



# St. Helen's Parish

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## Sunday 31st December 2017

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**'My eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the Pagans and the glory of your people Israel!'**

### 31st December 2017, The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday	6:30pm	People Of The Parish
Sunday	8:30am	Johnny Verling
	10:30am	Nora Davies

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

Saturday	6:30pm	People Of The Parish
Sunday	8:30am	Johnny Verling
	10:30am	Nora Davies

**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
Thursday	10:30am	Slimming World

### Cleaners and Counters

**Church Cleaners**— Colette, Kieron & Brian  
**Counters**- This Week **C** next week **D**

**Sanctuary Lamp: Mick Cole**

## The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary And Joseph

### Weekday Masses: Mon 1st Jan – Sat 6th Jan 2018

Monday Mary, The Holy Mother Of God (Solemnity)	11:00am	Katherine & Albert Curtis
Tuesday Sts Basil The Great And Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops And Doctors Of The Church	9:00am	Rita Piper  <b>Adoration 9:30am – 12Noon</b>
Wednesday Weekday Before Epiphany	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday Weekday Before Epiphany	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>Church Open For Prayers 9:30am-12Noon</b>
Friday Weekday Before Epiphany	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>Miraculous Medal Church Open 9:30am-12Noon</b>
Saturday Weekday Before Epiphany	<b>NO MORNING MASS</b>	<b>NO Confessions/ Reconciliation</b>

### Sacramental Events

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

**First Holy Communion**— Christmas break. Will resume on Wednesday 10th January.

**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, break for Christmas until **Thursday 11th January**.

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

Mrs Kathy Giernalczyk (Head Teacher)  
 Key Stage Two Site 01446 740116  
 Mr Stephen Grech (Head Teacher)

01446 729250

**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.

#### **+Christmas Crib Offerings**

The offerings at the crib this year will be given to support Welfare Charities for Children in Wales which help children at risk and in need of physical, emotional and spiritual support.

#### **+Adoration Time Change**

Adoration on Tuesday 2nd January will be from 9:30am until 12noon.

#### **+Mass Times**

Please take a look at the front of the newsletter as Mass times, confessions and when the Church is open for prayer is not at the usual times next week.

#### **+Scriptures Saturday**

Saturday 27th January - Mark's Gospel  
St Helen's RC Church, Barry, CF63 4ET Led by David Beresford, Director, Catholic Bible School. This is a free event a donation towards costs would be most appreciated. The day starts at 10:00am until 3:00pm. Please bring a packed lunch with you, Teas, coffees and biscuits are available. If you require any further information please contact:  
[catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com](mailto:catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com)

#### **+Year Books**

The 2018 year books are now available to buy at the cost of £4 at the back of the church.

#### **+Family Monthly Prayer**

Last Friday of every month. Next date is Friday 26th January in the Lady Chapel at 2:00pm

#### **+Mass For Marriages**

His Grace Archbishop George Stack is inviting all couples married in 2017 and any couples celebrating a “significant” anniversary, to a celebration Mass for Marriages in St David's Cathedral. This will take place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 2:00pm followed by refreshments after Mass in the Cornerstone.

#### **+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)

#### **+Thoughts For Your Consideration**

On this Holy Family Sunday, the scriptures invite us to think big and to have a big faith and a broad vision, no matter how impossible or difficult things seem to be. Abraham and Sarah are childless and landless, but they are invited to believe that great things will happen and a great nation will come about. Mary and Joseph bring an ordinary infant into the temple, and Simeon and Anna can see that something great is going on “a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” We may each feel that we are just ordinary individuals with little power to do anything, but our faith tells us that great things can happen. We can make a difference, we can act with righteousness, and we can do what is right and be a light to the world. Even our ordinary family life can make a difference in the world. We may feel that there is little we can do to make a difference in the face of social injustice and overwhelming problems. We may feel that we have no control over the forces of our economy and injustices in our world. We may feel that the forces that create wars and violence are unstoppable. We may feel that the rights of the poor and powerless will never be respected. We may feel that woman and children will never be treated as they should be. However, as “the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him,” so we can grow in strength and wisdom and put into practice the challenge of our social teaching. We can do great things and live prophetic lives in our 21st Century. Think big and have faith!

*Center of Concern*