

St. Helen's Parish

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5th December 2021

Second Sunday Of Advent 2021

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Weekday Masses: Mon 6th Dec – Sat 11th Dec



'Prepare a way for the Lord.'

5th December 2021, 2nd Sunday Of Advent

Saturday	6:30pm	People Of The Parish
Sunday	8:30am	Cathleen Cunningham
	10:30am	Thanksgiving Reetha Saju

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

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 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.

Collections– 28th November 2021

Ordinary £310.23 Gift Aid £186.50

Monday 2nd Week of Advent	9:00am	Siji Joseph
Tuesday St Ambrose, Bishop (Memorial)	9:00am– 9:30am– 12Noon	Angela & Ronnie Smith Adoration
Wednesday The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)	8:30am	Alan & Pat Coulthard
Thursday 2nd Week of Advent	1:00pm	Requiem Mass– Leonard Little
Friday St John Roberts, Priest, Martyr	11:45pm 3:00pm	Requiem Mass– Maria White Divine Mercy Chaplet & Stations Of The Cross
Saturday 2nd Week of Advent	9:00am	Joan, Johnny and Steve O'Brien & Rona Venton 10am-11am Confessions/ Reconciliations

Mass Steward Volunteers

Sat 6:30pm 4th Dec	Marilyn Frayling & Anne Reynish
Sun 8:30am 5th Dec	Chris Owens & Ligi
Sun 10:30am 5th Dec	Michelle O'Hare & Eanna Harkins
Sat 6:30pm 11th Dec	Paul Burke & Nikki Cole
Sun 8:30am 12th Dec	Pat Wilkins, Rachel Jones & Chris Owens
Sun 10:30am 12th Dec	Pippa Jones, Mervyn Jones & Michelle O'Hare

Sanctuary Lamp: People Of The Parish

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 **Leonard Frank Little, Maria Catherine White, Anne Cheek & Maureen Brown** who died recently.

Funeral Arrangements:

Leonard Little-Requiem Mass on Thursday 9th December at 1:00pm.

Maria White-Requiem Mass on Friday 10th December at 11:45am.

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

Maureen Brown- TBC

+We Are Welcoming You Back

The Season of Advent marks the commencement of the new liturgical year and it will also mark the re-introduction of our canonical obligation to attend Sunday Mass. The Catholic Bishops' of England & Wales are asking all Catholics everywhere to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church. They are issuing the invitation to those who have been away, to restore the Sunday Mass to its rightful centrality in their lives.

Remotely tuning into the celebration of Mass via our streaming service proved to be so beneficial when we were unable to attend in person. However, whilst acknowledging that remote electronic participation has been a fruitful compensation for not being able to physically enter our churches, such a connection could never be a substitute for actual attendance and participation in the Sacred Mysteries of our Faith, above all in relation to the Sacrifice of the Mass. Let us joyfully embrace our Sunday obligation each week so as to celebrate and nourish our Catholic faith.

+Covid Restriction Changes

As of this weekend (Second Sunday of Advent), 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. Welsh Government requires us to continue to Track & Trace. **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.

+ 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.

+Synod 2021-2023

The Saint Helen's parish synod representatives had a very useful meeting last Monday evening.

We are going to be organising a number of meetings for Parishioners and the Parish groups. We will be saying much more about those meetings quite soon.

Please pray to the Holy Spirit for the success of the synod.

Synod Prayer: We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

+Recommencing 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.

+Annual Prize Draw Donations

Donations- This year the Annual Prize Draw is Back! We would be grateful for donations of Raffle prizes. If you are able to donate a prize, Marilyn Frayling will be available after the 10:30am Mass this Sunday (5th December) to receive any donations. Alternatively you can contact Marilyn on 01446 408959 or contact the parish office.

Tickets- Tickets are on sale from the Piety Stall in the parish hall after all Weekend Masses. Tickets are priced at £1 per book of 4 tickets in envelopes of 5 books per envelopes. All payments, counterfoils, and any unsold tickets **must be returned by Friday 10th December.**

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

+St Vincent De Paul Society

The SVP is having its annual Christmas collection this weekend (Second Sunday Of Advent) after all Masses. In the last year we have supported many people, we know that our intervention has made a great difference in their lives. We could not do this work without your generous Support, thank you all.