



St. Helen's Parish

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Sunday 1st April 2018

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HE IS RISEN

1st April 2018 Easter Sunday

Saturday	8.00pm	People Of The Parish
Sunday	8:30am	For All Our Families and Friends
	10:30am	For All Children

8th April 2018, Second Sunday Of Eastertide

Saturday	6.30pm	James Selby
Sunday	8:30am	Callaghan Family
	10:30am	People of the Parish

Parish Hall Events

Monday	1:00pm	Mother & Toddler
Wednesday	2:00pm	Ladies Circle No Meeting

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 C next week D

Collections 11th March 2018

Ordinary: £594.08 **Gift Aid:** £604.70

Sanctuary Lamp: Patricxk, Gwen & Brian Jones

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

Weekday Masses: Mon 2nd April – Sat 7th April 2018

Monday Octave of Easter	10.00am	Pat Coulthard & Audrey Green
Tuesday Octave of Easter	9:00am	Glenys & Mike Thomas Adoration 9.30am—12noon
Wednesday Octave of Easter	9:00am	Elizabeth & John Parker
Thursday Octave of Easter	9.00am	Norman & Cynthia Arnold Church Open For Prayers 9:30am-4.00pm
Friday Octave of Easter	9:00am	Celinamma Miraculous Medal Church Open 9:30am– 4.00pm 3.00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Saturday Octave of Easter	9:00am 10am-11am	Donors Intention Confessions/Reconciliation

Sacramental Events

Baptism Preparation- Wednesday 11th & 18th April at 7:00pm in the presbytery.

First Holy Communion- Sessions will resume on Wednesday 18th April

Confirmation Sessions will resume on Wednesday 18th April.

R.C.I.A- Sessions will resume on Thursday 19th April

Please Pray: for the repose of the soul of: **Agatha (Gwen) Farrugia and John Hopkins** who died recently.

Funeral arrangements:

Agatha Farrugia

Funeral Service Thursday 12th April, at 11.00am

John Michael Hopkins

Tuesday 17th April Reception into church **4.00pm**

Wednesday 18th April Requiem Mass **10.30am**

Dates for your Diary

+Gift Aid Envelopes

The envelopes for 2018 –2019, come into effect next Sunday 8th April, are now available in the Parish Hall.

+Second Sunday of Eastertide 8th April

Also Called Divine Mercy Sunday

Next Sunday 8th April there will be a Holy Hour, in the church, at 3.00pm in honour of The Divine Mercy.

+ Mass For New Catholics

The Rite of Election on the First Sunday of lent saw almost seventy people from all over the diocese come together for the Rite of Election. Joined by their families and friends, the celebration was a marvellous witness to the dedication of those who help our converts on their journey of faith. There will be a Mass for New Catholics at St. David's Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday, 20 May, at 5.30pm. All are invited to participate in what will be a very happy occasion. It will be followed by a reception in The Cornerstone

+Association For The Propagation Of The Faith

It is **RED BOX** opening time again, and our collectors will be calling on APF box holders in the next few days. Richard Cann, local treasurer, will be at all Masses on the weekend of 14th-15th April to receive the funds collected. Anyone with a box that has not been emptied in the last twelve months, or if you usually bring your box to church, please bring them in at any time, but by the 22nd April at the latest. Thank you for all your continuing support. If you are able to sign a gift aid form please let me know. (tel 409843).

+Ladies Circle

Meeting for Lunch Wednesday 4th April, Colcot Arms, 12.30 midday

Meeting Wednesday 11th April. Rosary in Church at 1:30pm, meeting in the Hall 2.00pm

Lourdes 2019

It is proposed to have a Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes in September 2019. It will be a coach journey providing an opportunity to visit places of interest on the way to and from Lourdes. There will be a meeting on Tuesday 10th April, 7.00pm in the Parish Hall, for all interested.

+Monthly Family Prayer

Friday 27th April in the Lady Chapel, 2:00pm.

+Out Reach - Proclaim 2015

The Out Reach to Rhoose Point last June will be followed up this year with a visit to a section of Rhoose. As with last year, we are seeking volunteers to call upon homes. The days chosen are week 1: May 8th, 9th, 10th. Week 2: 15th, 16th, 17th May. The visiting to begin at 6.30 and ending at 8.00pm. There will be a Mass in Rhoose at 7.00pm on Friday 18th May, the venue yet to be decided upon.

There is a list on the notice board for volunteers, please put your name forward.

Praise and Worship the Lord Group

Praise and Worship the Lord group:

The next meeting is at St. Helen's RC Parish Hall, Court Road, Barry, CF63 4ET on Bank Holiday Monday 2nd April from 7pm – 8.30pm. All invited & welcomed. For more information contact Deirdre on 01446 793224

+SPUC

Paul and Diane Botto, Area Organiser for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children have written to thank parishioners for the generous collection taken up in January. The amount raised was £556.00.

+ THE DEEP END:

For as Yet they did not Understand

Today we celebrate the highpoint of the Christian calendar, Easter. The gospel tells us that Mary Magdalen is the first witness to the Resurrection. 'It was still dark ...' when Mary went to the tomb but it was also the 'first day of the week', a new beginning. We might recall those situations in our lives which seemed so dark, where we felt that there was no light at the end of the tunnel.

Whatever our 'death' experiences may be, we revisit them, going to the tomb as usual. And then we realise that something has changed, the stone has rolled away. Let the stone and linen wrappings in this text today represent all that keeps us from being free; all that keeps us captive, emotionally, physically, spiritually, in our broken relationships and struggling communities. However big that stone appears to be, our faith in the resurrection of Jesus tells us that this stone can be moved. Think of all the situations in our world which need transformation, the homelessness crisis, the violence on our streets, our own sorrow. The Easter gospel shows us that these situations can be transformed, even though it is often a painful journey. Once we experience the resurrection we are called to radical change and to share this transformative joy with others.

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