



# St. Helen's Parish

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## Sunday 7th January 2018

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**'They saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage'**

### 7th January 2018, The Solemnity Of The Epiphany Of The Lord

Saturday	6:30pm	Barr Family
Sunday	8:30am	May & Cecil Matthews. David White
	10:30am	People Of The Parish

### 14th January 2018, 2nd Sunday Of Ordinary Time

Saturday	6:30pm	Richard Morgan
Sunday	8:30am	Ted Svendson
	10:30am	People Of The Parish

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

### Parish Hall Events

Monday	1:00pm	Mother & Toddler
Wednesday	1:00pm	Ladies Circle

### Cleaners and Counters

**Church Cleaners—** Eva & Peter

**Counters-** This Week A next week B

**Sanctuary Lamp: Marion & Myrddin James -30th Dec**  
**Margaret & Albert Hardy-6th Jan**

## The Solemnity Of The Epiphany Of The Lord.

### Weekday Masses: Mon 8th Jan – Sat 13th Jan 2018

Monday The Baptism Of The Lord (Feast)	9:00am	Francis Clements
Tuesday Weekday in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Cyril Marsh  <b>Adoration</b> <b>12 Noon — 8:00pm</b>
Wednesday Weekday in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Claudio Nobrega
Thursday Weekday in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Doreen & Christopher Brixey  <b>Church Open For Prayers</b> <b>9:30am-5:30pm</b>
Friday Weekday in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Wedding Anniversary Mr & Mr & Mrs Reji <b>Miraculous Medal Church</b> <b>Open 9:30am– 5:30pm</b>
Saturday Weekday in Ordinary Time	9:00am  <b>10am-11am</b>	John McTavish  <b>Confessions/</b> <b>Reconciliation</b>

### Sacramental Events

**Baptism Preparation-** On 10th & 17th January 2018 at 7:00pm in the presbytery.

**First Holy Communion—** Will continue on Wednesday 10th January. Parents/ Guardians at 5:20pm in the Church. Children's session in The Parish Hall.

**Confirmation Preparation—** Will begin on Wednesday 10th January, Parents/Guardians, sponsors and Candidates at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

**R.C.I.A—** Rite Of Christian Initiation Of Adults, will continue on Thursday 11th January at 7:00pm in the Presbytery.

**Please Pray:** for the repose of the soul of **John Joseph Kenefick** who died recently.

Funeral arrangements: Reception into Church **Monday 15th January at 5:00pm.**

Requiem Mass **Tuesday 16th January at 11:00am**

Followed by burial at Barry Cemetery at 12:30pm.

### Dates for your Diary

#### **+World Meeting Of Families 2018**

August 21st– August 26th 2018 in Dublin, Ireland.

'The World Meeting of Families in Dublin will be a festival of witness to the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ. The vocation of Christian couples, supported by the Sacrament of Marriage, is a call to witness to that love and experience the joy of bringing the love of Jesus to those who are troubled and challenged.

– *Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin.*

As of this Sunday— Holy Family Sunday until the end of August we will recite the official World Meeting Of Families Prayer before Mass.

#### **+Peace Sunday—14th January 2018**

There will be a retiring collection after all Masses next weekend for Pax Christi Peace Sunday. This will be the 51st World Peace Day celebrated in England and Wales. No one can be unaware of the tens of thousands of people around the globe who have been displaced and forced to leave their homes because of violence and climate related disasters. Once again Pax Christi encourages all Parishes to share the world Peace day message. The national level work is supported by a team of four staff members and volunteers, people are often surprised how so much is achieved with so few people. For this work to continue, and hopefully grow we need financial resources too. If you are able to contribute to the collection next weekend it will be gratefully appreciated.

#### **+Certificate In Religious Studies**

Want to learn more about the Catholic Faith? This course is especially useful for teachers in Catholic Schools, Catechists and anyone seeking to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith. It includes modules such as 'Equipped for mission— foundations', 'Transformation', 'Discipleship', and 'Ministry'. The course will be available in multiple locations via live video stream making it more accessible to the whole diocese. If you wish to take part in the course which commences on January 22nd please send a registration form to Madeline, the course administrator, on [ccrs@rcadc.org](mailto:ccrs@rcadc.org) by January 15th 2018.

Registration forms and handbooks are available at [www.rcadc.org/ccrs](http://www.rcadc.org/ccrs)

#### **+Scriptures Saturday**

Mark's Gospel is the primary Gospel used in this liturgical year (B) in the Catholic Liturgy. What was it that Mark wanted to say in this telling of the story of Jesus? Who was Mark anyway? On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January David Beresford, Director of the Catholic Bible School, will be helping us to explore the message of Mark's Gospel. Why is Mark's Gospel helpful to us as modern Christians? We will meet in St Helen's RC Church, Court Road Barry, CF63 4ET at 10:00am until 3:00pm. All our Scripture Saturdays are free and there is no need to book, if you are able to make a donation to help cover our costs it will be gratefully received. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided but please bring your own packed lunch. For more information email [catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com](mailto:catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com).

#### **+Thoughts For Your Consideration— The Epiphany Of The Lord**

The Feast of the Epiphany invites us to celebrate the wonderful reality that Jesus came as a light to all people, not just to some subset of the human race. Thus, the categorical exclusion of anyone contradicts the good news of Jesus Christ. Racism, stereotyping, discrimination, xenophobia, ethnic violence, and extreme inequalities of income and assets are all wrong. The behavior of Herod reflects the behavior of one who is afraid. The news about a new child to be King threatens his kingship. He is not only afraid of change, but afraid of real community. Rather than learning from the wisdom of the foreign visitors, he is afraid, and seeks to destroy what they came to discover. The behavior of the foreign visitors or magi is the behavior of those who seek the truth at great cost. The child offers a vision that is worth traveling a long distance to experience. Jesus offers a light that is worth sharing. In the wisdom of a child born in humble circumstances, they find a wonderful light, a powerful good news, and a liberation from sin, injustice, and prejudice.

The foreigners experience the power and the gift of Christ. They also bring gifts with them. Gifts that are given to the child but also gifts that open our eyes to the experience of the light of Christ as a gift for the whole world. This mutuality is part of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Giving and receiving happen at the same time. This must be true in our ministry for justice. No one is to be excluded from the light of Christ. Whether we are young or old, female or male, gay or straight, rich or poor, black or white, from the south or the north, from the east or the west, from a famous school or a very ordinary one, employed or unemployed, healthy or sick, we are all invited to experience the Epiphany.

-Center of Concern