

St. Helen's Parish

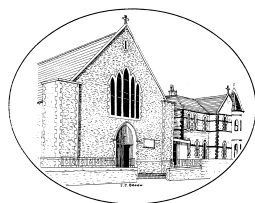
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9th January 2022

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**'You are my Son,
 The beloved;
 My favour rests
 on you.'**

9th January 2022, The Baptism Of The Lord (Feast)

Sunday	6:30pm	John Douglas
	8:30am	People Of The Parish
	10:30am	Ken Tanner

16th January 2022, 2nd Sunday Of Ordinary Time

Saturday	6:30pm	People Of The Parish
Sunday	8:30am	Jose Marti Faiardo
	10:30am	Maureen Joan Howells

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 Preparation– Contact the parish office for further details.

First Holy Communion– Parents/Guardians meeting on Wednesday 12th January at 5:00pm in the Church.

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

Sanctuary Lamp: Marion & Myrddin James

The Baptism Of The Lord (Feast)

Weekday Masses: Mon 10th Jan – Sat 15th Jan

Monday Weekday In Ordinary Time	9:00am	Jerusha Tony
Tuesday Weekday In Ordinary Time	12:30pm 9:30am– 10:30am	Requiem Mass– Maureen Brown Adoration
Wednesday Weekday In Ordinary Time	9:00am	Tony & Siji
Thursday Weekday In Ordinary Time	9:00am	Brian Tyler & Maureen Howells
Friday Weekday In Ordinary Time	9:00am 3:00pm	Chuck Bennett Divine Mercy Chaplet & Stations Of The Cross
Saturday Weekday In Ordinary Time	9:00am 10:00am– 11:00am	Tony Confessions/ Reconciliation

Mass Steward Volunteers

Sat 6:30pm 9th Jan 2022	Marilyn Frayling, Nikki Cole, Anne Reynish & Paul Burke
Sun 8:30am 9th Jan 2022	Rachel Jones, Chris Owens, Pat Wilkins & Soniya Johny
Sun 10:30am 9th Jan 2022	Michelle O'Hare, Stephanie Tarling, Eanna Harkins & Rebeca Johnson
Sat 6:30pm 16th Jan	Marilyn Frayling, Nikki Cole, Anne Reynish & Paul Burke
Sun 8:30am 17th Jan	Obi Ofokansi, Chris Owens, Pat Wilkins & Soniya Johny
Sun 10:30am 17th Jan	Michelle O'Hare, Mervyn Jones, Pippa Jones & Eanna Harkins

Collections– 12th December 2021

Ordinary- £308.95

Gift Aid- £355.10

Christmas Crib Offering- £453.80

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

+Sanctuary Lamp Envelopes

There are still Sanctuary Lamp envelopes available. Please contact the office if you wish to obtain these.

+Sunday Mass Bookings

Wales will continue to be in Covid Alert Level 2 restrictions with the next Welsh Government review due on 14th January 2022.

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 Communion.

The Sunday booking system, will be in place for weekend Masses until further notice.

If it is your intention to attend weekend Mass, please book by email: barry@rcadc.org or by telephoning the parish office: 01446 735051, please state which Mass you wish to attend and how many people will be attending.

The Parish office will be open Tuesdays– Fridays between 10am– 12 Noon to receive bookings.

There is not a need to book for weekday Mass, Track and Trace details will be taken upon entering the Church.

+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.

Open to everyone who is interesting in developing their faith and making the Gospel message relevant to our life today.

+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

+Readers Notice

Monday 10th January will be Weekday in Ordinary Time year II week I.

Sunday 16th January will be the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C.

+Baptism Of The Lord

Today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord brings us to a new season. This feast commemorates the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan by John the Baptist. In the Gospels, the baptism of Jesus is an unusual event. Unusual because it is mentioned by all four of the Gospel Writers. All four accounts agree that the baptism of Jesus is a theophany. A theophany or manifestation of the glory of God to the world. For when Jesus is baptised, the Spirit descends on him in the form of a dove. And as it is recorded in Luke's Gospel, a voice is heard from heaven: "You are my Son, the beloved; my favour rests on you."

So following the manifestation of God in the new-born Christ in the stable at Bethlehem, following the manifestation of God to the wise men who visited from the East, we conclude our celebration of Christmas with this manifestation of the Lord at Jesus' baptism.

If Jesus was without sin, why then should he be baptised? Why was Jesus, the manifestation of God-among-us, baptised? And what does it mean for us that he was baptised?

Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist might seem like a strange thing to celebrate. But celebrate it we do, for it tells us something about our own baptism.

We cannot simply separate the baptism of Jesus from the baptism which Jesus instituted for us.

Jesus was without sin, so he did not need to be baptised. Jesus Christ undergoes baptism not that he may be sanctified by the waters, but that he may sanctify the waters of our baptism. So that, when we are baptised, we are made clean, we are sanctified in the waters sanctified by Jesus himself. Just as the baptism of Jesus was a manifestation of God's glory, so too, our own baptism is a manifestation of God's glory.

Just as the Father claims Jesus as his son at his baptism, so too, are we claimed as sons and daughters of God when we are baptised. As the Father says to Jesus, so the Father says to us: You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you. Just as Jesus begins his public ministry at his baptism, so too, we begin our life as Christians at our baptism. Like all our celebrations in this season of Christmas, our celebration of the Baptism of Jesus is not an event of long ago which we merely commemorate today. Rather, it is an event of now. The baptism of Jesus did happen once. But, it transcends the time to which it belongs. For it is an event which belongs to all time. The power of this event, the grace it brings, is present to us today.

It makes present for us the saving plan of God. And we are saved by becoming God's sons and daughters through baptism. And God always wants to save us. Not just yesterday, but today, and forever.