



# St. Helen's Church Barry

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## Sunday 23rd April 2017

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**BLESSED  
 ARE THOSE  
 WHO HAVE  
 NOT SEEN,  
 YET HAVE  
 BELIEVED.**  
 —John 20:29

## 23rd April 2017, Divine Mercy Sunday

Saturday	8.00pm	O'Brien Brown & Dodd, Stringer Families
Sunday	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Patty Aitken

## 30th April 2017, 3rd Sunday Of Eastertide

Saturday	6.30pm	Moore Intention
Sunday	8.30am	Mrs Lesley Strain
	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

## Cleaners and Counters

**Church Cleaners**— Wendy & Co

**Counters**- This week **D** next week **A**

## Divine Mercy Sunday

### Weekday Masses Mon 24th April 2017-

Monday Weekday, 2nd Week Of Eastertide	9.00am	Tess Collins
Tuesday St Mark, Evangelist (Feast)	9.00am	Annamma Sebastian  <b>Adoration</b> <b>9.30am– 8.00pm</b>
Wednesday Weekday, 2nd Week Of Eastertide	9.00am	Deceased members of Long, Godfrey & Abel Families
Thursday Weekday, 2nd Week Of Eastertide	9.00am	Rosamma Mani
Friday Weekday, 2nd Week Of Eastertide	9.00am  <b>1.30pm</b>	Alan & Cecil Cunningham <b>Requiem Mass -</b> <b>Maria Violet Weeks</b>
Saturday St Catherine Of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church. Patron Of Europe (Feast)	9.00am  <b>10.00 –11am</b>	Mary Ann Killgor  <b>Confessions</b>

## Sacramental Events

**Baptism Preparation**— On 10th & 17th May at 7pm in the Presbytery.

**First Holy Communion**- Preparation will resume on 26th April & 3rd May in the Parish hall at 5:20pm. During these sessions the children will once again celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession.

**Confirmation**- Preparation will resume on 26th April at 7pm in the Parish hall.

**RCIA**— Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults will resume on 4th May in the Presbytery.

**Sanctuary Lamp: George and Gwyneth Pratt**

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 **Maria Violet Weeks** who died recently.

### Funeral Arrangements

Reception into Church Thursday 27th April at 4pm.  
Requiem Mass Friday 28th April at 1.30pm.

## Dates for you Diary

### +Sacramental Celebrations

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on **Saturday 13th May at 10.30am** and Confirmation On Saturday **20th May at 6.30pm**. Please pray for God's blessing upon the Parish.

### +Ladies Circle

Meeting on Wednesday 26th April Rosary at 1.30pm, Meeting 2pm in the Parish Hall, Guest speaker this week. The recent bring and buy sale for the Syrian Refugees raised £100, Thank you to all who helped.

### +Monthly Family Prayer

Last Friday of the month. Next date is Friday **28th April** in The Lady Chapel at **2.00pm**

### +The Goose Is Loose

**Thursday 27th April**, Video and discussion on the Holy Spirit. In the Parish Hall. **All are Welcome**

### +Celebrate

Celebrate Wales is a fantastic weekend for the whole family to grow in faith, with inspiring talks, worship, workshops, drama from Rise Theatre, and an opportunity to find inspiration and encounter God. The event runs 9am - 9pm Saturday 29 April and 9am - 4pm Sunday 30 April at St David's College. Please book early especially if you are bringing children - children's streams run activities for all age groups from 3 - 18 but fill up quickly. (Celebrate is managed by Catholic Charismatic Renewal). On-line booking is now open at [www.celebrateconference.org/wales](http://www.celebrateconference.org/wales).

### +Divine Mercy Sunday

The mercy of God never ceases. As Pope Francis said 'be courageous and go to confession' on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23rd in St Alban's, Splott. Priests from across Cardiff will be hearing confessions 2pm-4pm followed by Prayer and Mass.

### +Pray for an end to abortion and euthanasia

Thursday 27th April is the 49th anniversary of the legalisation of abortion, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. Pray especially that 'bubble zones' will not be introduced around abortion 'clinics'. For information on the day of Prayer and Fasting contact: The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740."

## +Centenary year of the Fatima Apparitions

This is the centenary year of the Fatima apparitions, and the World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) England and Wales National Pilgrim virgin statue, and relics of Blessed Jacinta and Francisco Marto, will be visiting numerous Cathedrals and Churches this summer, including St David's Cathedral in Cardiff from 6th-7th May 2017.

This visitation will include Holy Mass presided over by Archbishop Stack, and an act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart Of Mary, as well as enthronement and crowing of the statue. After Mass there will be veneration of the relics of Blessed Jacinta and Francisco, and the opportunity to be enrolled in the Brown Scapular and participate in Fatima devotions including the Rosary, as well as Fatima talks/DVDs. For more details about the work of the World Apostolate Of Fatima England and Wales, Please see: [www.worldfatimaenglandandwales.org.uk](http://www.worldfatimaenglandandwales.org.uk)

### +Thank you

Thank you to all who volunteered to help with various tasks through Lent and at the Easter Triduum, and to all our parishioners for their attendance at the celebrations. Due to all the hard work and dedication we have been able to celebrated this most special time in a beautiful way.

### +Thoughts for Your Consideration

The first reading from Acts reminds us of the commitment by the early Christian community to the communal life. They shared whatever they had and held all their possessions in common. They responded to the needs of all, especially the poor. We might think of applying this on the "micro level" to our personal lives and to our local communities. However, it might be even more fruitful to apply this on the "macro level" – to the level of nations and international institutions. Such an application might challenge us to look at issues of global development, international trade, global climate change, agriculture policy, worker's rights, immigration, and educational opportunity in a new, challenging, and creative way.

*-Center of Concern*

### +Quote

We may all be tempted by the disbelief of Thomas. Suffering, evil, injustice, death, especially when it strikes the innocent such as children who are victims of war and terrorism, of sickness and hunger, does not all of this put our faith to the test? Paradoxically the disbelief of Thomas is most valuable to us in these cases because it helps to purify all false concepts of God and leads us to discover his true face: the face of a God who, in Christ, has taken upon himself the wounds of injured humanity.

— Benedict XVI