



St. Helen's Church Barry

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As we draw ever closer to Christmas, today's readings teach us that waiting has its own special value.

Weekday Masses Mon 12th December - Sat 17th December 2016

Monday 3rd wk of Advent	9.00am	Mary Dodds
Tuesday St Lucy virgin & Martyr	9.00am 9.30-3pm	Raymond Finn Adoration
Wednesday St John of the Cross Priest & Doctor	9.00am	Thanksgiving
Thursday 3rd wk of Advent	9.00am	Winifred E Riddiatt
Friday 3rd wk of Advent	8.30am	Elizabeth & John Parker
Saturday 3rd wk of Advent	9.00am	Pat & Andrew Hawkins
Saturday	10am-11am	Confession *

3rd Sunday of Advent—11th December 2016

Saturday	6.30pm	Peter White
Sunday	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Jack Crossey

4th Sunday of Advent—18th December 2016

Saturday	6.30pm	Fiona Roy
Sunday	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Geraldine Sellick

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

Parish Hall Events 2016

Monday	1.00pm	Parent & Toddler
Thursday	9.30am	Slimming World

Sanctuary Lamp: George, Gwyneth & Len Pratt

Christmas Flower Collection—For those who wish to contribute, there will be a collection next weekend 17th/18th December.

Sacramental Events

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

Holy Communion, Wednesday 14th December, 5.20pm in the Parish Hall. **Thursday 25th December**, Children's Mass 10.30am

RCIA

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

Cleaners and Counters

Anne & Shelagh

Counters This week **A** next week **B**

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 **Eileen Edmonds**, mother of Dale Edmonds who died recently

Funeral Arrangements

Friday 16th December 9.45am, Funeral Service

Dates for you Diary

†Ladies Circle

Wednesday 12th December Rosary at 1.30 then meeting 2pm in the church hall for a Christmas Party. This will be our last meeting of the year. Wishing you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year—2017.

†A Time to Pray for Mercy

Every Thursday the church is open from 9.30am—5.30pm 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.

†The Goose is loose

Thursday 15th December at 7pm. Video, and discussion on the Holy Spirit. All are welcome.

†Family Prayer

Friday 16th at 2pm in Our Ladies Chapel, join with us in praying for our families as we prepare to celebrate Christmas and that those that are travelling to family and friends may have a safe journey and a pleasant Christmas

†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. Canon Boardman from Penarth will be available on Wednesday, 14th Dec

†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

†Archdiocese Year Books 2017

The Directory & Year Books of Cardiff, Menevia, Wrexham & Herefordshire are now on sale in the porch for £3.00 and £4.00 for the spiral bound.

†Christmas—St Helens Junior School

Will be holding their Christmas Liturgy in St. Helen's Church at 6pm on Monday 12th December 2016. All families and friends welcome. The bucket collection will be for the St Vincent DePaul (SVP).

†ADVENT at our High School

St Richard Gwyn are helping us to prepare for the great feast of Christmas with an Advent Carol Service on **Tuesday 13th December at 6pm** in the school. All are welcome to join us. Everyone is also invited by the school SVP group to join them for "**Coffee and Carols**" on **Thursday 15th December** at 2.45, in the school, for an hour of singing, entertainment and seasonal refreshments, all free of charge! Please telephone the school on 01446729250 or email to let us know you are coming n.price@strichardgwyn.co.uk

†.The Christmas Story Barry

FREE Live Shows every day ...English and Welsh
The Churches of Barry Present "Christmas— The Story 12th –17th December 2016, 10.30am & 13.30pm, **Tuesdays and Thursdays** evening shows at 18.30pm at St Mary's Church, Holton Road, Barry. Everyone Welcome. You may even spot some of our own parish family up on stage!

†Sanctuary Lamps—2017

Are still available in the hall this weekend. In order that envelopes are available to as many people as possible, a list with numbers and dates is available at the back of the Church. There will be someone on hand to assist you. Please select only One Date per family.

†Churches of Barry Carol Singing

With the Salvation Army Band on Thursday 22nd December, 10.30-11.30am, Kings Square.

Bucket collection for EMBRACE in the Middle East

†SVP

Offer their sincere thanks to the parishioners for their generous response to the appeal taken up over the weekend of 3/4th December. The amount raised was £549.95. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

If you give only very little to the poor out of helplessness, you give a great deal to God out of love, since you offer Him your own comfort, your heavy labors, and your life—St Vincent De Paul

†Christmas Blessing

God grant you the light of Christmas,
which is faith;
the warmth of Christmas,
which is purity;
the righteousness of Christmas,
which is justice;
the belief in Christmas,
which is truth;
the all of Christmas,
Which is Christ