



# St. Helen's Parish

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Registered Charity No 242380

**27th December 2020**

**The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

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Eucharistic Prayer: III  
Preface I Nativity of the Lord

**Due to Covid-19 , Masses will be celebrated without a congregation until Sunday 10th January . Masses will be live streamed, Details below.**



**'The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in a manger.'**

**+Live Stream**

Live Stream Mass can be seen by visiting our website: [www.sthelensrcchurch.co.uk](http://www.sthelensrcchurch.co.uk)

**27th December 2020, Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

**Weekday Masses: Mon 28th Dec– Sat 2nd Jan 2021**

<b>Saturday</b>	6:30pm	People Of The Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	8:30am	Paul John
	10:30am	Mr & Mrs Regi Philips

<b>Monday</b> The Holy Innocents	10:00am	David Olney
<b>Tuesday</b> 5th Day Within The Octave Of Christmas	9:00am 9:30am	Gavin Russ <b>Holy Hour (Live Stream)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> 6th Day Within The Octave Of Christmas		<b>David Davies- Requiem Mass</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 7th Day Within The Octave Of Christmas	9:00am	Nora Davies
<b>Friday</b> Mary The Holy Mother Of God	10:00am 3:00pm	People Of The Parish <b>Divine Mercy Chaplet &amp; Stations Of The Cross (Live Stream)</b>
<b>Saturday</b> St Basil The Great & Gregory Nazianzen	9.00am <b>No Evening Mass</b>	Kathy Andreason

**3rd December 2020, Second Sunday After The Nativity**

<b>Sunday</b>	10:30am	Vera Lambden RIP, Sheila Thomas, Healing & People Of The Parish
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**Please pray for all the sick and elderly members of the Parish, their families, carers and all their families.**

**Parish Hall Events**

**No Parish Hall Events Until Further Notice**

**Sacramental Events**

**Baptism Preparations**– Postponed until further notice.

**RCIA**– Postponed until further notice.

**First Holy Communion & Confirmation**– Postponed until further notice.

**Divine Mercy & Stations Of The Cross will be live streamed on Friday 1st January at 3:00pm.**

Material to follow the Divine Mercy Chaplet & Stations of the Cross can be found below:

Divine Mercy Link- [www.praydivinemeracy.com/](http://www.praydivinemeracy.com/)  
Stations Of The Cross Link- <https://mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers/stations-of-the-cross/>

**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 David Blackwell (Head Teacher)

01446 729250

## +New Year Message From Fr Pat

**Dear Parishioners & Friends,**

The New Year is beginning in the way the Old Year ended, in lockdown. For many this is very dispiriting since we look forward to the New Year being an improvement on the Old Year. It is not unusual for something to start off badly then gradually improve as time goes on. This can be true of the year that lies ahead. There is one thing essential to help bring about a positive change in life, that is hope.

Hope can drive us on as it allows us to visualise in heart and mind a better future, something worth living for in the present so that we can create a fruitful society for those who come after us. Hope helps the human spirit rise above the difficulties confronting it. The Oxford dictionary defines hope as, "A feeling of expectation and desire for a particular thing to happen."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines hope as, "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the Kingdom of Heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit." As a people of faith we place our trust in Christ, so that in him, through him and with him our hope will be realised. As we journey through the New Year it is essential we keep our focus on Christ as it is from him we draw the strength to meet the challenges that come our way. While the virus affects many aspects of our lives it must not become the focus of our lives. Yes, it has to be dealt with in practical and sensible ways, and advice offered must be listened to and adhered to. It must not be the focus as it has the potential to suck the energy from our hearts and rob us of the will to confront it. Hope offers to us joy and courage which sustains us in times of trial.

Hope allows us to live, grow and persevere in faith.

In his Christmas speech of 1939, King George VI, quoted from the poem God Knows, by Minnie Louise Haskins, "And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way." So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

With faith, hope and love as the bedrock of our lives each new day, each new year will have its own bright light.

Wishing you every grace and blessing in the year that lies ahead.

**-Fr. Pat**

## +Please Pray

For the repose of the soul of **David Davies & John Humphreys** who died recently. **Funeral Arrangements: David Davies-** Requiem Mass on Wednesday 30th December.

**John Humphreys-** Details to follow.

## +Church Closure

Although churches are permitted to open in Tier Four, highest level of threat from the virus, I have in the interest of the well being of all, and for safety of the stewards, decided to close the church for public worship beginning Monday 28th December 2020 until Sunday 10th January 2021. There will be no Saturday Evening Mass on Saturday 9th January. Masses will continue to be live stream.

***Please note during this period the church will be open for funerals.***

I wish to publicly thank the stewards for the tremendous service they have given to St. Helen's Parish. They have enabled us to function as near as is possible to normal under the circumstances in which we find ourselves. I am also very grateful for the response parishioners have made in attending Masses on Sundays and weekdays, it has been very encouraging.

This period of pandemic has been and continues to be a difficult time for families experiencing bereavement.

Please remember them in your prayers. **Fr. Pat**

## +Christmas Crib Offering

The offering at the Crib this year will be given to support the children & families in our diocese who may be experiencing food poverty.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

## +Advent & Christmas Celebrations

Our Advent & Christmas Carol Service went very well, thank you to everyone for your positive comments. Christmas Masses also proved a success this year with a vast amount of people attending in person and also accessing Mass via our Live Stream Facility. Thank you to all who made this possible.

## +Sunday Mass Bookings 10th January 2021

**Mass bookings for Sunday 10th January 2021 will be taken from Tuesday 5th Jan until Friday 8th Jan.**

If it is your intention to attend Mass, booking is essential. Please book by email: [barry@rcadc.org](mailto:barry@rcadc.org) or by telephoning the parish office: **01446 735051** (option 2), please state which Mass you wish to attend and how many people are attending. **The parish office will be open Tuesday to Friday from 9.00am to 2.00pm to receive bookings for Sunday Mass, either by email or telephone.**