



St. Helen's Parish

Barry, Rhoose, Sully

St Helen's Church, Wyndham Street, Barry CF63 4EL

Parish Priest: Canon Pat O'Gorman

St Helen's Presbytery, Court Road, Barry CF63 4ET

Telephone: 01446 735051



E-mail: sthelensbarry@btinternet.com

www.sthelensrcchurch.co.uk

Registered Charity No 242380

Sunday 13th January 2019

The Baptism Of The Lord (Feast)

The Baptism Of The Lord - Page: 118
Preface of the Baptism Of The Lord - Page: 68
Eucharistic Prayer – III Page: 28



**'He will baptise you
with the Holy Spirit
and fire.'**

13th Jan, The Baptism Of The Lord (Feast)

Saturday	6.30pm	Alison Stewart
Sunday	8:30am	People Of The Parish
	10:30am	Brian Tyler & Maureen Howells

20th Jan, 2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday	6.30pm	Jim & Maureen McAleer
Sunday	8:30am	Mary & Theresa Moore
	10:30am	Joseph Thavalam

Parish Hall Events

Monday	1:00pm	Mother & Toddler
Wednesday	2:00pm	Ladies Circle

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

Sacramental Events

Baptism Preparations– On **16th** January at **7:00pm** in the **Presbytery**. Next Months dates 13th & 20th Feb.

First Holy Communion– Preparation will continue on Wednesday **16th January** at **5:15pm** in the **Parish Hall**.

First Reconciliation Practice, Children only.

Confirmation– Preparation will continue on Wednesday **16th January** at **7:00pm** in the **Parish Hall**.
Candidates only.

Weekday Masses: Mon 14th Jan – Sat 19th Jan 2019

Monday Weekday In Ordinary Time	9:00am	The Verling Family
Tuesday Weekday In Ordinary Time	9:00am	John Verling Adoration 12:00 Noon– 6:00pm
Wednesday Weekday In Ordinary Time	9:00am	Doreen & Christopher Brixey
Thursday St Anthony, Abbot (Memorial)	9:00am	Birthday Thanksgiving Church Open For Prayers 9:30am-5:00pm
Friday Weekday In Ordinary Time	10:00am 3:00pm	Requiem Mass— Mary Phipps Miraculous Medal Church Open 9:30am– 5:00pm Divine Mercy
Saturday Weekday In Ordinary Time	9:00am	Eileen Abel 10am-11am Confessions/ Reconciliation

Cleaners and Counters

Church Cleaners– Eva & Peter

Counters– This Week **B** Next week **C**

+Family Monthly Prayer

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

Sanctuary Lamp: Deceased members of the Dawson & Kitchen Families

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

Please Pray

For the repose of the soul of **Mary Phipps** who died recently.

Funeral Arrangements:

Reception into Church **Thursday 17th January at 4.30pm**. Requiem Mass **Friday 18th January at 10:00am**.

Dates for your Diary

+Catenian Association

Representatives of the Catenian Association will be present at all Masses this weekend to make a short presentation about their Youth Bursary Fund.

+Mother & Toddler Group

Mother & Toddler Group will resume on Monday 14th January 2019.

+Parish Council Meeting

There will be a Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 22nd January at 7:00pm in the Presbytery.

+Churches Of Barry

Week of prayer for Christian Unity 18th January until the 25th January. United Service on Sunday 20th January at 6:00pm at Coastlands Church (formerly St Michael's), Tennyson Road, Barry, CF629TN. Everyone is welcome.

+Exploring Your Faith

Exploring your faith sessions are made up of films on the given topic. This year the sessions will take place on a Monday evening once a month at 7:00pm in the Parish hall. The next session is on **28th January** and we will look at the film 'Brother Sun, Sister Moon.'

+Prayer Group

Saturday 26th January 2019 from 2.00pm to 5.00pm at St Brigid's RC Church Hall, Crystal Glen, Cardiff, CF14 5QN, Led by Adrian Bold. If you are not currently part of a prayer group, please consider joining or starting one in your parish. Use this session to understand why and how! Come and join us on the 26th January. "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!"

+Silence

We should value our Church building as a unique resource providing a **sacred space** where individuals find opportunity to be with the Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament. Every Parishioner or Visitor to our Church should be able to experience it as an **oasis of peace** – which depends on each one of us ensuring prayerful silence and stillness. It is important that in **'Sacred Places'**, we maintain a silence in keeping with the **Sanctity** and **Dignity** of our **Church**.

+Forming Intentional Disciples

In February the parish is going to begin a process of working through the 'Forming Intentional Disciples' book by Sherry Weddell.

The six week process will give parishioners the opportunity to discuss and reflect upon their faith in small groups. It is an opportunity to develop one's personal faith and help Catholics to share their faith with others.

The sessions will run over six weeks, beginning on Tuesday 5th February and ending on the 19th March (with no session in the school half-term). The sessions will start at **7pm** in the church hall and finish at **8pm**. **After 10.30am Mass on Sunday 20th January there will be an introductory launch**

+Readers Notice

Monday 14th January we enter into Ordinary Time (Year 1, Week 1). Next Sunday 20th January is the 2nd Sunday In Ordinary time.

+Ladies Circle

Wednesday 16th January Rosary in Church at 1:30pm, Meeting at 2:00pm in the Parish Hall.

+Thoughts For Your Consideration

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

–Catholic Culture

+Quote

"We Christians bring peace and grace as a treasure to be offered to the world, but these gifts can bear fruit only when Christians live and work together in harmony. This makes it easier to contribute to building relations of respect and peaceful coexistence with those who belong to other religious traditions, and with non-believers"

–Pope Francis

