

St. Helen's Parish

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18th April 2021

Third Sunday Of Eastertide

Eucharistic Prayer: III

Preface: III Of Easter



18th April 2021, 3rd Sunday Of Eastertide

Saturday	6:30pm	People Of The Parish
Sunday	8:30am	Mrs Tricia Oliver
	10:30am	Thanksgiving

25th April 2021, 4th Sunday Of Eastertide

Saturday	6:30pm	David & Andrew Olney
Sunday	8:30am	Teresa Curtis
	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.

No Parish Hall Events Until Further Notice

Sacramental Events

Baptism Preparations— Contact the parish office.

RCIA— Sessions will continue on Thursday 22nd April at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation — Please note a letter has been sent to all candidates that were due to celebrate Confirmation in 2020 (Year 9).

A letter will shortly be sent to those in Year 8 who have put their name forward for preparation.

Collections— 11th April 2021

Ordinary £359.90

Gift Aid £300.50

Third Sunday Of Eastertide

Weekday Masses: Mon 19th April– Sat 24th April

Monday 3rd Week Of Eastertide	9:00am	Achamma Thomas (Live Stream Only)
Tuesday St Beuno, Abbot	12 Noon 3:00pm	Maureen Hayley Holy Hour (Live Stream)
Wednesday 2nd Week Of Eastertide	9:00am	Arthur John Coulthard (Live Stream Only)
Thursday 3rd Week Of Eastertide	9:00am	Holy Souls
Friday 3rd Week Of Eastertide	9:00am 3:00pm	Michael Philips (Live Stream Only) Divine Mercy Chaplet & Stations Of The Cross (Live Stream)
Saturday 3rd Week Of Eastertide	No Morning Mass	Confession/ Reconciliation By Appointment Only.

Mass Steward Volunteers

Sat 6:30pm 17th April	Nikki Cole, Anne Reynish, Paul Burke & Leelamma Regi
Sun 8:30am 18th April	Pat Wilkins, Mervyn Jones, Menna Jones & Chris Owens
Sun 10:30am 18th April	Michelle O'Hare, Rebeca Johnson Stephanie Tarling, & Eanna Harkins
Sat 6:30pm 24th April	Stephanie Tarling, Anne Reynish, Paul Burke & Leelamma Regi
Sun 8:30am 25th April	Pat Wilkins, Mervyn Jones, Pippa Jones & Chris Owens
Sun 10:30am 25th April	Michelle O'Hare, Soniya Johnson, Eanna Harkins & Mervyn Jones

+Live Stream

Live Stream Mass can be seen by visiting our website:
www.sthelensrcchurch.co.uk

Sanctuary Lamp: Patrick, Gwen & Brian Jones

St Helen's Catholic Primary School

Mrs Michelle Clawson (Acting Head Teacher)

01446 700034

St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School

Mr David Blackwell (Head Teacher)

01446 729250

+Please Pray

For the repose of the soul of Paul Jorge Manuel Seixas & Barrie Hugh Powell.

Funeral Arrangements:

Paul Seixas- Requiem Mass on Wednesday 28th April.

Barrie Powell- Requiem Mass on Thursday 29th April.

+Sunday Mass Bookings

Booking is essential. Please book by email:

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 God Who Speaks": A Year of the Word – Scripture Study

With the programme of events being disrupted due to Covid 19, our planned talks in the Archdiocese of Cardiff are set to resume online this month with Fr. Tim McGrath giving a talk on "Encountering Jesus as the Messiah in Matthew's Gospel" on Sat, April 24th from 11am-12.30pm. Details of the full programme of talks for the year can be found on the Archdiocesan website <https://rcadc.org/events>. Contacts for enquiries: Madeleine Walters via email at madeleine.walters@rcadc.org or Kate Duffin at kate.duffin@hotmail.co.uk

+Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated, on Saturday 15th May, for the students of St. Helen's parish in year 9 St. Richard Gwyn Catholic School. Their celebration of the Sacrament was cancelled last May due to Covid-19.

Year 8 in Secondary School is the normal age group for preparation for Confirmation. The parents of students in Year 8 in St. Richard Gwyn will shortly receive a letter regarding the celebration of the Sacrament. Parents of students in Year 8 in Secondary School, other than St. Richard Gwyn, who wish their child to celebrate Confirmation should contact the Presbytery office on 01446 735051, ext 2, **as soon as possible**.

+First Holy Communion Programme

We are liaising with St. Helen's School to organise this year's First Holy Communion programme for pupils currently attending Year 3 in St. Helen's. An information letter will be sent out next week to all children in Year 3 who are baptised Catholics. Please complete the form included, to express your interest in your child participating in the programme and celebrating the Sacrament of the Eucharist during the summer term. Once the form is completed please return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

+Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage

Saturday 15th May 2021 Live streamed at 11am from St Mary's Newport. Celebrant Fr Michael Doyle.

During the Mass, married couples will be invited to make the Renewal of Commitment at home. If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary (or did during 2020), whether it is your first anniversary or any 5th year up to 60th (and any year after 60th), and would like to be listed in the Mass booklet, or would like to send a wedding photo to be included in a reflection during the Mass, please email the Family Life Commission before April 18th 2021. Please e-mail: flc@rcadc.org



+Archbishop Offers Condolences And Prayers On The Death Of The Duke Of Edinburgh

On hearing of the news of the death of His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh last week, Archbishop George Stack said: "On behalf of the Catholic communities in the Archdiocese of Cardiff, the Diocese of Menevia and the Diocese of Wrexham I offer to Her Majesty the Queen our condolences and prayers on the death of HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

I do so in gratitude for his example of dedication and service to the people of the United Kingdom over so many years. In particular, I pay tribute to his extraordinary contribution to the future of innumerable young people through his initiative and challenge in establishing the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. His contribution to the growth of awareness in the ecological balance of nature in our fragile planet also bears testament to his concern for the welfare of future generations. In giving thanks to God we also pray for his eternal reward, not just as a well loved public figure but as a husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather to his own family. May he rest in peace."

+Easter Offerings

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your Easter greetings and generous Easter offerings.—**Fr Pat**

+Volunteers Needed

To continue to celebrate Mass safely with a congregation present there is now a need for additional stewards/cleaners. Full training will be given. If you are able to assist with stewarding please contact Kirsty in the Parish Office on 01446 735051 (option 2)

+Gift Aid Envelopes

If you haven't already collected your envelopes please telephone the parish office to arrange collection.

†Called to Serve– Priest Training Fund Appeal 2021

If the last year has taught us anything, it is how important parish priests are in providing spiritual and practical support during a crisis. They've made a commitment to us, to provide spiritual care and practical charity for those in need. They do so in parishes, in prisons, hospitals and schools, and in many other ways, preaching, teaching, and being there to offer support and guidance.

Those who decide to train for the priesthood have also made a commitment to our faith. Without their sacrifice our community would be all the poorer as we have learnt throughout the pandemic.

The calibre of those who have answered God's call to serve as priests gives us hope for the future. We must prepare these men as best we can for all the challenges that the world can throw at them. As a church we are committed to ensuring that they receive robust preparation under the guidance of expert mentors.

Worthy Investment- The challenge of a lifelong commitment to serve God and God's people is daunting. But those who enter seminary know that they are supported by family and friends in their home diocese. Priests are called to live simple lives but high-quality training comes at a price. On average the Archdiocese of Cardiff invests £189,000 in the formation of each seminarian over seven years. Yet following ordination a priest may give back more than 40 or 50-years' service, so the investment brings a considerable return.

Can you help?- Investing in vocations ensures that future generations will enjoy the support and guidance of a parish priest. We ask our friends, and those who share our vision for a world transformed by Jesus Christ, to consider how they might be able to help. This Year donations to the Priests Training Fund will be matched pound-for-pound by the Jesuit Seminary and Mission Fund, up to £20,000.

If you would like to support the Priest Training Fund appeal you can collect a gift aid envelope today as you exit the church through the parish hall, this envelope can be returned next weekend, 24th/25th April as there will be a collection after all Masses. Alternatively, you can give online at www.rcadc.org/donations. You can also use the provided gift aid envelope and return it with your donation to Archbishop's House, 41/43 Cathedral Road, Cardiff, CF11 9HD. Your generosity and prayers make this possible. Thank you.

†Bones of Welsh Martyrs identified 150 years after they were found

The year is 1878 and whilst sorting through items in an attic in Holywell, two sets of human bones are discovered in a wooden box. Now nearly 150 years after they are found they have been identified as the skulls and bones of the Welsh Martyrs St. Philip Evans and St. John Lloyd; an extraordinary discovery that had been shrouded in mystery.

St. Philip Evans was a Jesuit priest who was born in Monmouth in 1645 and served the surrounding area as a priest in the time of the Reformation. He was arrested in December 1678 and imprisoned in Cardiff Castle. A few weeks later he was joined in the dungeon by a secular priest, St. John Lloyd who was arrested at Penlline in Glamorgan. They were imprisoned together for 5 months before being found guilty of treason and taken to the Gallows Field (now a major intersection in Cardiff) where they were hung, drawn and quartered. Both martyrs were canonised by Pope St Paul VI on 25th October 1970. Read more about this discovery by visiting www.rcadc.org.

†Free Level 2 Course- Digital application support

St David's Catholic Sixth Form College is offering a free course in Digital Application Support. This is a great opportunity to boost your IT user skills, and is available to anyone over 19 as long as you meet at least one of a number of criteria. For more information, visit www.stdavidscollege.ac.uk/PLA.