



St. Helen's Church Barry

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Sunday 1st January 2017 Mary, The Holy Mother Of God

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Weekday Masses Mon 2nd January - Sat 6th January 2016



The expression "Mother of God" refers to the Word of God, who in the Incarnation assumed the lowliness of the human condition in order to raise man to divine sonship.

St. John Paul II

Monday Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen	9.30am	Thanksgiving Jelusa
Tuesday Weekdays before Epiphany	9.00am 9.30-3.00pm	No Mass Adoration
Wednesday Weekdays before Epiphany	9.00am	No Mass
Thursday Weekdays before Epiphany	9.00am	No Mass
Friday Weekdays before Epiphany	9.00am	No Mass
Saturday Weekdays before Epiphany	10.00am	Claudio Nobrega
Saturday	No	Confession *

1st January Mary, The Holy Mother Of God (Solemnity)

Saturday	6.30pm	Mary Ellen Connolly
Sunday	8.30am	John O'Rahilly
	10.30am	Mullan Family

The Solemnity Of The Epiphany Of The Lord

Saturday	6.30pm	Peter Lowney
Sunday	8.30am	Mr Francis Clements
	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 2017

Monday	1.00pm	Parent & Toddler
Thursday	9.30am	Slimming World

Sanctuary Lamp: Ken Sievewright

From now on all generations will call me blessed."

- Mary's Song

Sacramental Events

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

Holy Communion will resume, . Wednesday 11th January, and **NOT** the 4th January 5.20pm in the Parish Hall (Parents, Sponsors & Children)

Confirmation Wednesday 11th January, 7.00pm
Parents/Guardians, Sponsors and Candidates

RCIA

Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults. Resuming Thurs 12th January 7pm in the presbytery.

Cleaners and Counters

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

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

Mrs Kathy Giernalczyk (Acting Head)
Mrs Michelle Clawson (Acting Head)
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†Mary, Mother Of God

Council of Ephesus

"We confess, then, our Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, perfect God and perfect man, of a rational soul and a body, begotten before all ages from the Father in his Godhead, the same in the last days, for us and for our salvation, born of Mary the Virgin according to his humanity, one and the same consubstantial with the Father in Godhead and consubstantial with us in humanity, for a union of two natures took place. Therefore we confess one Christ, one Son, one Lord. According to this understanding of the unconfused union, we confess the holy Virgin to be the Mother of God because God the Word took flesh and became man and from his very conception united to himself the temple he took from her" (*Formula of Union* [A.D. 431]).

†New Year Greetings

As Christians we are eternal optimists. Each year at this time we wish each other Peace, Joy and Happiness for the year that lies ahead. Something always seems to burst forth to invade our tranquillity yet we never lose hope. Our hope is based upon something more substantial than a mere wish. It comes from our firm conviction that the child born of Mary, Mary whom we acknowledge as Mother of God, offers us a way of life rooted in love which we are all capable of living through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Whatever the New Year may hold for us let us live it in the hope that Christ offers to us. Like the disciples on the Road to Emmaus may we travel this New Year in the company of Christ.

In the spirit of the optimist have a happy and blessed New Year

Canon Pat

†Please pray

For the repose of the soul of:

Raymond Edward Gordon Mooney who died recently, also Canon John O'Regan, retired Parish Priest of St. Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir with Tonyrefail

Funeral Arrangements: Raymond Mooney

Funeral Service: Wednesday 11th January 2017, 11.00am at St Helens.

Dates for you Diary

†The Goose is Loose

Thursday 5th January at 7pm. Video, and discussion on the Holy Spirit. All are welcome.

†Ladies Circle

We will meet again in the new year, keep a look out for details in the newsletter. Wishing you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year—2017.

†A Time to Pray for Mercy

Thursday 29th December the church is open from 9.30am—12noon for the parishioners to have the opportunity to pray for God's mercy throughout the world.

†Miraculous Medal Novena

Friday 30th December Novena to the Miraculous Medal 9.30 – 12noon in Our Lady's Chapel.

†Christmas Crib Offering

For the Children & Mothers of Bethlehem.

This year's crib offerings is for the Children's Relief Bethlehem. In 2015 the Caritas Baby Hospital provided medical assistance to almost 40'000 children. Our modern facility accepts any child – irrespective of religion, nationality or social background. The care they receive here helps each child get a fair start in life.

†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.

†Centenary Souvenir Brochure

The Souvenir Brochure marking the Centenary of the Archdiocese of Cardiff has been published to coincide with the visit of the Prince of Wales to open The Cornerstone on 16 December. It contains many articles and photos recapitulating the rich history of the last one hundred years. The brochures are available at the back of the church for £5.00. The brochure is an important element of recording the history of the Diocese.

†Do You Love Me?

The Diocesan Adult Religious Education Department is bringing a series of special events to Cardiff on February 4th 2017.

Kathryn Turner is Head of the Department for Spirituality in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle and a member of the Bishops' Conference Spirituality Committee. Kathryn was one of the team who produced *Do You Love Me?*, an exploration of different forms of prayer published by our Bishops in 2014. Kathryn will come to our Diocese to unpack the riches of this document and how it can be used effectively with adults and with young people.

You can read "Do You Love Me?" online at tinyurl.com/DYLMbook and explore its possibilities with Kathryn at this event:

Sat 4 Feb – 9.30 a.m. At St Davids 6th Form College this is an invitation for everyone sharing spiritual activities in the Archdiocese to come and share something about their work.