



St. Helen's Parish

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Sunday 3rd December 2017

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First Sunday Of Advent

'Stay awake, because you never know when the time will come.'

3rd December 2017, 1st Sunday Of Advent

Saturday	6:30pm	Vera Maton
Sunday	8:30am	Angelo & Maria Cavalli
	10:30am	People Of The Parish

10th December 2017, 2nd Sunday Of Advent

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

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— Wendy & Co
Counters- This Week D next week A

Sanctuary Lamp: For the Poor

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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1st Sunday Of Advent

Weekday Masses: Mon 4th Dec – Sat 9th Dec 2017

Monday 1st Week Of Advent	9:00am	Janet (Dwyer) Williams
Tuesday 1st Week Of Advent	10:30am	Requiem Mass - Judith Tailby
Wednesday 1st Week Of Advent	9:00am	Mary Nelson
Thursday St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor Of The Church	9:00am 1:45pm	Dorothy Minton Funeral Service John McTavish
Friday The Immaculate Conception Of The Virgin Mary (Solemnity)	9:30am	McDaid Family
Saturday 1st Week Of Advent	9:00am 10am-11am	The Nolan Family Confessions/ Reconciliation

Sacramental Events

Baptism Preparation-
 On 6th & 13th December at 7:00pm in the presbytery.

First Holy Communion—
Wednesday 6th December Children's session
 (Celebrate Sacrament with the Church) at 5:20pm in
 the Parish hall.

R.C.I.A—
 Rite Of Christian Initiation Of Adults, Will resume on
Thursday 7th December in the presbytery.

+Please Pray

For the repose of the souls of: **Judith Tailby** and **John McTavish** who died recently.

Funeral arrangements:

Judith Tailby- Reception into Church: Monday 4th December at 4:00pm. **Requiem Mass:** Tuesday 5th December at **10:30am**.

John McTavish– Funeral Service at St Helen's Church on Thursday **7th December** at **1:45pm**.

Dates for your Diary

+Collection For The Sick And Retired Clergy Fund

Next weekend 9th & 10th December 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 this weekend, 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.

+Parish Mass Books

This weekend is the first Sunday of Advent and so we move to the green Parish Mass book Year B Volume 1.

+Nazareth House Christmas Fayre

The annual Christmas Fayre at Nazareth House is on 9th December starting at 1.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

+Sanctuary Lamp Envelopes

The Sanctuary Lamp envelopes will be available from this weekend 1st Sunday of Advent at the back of the Church.

+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 12:00pm 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.

+Ladies Circle

Wednesday 6th December we meet for our Christmas Lunch at Dinas Powys Golf Club at 12:30. Bus pick up points are as arranged.

+Annual Prize Draw

This Sunday 3rd December after 10.30am Mass, in the parish Hall. A reminder that counterfoils, payments and any unsold tickets to be returned before the draw takes place. Our many and grateful thanks to everyone who has supported this fund raising event.

+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 01446729250 if you are joining us or email n.price@strichardgwyn.co.uk You will be made very Welcome!

+New Bible Study Group

Geoff Hanlan ably assisted by Anne Reynish are planning a Bible Study group. The first meeting will be held after adoration on Tuesday 5th December 2017 in the Parish Hall and will consider the readings for the following Sunday. Please try and spare an hour to prepare for Advent.

+Prayer And Fasting For Life

On Thursday the 7th December, the vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. **Please also pray that buffer zones around abortion centres won't be introduced.** For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting see: www.GoodCounselNetwork.com