

St. Helen's Parish

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**'Love your enemies
and pray for those
who persecute
you.'**

23rd February, 7th Sunday Of Ordinary Time

Saturday	6.30pm	Luigina & Gianfranco Ceriani
Sunday	8:30am	People Of The Parish
	10:30am	Tanner Intention

1st March , 1st Sunday Of Lent

Saturday	6.30pm	People Of The Parish
Sunday	8:30am	Sean FitzSimons
	10:30am	Francis Bernard Coulthard

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

Parish Hall Events

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

Cleaners and Counters

Church Cleaners— Ewa & Peter

Counters— This Week **D** Next week **A**

+Family Monthly Prayer

Last Friday of each month. Next meeting is on 28th February at **2:00pm** in Our Lady Chapel.

Sanctuary Lamp: Hatton, Stevenson, Cosulich & McGeehan Families

Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Weekday Masses: Mon 24th Feb— Sat 29th Feb

Monday Weekday In Ordinary Time	9:00am	Moy Windle
Tuesday Weekday In Ordinary Time	9:00am	Gillian Tyler Adoration 12Noon— 6:00pm
Wednesday Ash Wednesday	10:00am 7:00pm	St Helen's Primary School James
Thursday After Ash Wednesday	7:30am	Bonnie Harvey Adoration 6:30am-7:20am Church Open For Prayer until 5:00pm
Friday After Ash Wednesday	9:00am 2:30pm 7:00pm	Angela Pratt Miraculous Medal Church Open 8am-7:30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet Stations Of The Cross
Saturday After Ash Wednesday	9:00am	Fr Pierce Maher RIP Church Open 8am— 12 Noon 10am-11am Confessions/Reconciliation

Sacramental Events

Baptism Preparations—

Baptism preparation on 11th & 18th March at 7:00pm in the Presbytery.

First Holy Communion—

Sessions resume on Wednesday 26th February (Ash Wednesday at 5:15pm in the parish hall, Children only.

Confirmation—

Wednesday 26th February— Ash Wednesday Mass at 7:00pm in Church.

RCIA—

Sessions will continue on Thursday 27th February at 7:00pm in the Presbytery.

St Helen's Catholic Primary School

Mrs Kathy Giernalczyk (Head Teacher)

01446 700034

St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School

Mr David Blackwell (Interim Head Teacher)

01446 729250

Dates For Your Diary

+Lent 2020

Next Wednesday, 26th February, is **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent, and a day of **Fast and Abstinence**. Ashes will be distributed at both **Masses, 10:00am & 7:00pm**.

The schoolchildren will be attending the 10:00am Mass.

Those **over 18 years of age** are bound by the law of **Fasting and Abstinence**, until the beginning of their 60th year, while **everyone over 14 years of age** are bound by the law of **Abstinence**.

Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm every Friday during Lent starting on Friday 28th February.

During Lent parishioners are encouraged to visit the church for some quiet time and prayer.

The church will be open as follows:

Monday: 8:00am– 3:30pm

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Thursday: 6:15am– 5:00pm * See front page

Friday: 8am– after 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday: 8:00am– 12 Noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Each Saturday 10:00am– 11:00am

Additional times to be confirmed.

On Ash Wednesday as we receive the ashes we will hear the words Repent and believe in the Gospel.

This is the great call for us to stop and reflect on our lives to bring about the changes that are necessary so that we can live in conformity with the will of God. Believing in the Gospel is to allow the power of the word of God be active in our lives.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation plays an important role in our turning back to God with all our heart.

We are exhorted by the Church to celebrate this great sacrament of love at least once a year, from Ash Wednesday to Trinity Sunday. Throughout Lent consult the Newsletter for times of Reconciliation. As this is the Year of the Word, take the opportunity to connect with that word. Become familiar with your bible read some of it each day. See the Newsletter for the times when the church is open for you to come and spend some time in quiet prayer and reflection.

Remember Lent is the great time of preparation for Easter, please, note in your diary the dates and times of the Sacred Paschal Triduum of:

Holy Thursday 9th April, 7.00pm,

Good Friday 10th April, 3.00pm,

Easter Vigil 11th April, 8.00pm.

May the coming weeks be a sacred and blessed time for us, our families and community.

+Please Pray

for the repose of the soul of: **Eleanor Hartley and Megan Hughes** who died recently.

Funeral Arrangements:

Eleanor Hartley - Requiem Mass on Monday **2nd March** at **12.15pm**, St Mary of the Angels, King's Road, Canton, Cardiff, and then to Barry Crematorium at **2:00pm**.

Megan Hughes - Reception into church on Monday **2nd March** at **5:00pm**. Requiem Mass on Tuesday **3rd March** at **10.30am**

+Rite Of Election– St David's Cathedral

The 10:30am Mass on Sunday 1st March will be the Rite Of Sending Forth Mass for our Candidate, Menna Jones for the Rite of Election in the Cathedral at 3:00pm the same afternoon. This important event is a very public acceptance of those who are preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist and Full Reception into the Catholic Church at Easter.

+St David's Day

As Sunday the 1st March is the First Sunday of Lent the Feast of St David is transferred to Monday 2nd March. The Mass on Monday 2nd March will be at 10:00am and we will be joined by the children from our Primary School.

+Lenten Station Mass

Deanery Station Mass will take place on Wednesday 4th March at 7:00pm in St Josephs Church, New Zealand Road, Cardiff, CF143BR. There is a list at the back of church for anyone who requires transport.

+Ladies Circle

Wednesday 26th February—Rosary in Church at 1:30pm, Meeting in Parish Hall at 2:00pm.

Birthday celebrations please bring a small plate of food for the table.

+Car Park Closed

The church car park will be closed to all on Tuesday 3rd March until 3:30pm. The reason for the closure is the Mounted Police will be attending the foundation Phase Site of St Helen's Primary School for Reception Classes topic of Transport.

+Meeting For Counters

There will be a meeting for all new and existing counters on Tuesday 25th February at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

+Meeting For Cleaners

Meeting for all new and existing church cleaners on Thursday 27th February at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.