession *

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

Sacramental Events

Baptism

Baptism Preparation on **7th and 14th December 2016 at 7pm** in the Presbytery

Holy Communion,

Wednesday 30th November 5.20pm, in the Parish Hall. **Sunday 3rd December**, Presentation of the Our Father at the **10.30am** Mass.

RCIA

Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults. Each Thurs 7pm in the presbytery.

Cleaners and Counters

Wendy , Eileen - **Volunteers needed**

Counters This week **C** next week **D**

St Helen's Infant and Nursery
 St Helen's Junior
 St Richard Gwyn

Mrs Kathy Giernalczyk (Acting Head)
 Mrs Michelle Clawson (Acting Head)
 Mr Stephen Grech (Head Teacher)

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†Please Pray

For the repose of the soul of **Louise Good** who died recently.

Funeral Arrangements.

Friday 9th December Service St. Helen's 10.45am

†The Wild Goose Is Loose

Next session on the Holy Spirit is on Thursday 1st December. 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

†Ladies Circle

Wednesday 30th November meeting in the hall this week at 2pm. Bring & Buy Sale this week for our funds.

†A Time to Pray for Mercy

Every Thursday the church is open from 12noon—5pm for the parishioners to have the opportunity to pray for God's mercy throughout the world.

†Miraculous Medal Novena

Every Friday a Novena to the Miraculous Medal is said at 12.30 to 5pm in Our Lady's Chapel.

†Advent 2016 – The Light Is On For You

A reminder of the importance of Advent as a season of reconciliation is given in 'THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU'. Parishes are asked to set aside from 7pm to 8pm each Wednesday evening during Advent as a particular time for the Sacrament of Penance. Inviting a neighbouring priest to your parish, whilst offering the same service in his, has encouraged a number of people to make their confession. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a time of Adoration has helped also. The meditations in 'Walk with Me' which has been distributed recently are also good aids to devotion during this Holy Hour. Please advertise these opportunities for Confession in your weekly newsletter.

Canon Boardman from Penarth will be available on Wednesdays 27th November, 7th and 14th December.

†Annual Prize Draw Sunday

4th December in the parish hall after 10.30am Mass. Tickets for the draw are selling well, a few remain on sale from back of Church. A reminder that unsold tickets, counterfoils, and payments should be returned by 1st December, and remember you have to be in it to win it !!!!

†St Richard Gwyn Coffee & Carols

The Youth SVP group welcomes you to a celebration of Christmas at the school on Thursday 15th December 2.45—3.45pm, to reserve a seat for transport call 01336 729250, before 12th December or email us on n.price@strichardgwyn.co.uk. Please support our youth in this endeavour

†Exhibition Of Paintings By Kevin Sinnott – St. David's Cathedral

This is due to take place from 26th November until 4th December. Uniquely, a large number of his paintings on religious subjects have been brought together in one place. Information and literature have already been circulated to parishes. Please publicise the exhibition in your parish newsletter this weekend. Still better, encourage people to attend perhaps by organising a group to come together. The Art Departments and R.E Departments of our Secondary schools have been invited to attend. Kevin Sinnott will speak in the Cathedral on 27th November and 3rd December. 12 noon

†SVP, St Helens, Barry

The SVP's Annual Church Collection will take place after all Masses on the 2nd Sunday of Advent, W/E 3rd/ 4th December 2016. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

†Walk With Me 2016, 'Advent – Season of Love'

This year *Walk With Me* contemplates the **love of God**. Archbishop George Stack, Bishop Tom Burns and Bishop Peter Brignall have written a forward to the booklet and recommend it as an aid to prayer. In their introduction we read, 'The threefold seasons of Advent - Christmas - Epiphany are a joyous reminder of the underlying framework of the spiritual life. The seasons remind us of the virtue of waiting in hope, of the necessity of living by faith, of the need for reconciliation and forgiveness. Advent is such a busy time, there is much to do. Yet in the midst of all this we can discern the voice of the Spirit calling us, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest', Mark 6:31. We sense an ache or longing to be still and enjoy God's peace and presence. Why not sit quietly with *Walk With Me* for a few minutes each day? The cost is 50p.

†An Invitation To A Christmas Preparation Retreat

An opportunity to stop and listen to God's voice within us. A retreat day of prayer run according to Ignatian Spirituality. During the course of the day, there will be two talks, imaginative contemplation, time for silent prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament and time for group sharing. If you have never been on a retreat, please think about trying something new. It has been said that if you always do what you've always done, you will always get what you've always got! Why not try something new in your prayer life? The day is open to people of all faiths and no faith and is free of charge. Lunch will be provided. 3rd December 2016 10.30 am - 3.00 pm at St David's Catholic College.

Spaces are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. To make a booking please contact Christian Mahoney on **07764515864**