

St. Helen's Parish

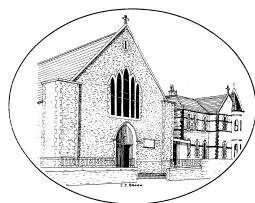
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Sunday 30th December 2018

The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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**'They are happy who dwell
in your house, O Lord'**

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

6th Jan, The Solemnity Of The Epiphany Of The Lord

Saturday	6.30pm	James Wright
Sunday	8:30am	Ted Svenson
	10:30am	People Of The Parish

Parish Hall Events

Monday	1:00pm	Mother & Toddler (14th January 2019)
Wednesday	2:00pm	Ladies Circle

Weekday Masses: Mon 31st Dec – Sat 5th Jan 2019

Monday Seventh Octave Day Of Christmas	9:00am	Nora Davies
Tuesday Mary The Holy Mother Of God	11:00am	Teresa O'Keefe Adoration 10:00am– 11:00am
Wednesday St Basil the Great & Grego- ry Nazianzen	8.45am	Eileen Lenthall
Thursday Weekday Before Epiphany	9:00am	Thanksgiving Church Open For Prayers 9:30am-5:00pm
Friday Weekday Before Epiphany	9.00am 3:00pm	Wedding Thanksgiving Miraculous Medal Church Open 9:30am– 5:00pm Divine Mercy
Saturday Weekday Before Epiphany	9:00am	John Verling 10am-11am Confessions/ Reconciliation

Please pray for all the sick and elderly members of the Parish, their families, carers and all their families.

Sacramental Events

Baptism Preparations– On 9th & 16th January at 7:00pm in the Presbytery.

First Holy Communion– Preparation will resume on Wednesday 9th January at 5:15pm in the Parish Hall. Children only.

Confirmation– Preparation will resume on Wednesday 9th January at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Candidates only.

Cleaners and Counters

Church Cleaners- Colette, Kieron & Brian
Counters– This Week D Next week A

+Family Monthly Prayer

Last Friday of each month. Next date is 25th January 2019 at 2:00pm in The Lady Chapel.

Sanctuary Lamp: The Sievwright Family

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

+New Year Greeting

Christians are optimists. We begin each New Year in the hope that it will be better than the one just gone. This is not a misplaced hope, as our hope is founded on God and on His promises. Our hope is not just in the promises, but in the person who made them, God. On Christmas Day we celebrated the fulfilment of a promise, confirming that he is faithful to his promise and nothing is impossible to God. Do we not say, please God next year will be better than the last year. Is not Christ, whose birth we have just rejoiced in, the light of the world. Since this is so, we can with Pope Francis say, "to be a Christian means to have hope even in darkness." We can look into the New Year with the eyes of Christ and see that darkness will lead to light and be not afraid.

May your New Years be truly Blessed and a happy one. May your families, wherever they may be, Be graced with the love of God.

-Fr. Pat

+1st January 2019—Solemnity Mary, The Holy Mother Of God

Since we celebrate the *Feast of Mary, the Mother of God*, on New Year's Day, may we take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Peaceful New Year? I pray that the Lord Jesus and His Mother Mary may enrich your lives during the New Year with an abundance of God's blessings. Today's *Feast of Mary, the Mother of God* is a very appropriate way to begin a new year. This celebration reminds us that the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, is also our Heavenly Mother. Hence, our ideal motto for the New Year 2018 should be "Through Mary to Jesus!" This is an occasion to renew our devotion to Mary, who is also Mother of the Church because she is our spiritual mother — and we are the Church.

-Pope Francis

Let us , as Pope Francis asks, start the New Year with Mass asking God's blessings upon our parish, our homes and the Universal Church.

Mass on New Year's Day will be at 11.00am.



Dates for your Diary

Please Pray

For the repose of the soul of **Teresa Susan Randall, Sheila Mary Copp** and **Fr John Owen** who died recently.

Funeral Arrangements:

Teresa Susan Randall- Funeral Service at **St. Helen's**, on **Monday 31st January** at **12.45pm**.

Fr. John Owen- Requiem Mass at **Nazareth House** on **Friday 4th January** at **12 Noon**.

Sheila Mary Copp- Reception into Church **Wednesday 9th January** at **4.00pm**. Requiem Mass **Thursday 10th January** at **1.15pm**.

+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.

+Year Books

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

+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

+Mass in Welsh

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.

+Thoughts For Your Consideration

Looking today at that Holy House, our thoughts turn to the many families of our time who are in difficult situations. Some of them suffer from extreme poverty; others are forced to seek in foreign countries what they unfortunately lack in their homeland; still others find within their own families serious problems caused by the rapid cultural and social changes which at times overwhelm them. And what can be said of the many attacks on the family institution itself? All this shows how urgent it is to rediscover the value of the family and to help it in every way to be, as God wanted it, the vital environment where every child who comes into the world is welcomed with tenderness and gratitude from the moment of his conception; a place marked by a serene atmosphere that encourages the harmonious human and spiritual development of all its members.

Pope St John Paul II –Angelus,