



St. Helen's Parish

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Sunday 10th December 2017

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Second Sunday Of Advent

**'Prepare a way for the Lord,
 Make his path Straight'**

10th December 2017, 2nd Sunday Of Advent

Saturday	6:30pm	Louise Good
Sunday	8:30am	Michael Carey
	10:30am	People Of The Parish

17th December 2017, 3rd Sunday Of Advent

Saturday	6:30pm	Moore Family
Sunday	8:30am	People Of The Parish
	10:30am	Callaghan Family

Parish Hall Events

Monday	1.00pm	Mother & Toddler
Wednesday	1:00pm	Ladies Circle
Thursday	10:15am	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— Eva & Peter
Counters- This Week **A** next week **B**

Sanctuary Lamp: People Of The Parish

St Helen's Catholic Primary School
 Foundation Phase Site 01446 732834
 St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School

Mrs Kathy Giernalczyk (Head Teacher)
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2nd Sunday Of Advent

Weekday Masses: Mon 11th Dec – Sat 16th Dec 2017

Monday 2nd Week Of Advent	9:00am	Judith Tailby
Tuesday 2nd Week Of Advent	9:00am	Andrew Cooper & Cooper Family Adoration 12 Noon—8:00pm
Wednesday St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr (Memorial)	9:00am	John McTavish
Thursday St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor (Memorial)	9:00am	Grandfather Cronin & the McCarthy Brothers Church Open For Prayers 9:30am-5:30pm
Friday 2nd Week Of Advent	9:00am	Thanksgiving Miraculous Medal Church Open 9:30am-5:30pm
Saturday 2nd Week Of Advent	9:00am 10am-11am	Olive (Gough) Smyth Confessions/ Reconciliation

Sacramental Events

Baptism Preparation- On **13th December** at **7:00pm** in the **presbytery**.

Next Months dates 10th & 17th January 2018!

First Holy Communion— Wednesday 13th December
 Children's session (We are Peacemakers) at **5:20pm** in the **Parish hall**.

R.C.I.A— Rite Of Christian Initiation Of Adults, Will resume on **Thursday 14th December** in the presbytery.

Dates for your Diary

Collection For The Sick And Retired Clergy Fund

This weekend there will be a collection for the sick and retired Clergy. Please give generously to this cause, your support is greatly appreciated. Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of Church, by using these Gift Aid envelopes, taxpayers are able to give an extra 25p in each £1 at no extra cost to themselves. This gives a great boost to the fund.

+Sanctuary Lamp Envelopes

There are still some Sanctuary Lamp envelopes available if you would like one please go to the back of church after Mass and see Ingrid Grant or Kirsty Vater.

+Piety Stall Christmas Stock

Reminder that in the piety stall there is new stock of Christmas Cards Diaries & Calendars. Also available are Rosary beads, Birthday cards, First Holy Communion cards, Confirmation cards and other gifts.

+St David's College Christmas Celebrations

St David's College Cardiff would like to invite senior parishioners of our community to a Mass and Christmas celebration on Friday 22nd December from 12:00 noon until 3:00pm. Following the Mass, a buffet and a full entertainment program with prizes and small gifts will be provided. It is a lovely opportunity to meet new friends. It is an entreaty and vibrant social occasion where the young and old enjoy each others company. Transport can be arranged, If you are interested in this event there is a booking sheet on the notice board at the back of Church please put your name down as soon as possible. alternatively you can contact Clare Kelly on 029 20431857.

+Annual Prize Draw

A list of lucky winners is displayed on the notice board at the back of Church. If you are one of the lucky winners your prize can be collected from the presbytery anytime between 10.00am & 1.00pm Tuesday to Friday. Our many and sincere thanks to everyone who so generously supported this event. Bless you all.

+Want to learn more about the Catholic Faith?

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) course is being relaunched with modules including 'Equipped for Mission', 'Transformation', 'Discipleship', and 'Ministry'. The course is especially useful for teachers in Catholic schools, Catechists and anyone seeking to deepen their understanding of our faith. If you are interested, please come along to our information evening on Tuesday December 12th at 7:00pm in the Pastoral Resources Centre, Cardiff, CF3 4LL. Please contact Madeline on ccrs@rcadc.org to book your place.

+Saint Richard Gwyn Advent Service

St Richard Gwyn Catholic High, Argae lane Barry invites you to celebrate Advent at the school on Tuesday December 19th at 6:00pm when we will have an Advent reflection in words and music, followed by seasonal refreshments and Christmas music. On Wednesday 20th December our SVP group will hold our annual "Coffee and Carols" in aid of Cancer Research" This event is from 2.45pm until 3.45pm so people can get home before the dark nights of winter! There are no tickets for either event but please phone the school on 01446 729250 if you are joining us or email n.price@strichardgwyn.co.uk You will be made very Welcome!

+Monthly Family Prayer

Next date is 22nd December in the Lady Chapel 2:00pm.

+Ladies Circle

Wednesday 13th December Rosary in Church at 1:30pm. Meeting in Parish Hall at 2:00pm, Christmas tea party please bring a plate of food for the table. This will be the last meeting until January.

+Barry Male Voice Choir

Barry Male Voice Choir will be performing their annual Christmas concert here at St Helens Church on Saturday 16th December at 2:00pm. Tickets can be purchased at the door on the day for a minimum donation of £5. Everyone is welcome to this festive event.

+Christmas Flowers

If you wish to contribute to our Christmas flowers there will be a collection after all Masses next weekend– 3rd Sunday of Advent.

+The Cathedral Christmas Carol Service

A good preparation for Christmas is the Cathedral Christmas Carol Service which will take place at St. David's Cathedral on Sunday 17th December at 3:00pm. The choir of St. John's College will lead the service and there will be a brass ensemble to enhance the festivities. Refreshments will be served in The Cornerstone following the service. All are welcome.

+Bible Study Group

Thank you to all who attend the Bible Study Group on Tuesday 5th December. Information on more Bible Study Sessions will follow once arranged.

+Birthday Greetings

Congratulations to Eileen Abel who has recently celebrated her 90th birthday. May Christ be with her and bless her.