

St. Helen's Parish

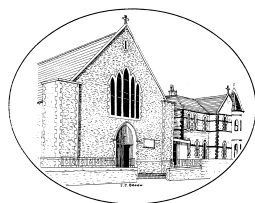
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12th December 2021

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12th December, 3rd Sunday Of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

Saturday	6:30pm	Dierdre Bates
Sunday	8:30am	Angelo & Maria Cavalli
	10:30am	People Of The Parish

19th December, 4th Sunday Of Advent

Saturday	6:30pm	Sheila Lowney
Sunday	8:30am	Mark Antony Fonte
	10:30am	People Of The Parish & Tanner Family

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– Contact the parish office for further details.

First Holy Communion– Presentation of Our Father on this Sunday 12th December at the 10:30am Mass.

Children & Parents/Guardians.

Baptism Para Liturgy on Wednesday 15th

December at 5:00pm in the church.

Parents/Guardians Only.

Sanctuary Lamp: People Of Parish

Third Sunday Of Advent 2021 (Gaudete Sunday)

Weekday Masses: Mon 13th Dec – Sat 18th Dec

Monday St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr (Memorial)	9:00am	Roy Ford
Tuesday St John Of The Cross, Priest (Memorial)	9:00am 9:30am–12Noon	Tom Kearney Adoration
Wednesday 3rd Week of Advent	11:30am	Requiem Mass– Anne Cheek
Thursday 3rd Week of Advent	9:00am	Tony & Francheska Caruana
Friday 3rd Week of Advent	9:00am 3:00pm	Shaju & Ligi Divine Mercy Chaplet & Stations Of The Cross
Saturday 3rd Week of Advent	9:00am	Souls of the Unborn 10am-11am Confessions/ Reconciliations

Mass Steward Volunteers

Sat 6:30pm 11th Dec	Paul Burke & Marilyn Frayling & John Dimond
Sun 8:30am 12th Dec	Pat Wilkins, Rachel Jones & Chris Owens
Sun 10:30am 12th Dec	Pippa Jones, Mervyn Jones & Michelle O'Hare
Sat 6:30pm 18th Dec	Anne Reynish, Paul Burke & Nikki Cole
Sun 8:30am 19th Dec	Pat Wilkins, Rachel Jones & Chris Owens
Sun 10:30am 19th Dec	Rebeca Johnson, Eanna Harkins & Michelle O'Hare

Collections– 5th December 2021

Ordinary £317.20 Gift Aid £179.60
 SVP Collection £377.11

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: **Anne Cheek & Maureen Brown** who died recently.

Funeral Arrangements:

Anne Cheek— Requiem Mass on Wednesday 15th December at 11:30am

Maureen Brown— To be confirmed.

+Christmas Mass Times

Friday 24th December (Christmas Eve):

Vigil Mass—5:00pm

Mass During the Night 9:00pm

(Carols before Mass 8:45pm)

Saturday 25th December (Christmas Day)

Mass at dawn—8:30am

Mass during the day— 10:30am

(No Saturday Evening Mass)

Sunday 26th December (Holy Family Mass)

8:30am & 10:30am

Monday 27th December

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist 11:00am

+Reconciliation/Confessions

In preparation for Christmas there will be additional times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sunday 19th December 3:00pm-4:00pm

Tuesday 21st December 7:00pm-8:00pm

Thursday 23rd December 9:30am-10:30am

No Confessions on Saturday 25th December.

+St Helen's Advent & Christmas Carol Service

The Christmas Carol Service with hymns, readings and the dressing of the crib will take place on Monday 20th December at 7:00pm. This year parishioners and friends will be able to attend in person, we will also live stream the Service. Booklets to follow the service will be available on the day.

+Annual Prize Draw

The Prize Draw will take place this Sunday 12th December after the 10:30am Mass in the parish hall. Refreshments will be available.

+Christmas Flowers

If you wish to contribute to the Christmas Flowers there will be a collection after all Masses next weekend.

+Sanctuary Lamp Envelopes

The Sanctuary Lamp envelopes will be available in the hall after all Masses this weekend.

+Tea & Coffee After 10:30am Sunday Mass

Step by step we need to re-establish our opportunities to gather socially as well as liturgically. The weekly opportunity to chat and share experiences holds enormous value for a parish community. If you are willing to assist then please contact the Parish Office.

+Covid Restriction Changes

We will again enter and exit the church using the main church door. Covid has not gone away and with the threat of the new variant we are asking you to please remember to sanitise your hands on entering the Church. The need for the wearing of Facemasks is still required. **Reminder:** There will no longer be a one way system in operation inside the building and it is your responsibility to Track & Trace. Please be assured that regular cleaning will continue to be carried out.

+Returning To Mass

Whilst many people have been anxious to return to Mass on a regular basis, others are equally anxious about the continuing pandemic and are staying cautious. If you are nervous about coming back to Mass, why not try a weekday Mass first? We still have a duty to be careful with others and ourselves so please do not come to Mass if you are showing any Covid symptoms, (even if you just think it is a heavy cold). Stewards are needed on an ongoing basis for all weekend Masses in our Parish to welcome people and ensure that the Covid restrictions are still being followed such as track and trace, mask wearing and hand sanitising. Most importantly, stewards clean the benches and touch points in preparation for the next Mass.

+SRG Catering Assistant Vacancy

If you are enthusiastic and reliable and would like to join our dynamic catering team then we have a vacancy for a Catering Assistant. The successful candidate would assist with the production, serving and selling of school foods and maintaining the Catering Department in a clean, safe condition. If you are interested, please email an expression of interest together with your CV to recruitment@strichardgwyn.school by midday on Friday 7th January 2022.

+Advent Reflection Joy

The dictionary definition of **Joy** often seems to reflect around happiness which is what we might immediately assume **Joy** is happiness. But we understand that actually there is something deeper about **Joy** when we think of it in a spiritual context, there is something much deeper when we look at it spiritually.

So often we find ourselves quoting a little verse of scripture that comes from the old testament that says... 'for the **Joy** of the Lord is your strength.'

From which we get this sense that **Joy** is something that can empower us, that can give us the ability to move forward when things are tough. We can take great courage from that, great strength from that the **Joy** of the Lord is your strength. It suggests that there is far more to **Joy** than perhaps just great happiness.