

# St. Helen's Parish

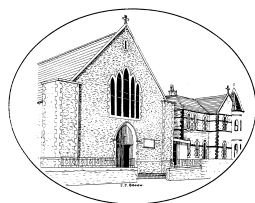
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**'Lord you know everything, you know I love you.'**

### 1st May 2022, Third Sunday Of Eastertide

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	People Of The Parish
	<b>8:30am</b>	Michael Berndt
	<b>10:30am</b>	Thanksgiving

### 8th May 2022, Fourth Sunday Of Eastertide

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	People Of The Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	Sheila Thomas
	<b>10:30am</b>	Elizabeth Edwards

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**– Presentation of the Creed **Sunday 1st May at the 10:30am Mass.**

**Rehearsal in Church on Thursday 5th May at 4:00pm**

**Confirmation**– Penitential Service and Ceremony of Light on **Tuesday 3rd May (changed from Wednesday 4th May)** at 7:00pm in the Church. Parents, Sponsors and Candidates. **Mass Of Sending Forth on Sunday 8th May at 10:30am Mass. All To Attend.**

## Third Sunday Of Eastertide

### Weekday Masses: Mon 2nd May – Sat 7th May

<b>Monday</b> St Mark, Evangelist (Feast)	9:00am	Molly & Ron German
<b>Tuesday</b> 2nd Week Of Eastertide	9:00am	Vera Maton <b>Adoration</b> <b>9:30am—10:30am</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> 2nd Week Of Eastertide	9:00am	Maureen & Bryan Casy
<b>Thursday</b> 2nd Week Of Eastertide	9:00am	Maureen Brown <b>Church Open for Prayers</b> <b>9:00am-5:00pm</b>
<b>Friday</b> St Catherine Of Siena, Patron of Europe (Feast)	9:00am  7:00pm	Thanksgiving <b>Divine Mercy &amp; Stations</b> <b>of the Cross</b> <b>Church Open for Prayers</b> <b>9:00am-5:00pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 2nd Week Of Eastertide	<b>10:00am</b>	First Holy Communion  <b>No Confessions/ Reconciliation</b>

### +Live Stream

The Sunday 10:30am Mass will be live streamed as well as all weekday Masses and Devotions.

### +Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy has resumed during the 10:30am Mass. For the time being it will be every other week.

### +Tea & Coffee

Tea and Coffee has resumed in the Parish Hall each week after the 10:30am Mass. Everyone welcome.

### Collections– 24th April 2022

Ordinary £347.66

Gift Aid £518.50

**Sanctuary Lamp: Elizabeth Amet**

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

## **+Retirement Of Fr Pat**

Last weekend, with the announcement of my impending retirement we are now a parish in transition as we await the arrival of the new parish priest, Monsignor Matija Maticic, who is pleased to be called Monsignor Matt. As mentioned last weekend the date for my retirement is Sunday the 24th July, I will remain until the following Sunday 31st July, Monsignor Matt arrives on Monday 1st August. It will be a big change for all of us, including Monsignor Matt. Change can also be a good thing bringing a new energy and vitality to the parish so that the mission of bringing the Gospel to Barry continues in an unbroken chain. For the moment I wish to say my time in Barry has been a happy one, embracing all the experiences we all encounter in life. Later I will say more.

I mentioned at the 6.30pm and 10.30am Masses, but forgot to do so at the 8.30am Mass, I will be remaining in Barry. The Archdiocese is dealing with providing accommodation.

Thank you all for your kind words and well wishes. May Christ our Risen Lord, bless you, bless the parish and its future, and Monsignor Matt.

**-Fr. Pat**

## **+New Appointment Of Fr Matthew**

My name is Monsignor Matthew Matichich (Mgr Matija Maticic) and I was born in Croatia in 1981.

I studied philosophy and theology at Faculty of Theology in city of Rijeka, Croatia, where I graduated in 2004 and was ordained for deacon with first pastoral service in the parish of St. Michael near Rijeka.

I was ordained for priest in the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Rijeka in 2005. For a year I served as an assistant priest in the parish of St. Matthew near Rijeka.

From 2006 I was a parish priest for 10 years in 5500 Catholic's city parish (sea side) of St. Nicholas, Rijeka. For ten years, I was the head of the Youth Affairs Department of the Archdiocese of Rijeka, and I taught Religion in State high school in the city of Rijeka for 14 years. Since 2011 I served as Episcopal vicar for pastoral. In March 2014, I earned my master's degree in International relations and diplomacy in Croatia.

In September 2015, metropolitan Archbishop Msgr Ivan Devčić Ph.D. appointed me as Rector of the St. Vitus Metropolitan Cathedral. On June 14th, 2016, I was appointed Monsignor Canon of the Cathedral Chapter in Rijeka. On St. Benedict's day, July 11th, 2016, I became Oblate of Olivetan Benedictine monastery in north Italy, because of the spirituality of St. Benedict which I follow from my Seminary days.

In September 2017, I was appointed as Commissioner for Ecumenism and Dialogue of the Archdiocese of Rijeka. In April 2018, I became a member of the board of the Croatian Bishops' Conference for Ecumenism and Dialogue. I am a member of all Archdiocesan advisory bodies. Besides my mother tongue Croatian, I speak fluently English, German, and Italian. In 2020 I was appointed Treasurer of Archdiocese of Rijeka, Commissioner for sailors and migrants and Prison chaplain.

Beside my service in the Archdiocese, I am the Advisor of the Government's Republic of Croatia Office of the Commission for relations with religious communities. I am also President of interreligious council for interreligious dialogue and diplomacy at University of Rijeka (18.000 students).

In June 2018 I published my 720 pages trilogy of the Sunday and Feasts homilies for the liturgical year's ABC called "As he was disclosing Letters on his way" (Emaus). In Lent 2019, I published the prayer book for Stations of the Cross with Passion of Christ art in the cathedral of St. Vitus by Glas Koncila.

On 22 August 2019 in France, I finished my doctoral studies on thesis "Israeli – Palestinian negotiations from 1991 to 2018: the case for political realism and inevitability of a two-State solution" and earned Ph.D. in International Affairs, Interreligious Dialogue, and Diplomacy. In November 2019 I published my doctoral thesis as book in English and Croatian. I was also chair of the board of directors of our first and only hospice in Croatia run by our Archdiocese and I am still chair of the board of directors of our safe house for woman and children.

My first visit to UK was English language school in London in 1997, and later I was visiting different abbeys and parishes as seminarian and supplied as a priest in different dioceses. My first visit to Cardiff area was in 2013.

The UK was always my second home. In 2020 I met Archbishop George and we started to talk on my possible coming to the Archdiocese of Cardiff because I always wanted to serve in a missionary Church and when my Archbishop in Croatia retired he gave me permission, so here I am to write new pages in my priesthood together with you all in beautiful Barry town and parish by God's help, Our Lady intercession and patronage of amazing St. Helen all Welsh Saints and martyrs.

Special thank you to our dear Canon Patrick who will stay close to us and also to the parish administrator Kirsty for a warm welcome.

With love & prayers, Yours Mgr Matija.

### **+Archbishop-elect Of Cardiff Mark O'Toole**

Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Mark O'Toole as Archbishop-elect of Cardiff and Bishop-elect of Menevia.

Bishop Mark O'Toole has been Bishop of Plymouth since his appointment in 2013. Previously, he was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Westminster in 1990 and served as private secretary to Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor between 2002-2008, before his appointment as rector of Allen Hall seminary in 2008.

Archbishop-elect O'Toole will become the eighth Archbishop of Cardiff in succession to Archbishop George Stack, who has been Archbishop of Cardiff since 2011.

The installation will take place in Cardiff Cathedral on 20th June 2022, the feast of the Welsh martyrs Saints Julius and Aaron.

On hearing of his appointment, Archbishop-elect O'Toole said: "I am grateful and humbled by the trust that the Holy Father has placed in me. I face the task ahead both with excitement and a certain trepidation, conscious of my own weaknesses. Throughout my life I have learnt to trust the Lord's will more deeply, and in these days of Eastertide especially, I have taken much comfort from Jesus's words to his Apostles, 'Do not be afraid. I go before you ...' It is with this deep sense that the Lord goes before all of us in this new mission, that I fully embrace this new calling in my life."

On hearing the news of the appointment of his successor, Archbishop George Stack said: "I warmly welcome the appointment of Archbishop-elect Mark O'Toole as the eighth Archbishop of Cardiff and the fourth Bishop of Menevia 'in persona Episcopi'. This provision has been made by the Holy See maintaining the identity, juridical reality, history and pastoral life of each diocese. "Archbishop-elect Mark will bring great gifts to this new ministry. The people of each diocese will be blessed by his experience as Bishop of Plymouth. His pastoral, theological and administrative skills will be of enormous benefit to us all. His national responsibilities as Chair of the Department of Evangelisation and Discipleship in the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have been recognised by the Holy See in his membership of the International Council for Catechesis. His Celtic heritage will resonate with the Catholic faithful in Wales and in the wider community of his new home. Ad Multos Annos!"

Please keep Archbishop George and Archbishop-elect Mark in your prayers at this transitional time.

### **+May Devotions in honour of Our Lady**

During the month of May there will be Rosary and Novena prayers in honour of Our Lady.

Novena to Our Lady of Hope 8:30am

From May Monday 2nd– Wednesday 11th (Except Sundays).

Novena to Our Lady of Sorrows 8:30am

From Thursday 12th–Sat 21st (Except Sundays).

Novena For Family & Marriage 8:30am

From Monday 23rd May– 1st June (Except Sundays).

Each Friday of May stations of the Cross at 7:00pm with the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Please note for the month of May the usual 3:00pm divine mercy and stations of the cross on Friday is transferred to 7:00pm.

### **+The Bishops Conference Of England & Wales**

The Spring meeting of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales is scheduled for 1st-6th May 2022 and will take place at Cornerstones in Cardiff.

This is only the second time the conference has been in Wales and is an important event for us all.

### **+Sacramental Dates– First Holy Communion**

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 7th May at 10:00am.

### **+Sacramental Dates– Confirmation**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Saturday 14th May at 10:00am.

### **+Priest Training Fund**

In a world that seems increasingly reluctant to take risks, 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?- If you would like to support the Priests Training Fund you can give online by visiting: [www.rcadc.org](http://www.rcadc.org). Alternatively, you can donate at your parish during the annual collection on the weekend of 7th/8th May, Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of church.

### **+Gift Aid 2022**

All those who have not yet completed a gift aid form and would like to gift aid their weekly contribution please contact Kirsty in the Parish Office.

## **Bishops Conference Of England And Wales 2022**

The Bishops' will be celebrating Mass at the Cathedral, as well as Morning & Evening Prayer most days. Please see the liturgical timetable below. Please feel free to attend as all liturgies are open to the public.

### **Monday 2nd May**

0800hrs	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ending with Simple Benediction
0900hrs	Morning Prayer
1245hrs	Mass
1845hrs	Evening Prayer

### **Tuesday 3rd May**

0800hrs	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ending with Simple Benediction
0900hrs	Morning Prayer
1245hrs	Mass
1845hrs	Evening Prayer

### **Wednesday 4th May**

0800hrs	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ending with Simple Benediction
0900hrs	Morning Prayer
1245hrs	Mass

**No Evening Prayer**

### **Thursday 5th May**

0800hrs	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ending with Simple Benediction
0900hrs	Morning Prayer
1245hrs	Mass
1845hrs	Evening Prayer

### **Friday 6th May**

0845hrs	Mass
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