



# St. Helen's Parish

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Love

## 23rd December 2018, Forth Sunday Of Advent

Saturday	6.30pm	James Selby
Sunday	8:30am	People Of The Parish
	10:30am	Lorna Andrews



**'Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.'**

## 25th December 2018, The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

Monday (24th) (First Mass Of Christmas)	8:30pm	Carols before Mass
	9:00pm	People of the Parish
Tuesday (25th)	8:30am	All Our Families & Friends
	10:30am	For All Our Children

## 4th Sunday Of Advent

### Weekday Masses: Mon 24th Dec – Sat 29th Dec 2018

Monday Advent 4	9:00am	Mary Dodds
<b>First Mass Of Christmas</b>	<b>9:00pm</b>	<b>People Of The Parish</b>
Tuesday The Nativity Of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Solemnity)	8:30am 10:30am	All Our Families & Friends For All The Children
Wednesday St Stephen, The First Martyr (Feast)	11:00am	Frank Clements
Thursday St John, Apostle and Evangelist (Feast)	10:00am	Eamon Short <b>Church Open For Prayers 10:00am-12 Noon</b>
Friday The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Feast)	9.00am 9:30am 10.00am	David Olney <b>Miraculous Medal Church Open 9:30am– 12 Noon</b> <b>Monthly Family Prayer</b> <b>Divine Mercy Chaplet</b>
Saturday Fifth Octave Day of Christmas	9.00am	Claire & James Conway <b>10am-11am Confessions/ Reconciliation</b>

## 30th December, The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saturday	6.30pm	Claire Good
Sunday	8:30am	Sheila Thomas
	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.

### Cleaners and Counters

Church Cleaners- Anne & Shelagh

Counters– This Week C Next week D

**Sanctuary Lamp: People Of The Parish**

St Helen's Catholic Primary School

Mrs Kathy Giernalczyk (Head Teacher)

01446 700034

St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School

Mr Stephen Grech (Head Teacher)

01446 729250

### +Christmas Greeting

The Christmas Story while simple in its essence is filled with mystery, and at the heart of the mystery is love, God's love for us. Love is always a mystery, that is what keeps it alive, adds to its excitement, the discovery of the depth of the one who is loved. While we may never fully understand the depth of God's infinite love, we should not be surprised by this since the love between two people can be a great mystery, we can come to know it and experience it. The beauty of Christmas is it tells the story of love in a simple way, in human terms in which we can grasp some of its depth.

The Divine love expresses itself and reveals itself through the humanity of Christ. This is the great gift of Christmas. Love given, love to be shared. Christmas is a bright light in a dark world offering hope, life and love.

May the love of God revealed in Jesus permeate your lives bringing joy to all whom you meet. May your Christmas be rich in the enjoyment of the love of family and friends. For all who are travelling over the Christmas period have a safe and blessed journey.

-Fr. Pat

### +Christmas Crib Offering

The offering at the Crib this year will be given to support the homeless and Syrian refugee families in Wales. Thank you for your continued generosity.

### Dates for your Diary

### +Please Pray

For the repose of the soul of **Fr John Owen** who died recently.

### Funeral Arrangements:

Requiem Mass at **Nazareth House** on Friday **4th January** at **12 Noon**.

### +Reconciliation/Confessions

In preparation for Christmas there will be additional time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 3pm – 4pm.

### +Year Books

The 2019 year books is available at the back of Church Cost £3.00.

### +Christmas Flowers

Thank you to everyone who contributed, last Weekend, to the Christmas flowers collection. The collection raised £298.26.

### +Piety Stall Christmas Stock

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

### +Ladies Circle

Wishing you all and your families a happy and peaceful Christmas and best wishes for the new year! Meetings will resume in January 2019.

### +Table Top Sale HCPT

Thank you to everyone who supported last weeks HCPT Table Top Sale. The amount raised was £240.00. Half of the amount raised will go to HCPT 547 and the remaining half to HCPT 105.

### +Standing Order Change of Details

As of January 2019 the Parish bank sort code will have changed to **20-18-23**. Anyone who pays their parish donations by standing order please instruct your bank of this change otherwise the payment will not reach our account. Thank you

### +Mother & Toddler Group

Mother and toddler group are now on a Christmas Break and will resume on Monday 14th January 2019.

### +Masses in Welsh

Offeren y Nadolig: the Vigil Mass of Christmas will be celebrated in Welsh on Christmas Eve, December 24th at 4:30pm at St Teilo's Church, Whitchurch, Cardiff CF14 1AD. Bilingual booklets are provided.

Yr Offeren yn Gymraeg: Mass in Welsh will be celebrated on December 30th, at 4:30pm at St Teilo's Church, Whitchurch, Cardiff. Croeso cynnes i bawb.

### +Christmas Quotes

What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace.

-*Agnes M. Pharo*

### +Christmas Message

Happy Christmas to all the parishioners at St. Helen's and their families from myself and my family. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your much appreciated support, kindness and concern this year. I wish you all a blessed and happy new year. Enjoy this special time with family and friends.

**Kirsty Vater (Parish Administrator)**

