



St. Helen's Parish

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The Holy Family OF Jesus, Mary & Joseph (Feast)

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Weekday Masses: Mon 27th Dec – Sat 1st Jan



26th December, Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sunday	8:30am	Maureen Wilson
	10:30am	People Of The Parish

2nd January 2022, Second Sunday Of Christmas

Saturday	6:30pm	People Of The Parish
Sunday	8:30am	Thanksgiving Anita Nainan
	10:30am	Fulgoni & Coll 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– Parents/Guardians second session on Wednesday 12th January at 5:00pm in the parish hall.

Confirmation– Social project meeting in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 12th January 7:00pm– 8:30pm. Parents/Guardians, Sponsors and Candidates.

Sanctuary Lamp: People Of Parish

Monday St John, Apostle & Evangelist	11:00am	May & Cecil Matthews and David James White Live Stream Only
Tuesday The Holly Innocents	9:00am	David Olney Live Stream Only
Wednesday 5th Day Octave Of Christmas	9:00am	John & Bridget Duggan- Live Stream Only
Thursday 6th Day Octave Of Christmas	9:00am	Kelvin Bird Live Stream Only
Friday 7th Day Octave Of Christmas	9:00am 9:10am	(Divine Mercy Chaplet Before Mass) Nora Davies Live Stream Only
Saturday Mary, The Holy Mother Of God (Solemnity)	10:00am	People OF The Parish Live Stream Only No Confessions/ Reconciliations

Mass Steward Volunteers

Sat 6:30pm 25th Dec	NO MASS
Sun 8:30am 26th Dec	Rachel Jones, Chris Owens, Rachel Jones & Pat Wilkins
Sun 10:30am 26th Dec	Michelle O'Hare, Pippa Jones & Mervyn Jones & Rebeca Johnson
Sat 6:30pm 1st Jan 2022	Marilyn Frayling, Nikki Cole, Anne Reynish & Paul Burke
Sun 8:30am 2nd Jan 2022	Obi Ofokansi, Chris Owens, Pat Wilkins & Soniya Johny
Sun 10:30am 2nd Jan 2022	Michelle O'Hare, Pippa Jones, Rebeca Johnson & Mervyn Jones

+Live Stream

To access the Live Stream please visit our website:
www.sthelensrcchurch.co.uk

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

+New Year Greetings

Each year we enter the New Year with new expectations, new hopes, yet often at the back of the mind is lurking the question, what will be different? The implication being nothing really changes, everything seems to go along as usual. Yes, technological advances are made, these are really secondary to the real issues affecting life such as health, job security, bringing up a family, how secure we feel in a society that can be violent. So, what will be different in the New Year. The difference will be in ourselves. Over the past year we have all grown older, irrespective of age, and hopefully wiser, events will have taken place that affect our perspective on things. None of us remain static, we either go forward or backwards. What is important, we be not afraid. Yes, our world can be a very unstable place and the pandemic has created an atmosphere in which fear has seeped in and can continue to affect our daily living. While not denying the negative influences that surround us let us be positive in a manner that allows us to be realistic as to where we stand in relation to our situation in life. As a Christian people we stand in the very unique position of being able to offer something very positive to society. Indeed we have within us not only the hope but also the salvation of the world. We have Christ. It is he we have to offer to the world. Christ in us is the difference. The closer we become to Christ, the more we give him a place in our lives, the better equipped we are to effect change and growth in our own lives that can reflect upon society. We possess the One who gave us the beatitude in which he proclaimed 'happy are the peace makers, theirs is the kingdom of heaven.' He is the one who asks us to love our enemies. He himself is the Prince of Peace, who gave us that tremendous example of love by laying down his life for us. In 2022 we wish our world to be a better place and we wish that we be better people in this world. We have the means to achieve both in and through Christ, reflect upon it.

I wish you all the good you wish for yourself in 2022. More importantly may the good God wishes for you be realised in the New Year. Happy New Year to you, your families and friends wherever you and they may be.

-Fr. Pat.



+Please Pray

For the repose of the soul of: **Maureen Brown** who died recently. **Funeral Arrangements**– Requiem Mass on **Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 12:30pm.**

+Christmas Crib

The offering at the Crib this year will be for the families in our Diocese who continue to suffer from food poverty & The Afghani child refugees in Wales. Thank you for your continued generosity.

+Christmas Flowers

Thank you to all who contributed to the Christmas flowers collection last weekend the amount raised was £241.00.

+Sanctuary Lamp Envelopes

There are still a number of Sanctuary Lamp envelopes available. please contact the office on 01446 735051 (option 2) if you wish to obtain these.

+Church Closure

Although Churches are permitted to remain open, St Helen's will close for public worship from Monday 27th December until Sunday 2nd January. There will be Saturday evening Mass on 1st January. Masses will continue to be live streamed. This will enable cleaning of the Church to take place after the busy Christmas period and give the Stewards a well earned break.

+Sunday Mass Bookings

Wales will enter into Covid Alert Level 2 restrictions as of 6:00am On Sunday 26th December. As we have done previously this will mean we operate a two meter social distancing, one way system and the need to remain in your seat to receive Holy Communion.

Due to the short notice in receiving the guidance there is not sufficient time to enable us to book for Mass on the weekend of 25th/26th December, you may turn up for Mass as normal and a steward will book you in and take you to a seat, social distancing will be adhered to. The Sunday booking system, will be in place for Mass on Saturday 1st Jan/Sunday 2nd Jan.

If it is your intention to attend Mass on the weekend of 1st/ 2nd January , 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 will be attending.

The Parish office will be open on Wednesday 29th December and Thursday 30th December from 10am– 12 Noon to receive bookings. The need to book for weekend Masses will continue until further notice.

+Metanoia

A new 10-part series from the Ministry of the Wild Goose that explores areas of life where conversion is so often necessary. The series takes us on an inspirational journey of grace, hope, repentance and transformation. Each ½ hour episodes will be an opportunity to explore our faith and lead us to a deeper and more profound understanding of Jesus' deep and abiding love and His call to conversion. Starting on 20th January 2022, this series of videos and discussions will take us through Lent and into the Easter season. Open to everyone who is interesting in developing their faith and making the Gospel message relevant to our life today.

+Thank You

We wish to offer all the volunteers in our Parish our sincere gratitude for the generosity of their service over the past year. Our parish could not function without their dedicated participation, week-in and week-out. Thanks to one and all for the service so willingly and consistently delivered, seen and unseen.

+Year Books

The 2022 year book is now available to purchase at the back of Church for £3.50. To Purchase please see one of the stewards who will be happy to help you.

+Mass Intentions

Mass intention requests are now being taken for 2022, If you would like a Mass said please use the Brown Mass intention envelopes available at the back of the Church.

+SVP

The church collection on 5th December raised £377.11, other donations bright this total to £507.11. Thankyou.

Synod 2021-2023

Thank you to all who attended our preliminary meeting. More news to follow soon.

Please continue to pray for the success of the Synod.

+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 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.

+Upcoming Parish Events & Meetings

Due to the ever changing Covid-19 situation in Wales please check that Parish meetings and events are going ahead before attending. Information will be printed in the weekly newsletter and up to date information will be posted on our official Facebook Page:

Catholic Parish of St Helen's Barry

+Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

The devotion to the Holy Family was born in Bethlehem, together with the Baby Jesus.

The shepherds went to adore the Child and, at the same time, they gave honour to His family. Later, in a similar way, the three wise men came from the East to adore and give honour to the new-born King with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh that would be safeguarded by His family.

Today's celebration demonstrates Christ's humility and obedience with respect to the fourth commandment, whilst also highlighting the loving care that His parents exercised in His keeping.

Almost intuitively, one can recognize that the mysterious, exemplary, guardianship enacted by Joseph was conducted firstly, in a yet more intimate way, by Mary. Consequently, the liturgical feast of the Holy Family speaks to us of the fond and loving care that we must render to the Body of Christ. Mary and Joseph took great care of Jesus' physical body. Following their example, we can and must take great care of His Mystical Body, the Church, and the Eucharist which He has entrusted to us. If Mary was, in some way, *'the first tabernacle in history'* then we the Tabernacle in which Our Lord chose to reside in person, in His Real Presence, was also entrusted to us.

Looking at the Holy Family, we see the love, the protection, and the diligent care that they gave to the Redeemer. We can not fail to feel uneasiness, perhaps a shameful thought, for the times in which we have not rendered the appropriate care and attention to the Blessed Eucharist. We can only ask for forgiveness and do penance for all the sacrilegious acts and the lack of respect that are committed in front of the Blessed Eucharist. We can only ask the Lord, through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, for a greater love for their Son Incarnate, who has decided to remain here on earth with us every day until the end of time.

+Quote—Pope Francis

'But the most beautiful thing God made— So the bible tells us— was the Family. He created man and women. And he gave them everything. He entrusted the world to them: "Grow, multiply, cultivate the earth, make it bear fruit, let it grow". All the love he put into that marvellous creation , he entrusted to a family.'

