



St. Helen's Parish

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**A new commandment:
love one another;
just as I have loved
you.**

15th May 2022, Fifth Sunday Of Eastertide

Saturday	6:30pm	People Of The Parish
Sunday	8:30am	Thanksgiving
	10:30am	Owen John Coulthard

22nd May 2022, Sixth Sunday Of Eastertide

Saturday	6:30pm	Thanksgiving: Iona James Heron
Sunday	8:30am	People Of The Parish
	10:30am	Martin John Doran

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.

Confirmation– The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Saturday 14th May 2022**.

Collections– 8th May 2022

Ordinary £631.84 Gift Aid £307.00
Priest Training Fund £373.87

Fifth Sunday Of Eastertide

Weekday Masses: Mon 16th May – Sat 21st May

Monday 5th Week Of Eastertide	9:00am	Tom Kearney
Tuesday 5th Week Of Eastertide	9:00am	Rose & Luci Gleeson Adoration 9:30am—10:30am
Wednesday 5th Week Of Eastertide	9:00am	Soul of Mathew Francis
Thursday 5th Week Of Eastertide	9:00am	James Thomas Church Open for Prayers 9:00am-5:00pm
Friday 5th Week Of Eastertide		NO DEVOTIONS NO MORNING MASS NO STATIONS OF THE CROSS OR DIVINE MERCY Church Open for Prayers 9:00am-12 Noon
Saturday 5th Week Of Eastertide	9:00am	Annamma Sebastian 10am-11am Confessions/ Reconciliation

+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 will continue this weekend Sunday 15th May.

+Tea & Coffee

Hosted in the Parish Hall after the Sunday 10:30am Mass. Getting together for a cuppa is a wonderful opportunity for parishioners to connect, especially after the upheavals of the last two years. Everyone welcome!

Sanctuary Lamp: Adam & Margaret McCarthy

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 Fr Christopher Delaney OSB who died recently.

A requiem Mass for Fr Delaney will take place on Friday 20th May at Midday at Buckfast Abbey.

Large numbers of people are expected to attend and, therefore, a memorial Mass will take place in St Marys of the Angels, Canton, Cardiff on Friday 27th May at 7:00pm for those who are unable to travel to Buckfast Abbey for his Requiem Mass. This will be followed by refreshments in St Mary's Church Hall.

Please note parking is limited in the area and therefore allow time for travel and arrival at the Church.

+Confirmation

Congratulations to all the candidates who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. Please keep these young people and their families in your prayers

+Ukraine Family

Thank you to everyone in the parish who has supported the arrival of a refugee family into our community.

It is with great pleasure that we can tell you the family of five will arrive here this weekend. The process of visas, accommodation and finance have been challenging but with the help of so many people it has been made possible. If you would still like to help we are asking for Tesco Vouchers so that the family can go shopping themselves and get essentials that they still need like food, toiletries and clothes. The vouchers can be given to Kirsty either at Mass or in the Presbytery. Thank you for your generosity.

-Kirsty Vater & Magda Kwiatkowska.

+Networking

Networking event for all volunteers and staff Location: St Mary's Catholic Church Bridgend, 39 Ewenny Road, Bridgend, CF31 3HS. 11am -1pm Friday 27th May 2022. FREE and open to all (for example treasures, health & safety officers, youth leaders, SVP members, stewards, readers, eucharistic ministers, admin staff, gardeners, musicians and in any other capacity!)

An informal gathering over lunch for those that actively lead and support church & community life. Includes both parish staff and volunteers, an opportunity to meet the Development Team. This is a pilot to get like minded people together to share their experiences. With sufficient interest we'd like to move these around the diocese.

REGISTRATION: Please let us know if you'd like to attend indicating where you are from and if you have any special dietary requirements by emailing: Gareth Simpson, gareth.simpson@rcadc.org

Let's start rebuilding our parish communities.

+Pilgrimage To Our Lady Of The Taper

It is hoped that a Pilgrimage to the shrine in Cardigan can be arranged for October (date to be agreed).

The outline for the day would be to travel by coach to the Shrine where a joint celebration of the Mass could take place followed by devotions before the Statue. Father Pius, parish priest of Cardigan, will also give a short talk of the history of the Shrine and the devotion to this aspect of Our Lady.

Our Lady of Cardigan, (Mair o Aberteifi), also known as Our Lady of the Taper, is the Catholic National Shrine of Wales.

According to Medieval legend, a statue of Our Lady and Child was found beside the River Teifi, in southwest Wales, with a burning taper (candle) in her hand.

The original statue was destroyed during the Reformation. However, in 1986 a replacement was created with the candle being blessed by St John Paul.

The image of Our Lady of the Taper is one that portrays great comfort and hope for us as the Virgin holds her son and presents Him to us as our Lord and God, she lights our way to Him with her lighted taper, which illuminates the faces of the Mother and Child.

Cardigan is set in a beautiful area of Wales and has many medieval and heritage sites, (including a castle). It also has a variety of shops and restaurants.

It is estimated that the cost of the day would be around £30 per head (buy or bring your own lunch).

If you are interested in attending, please could you put your name and telephone number on the list at the back of the church. Thank you.

+May Devotions In Honour Of Our Lady

Novena to Our Lady of Sorrows 8:30am

From Wednesday 11th-Friday 20th (Except Sundays).

Novena For Family & Marriage 8:30am

From Saturday 21st –Tues 31st May (Except Sundays).

Each Friday of May stations of the Cross at 7:00pm with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. **Except Friday 20th May.**

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

+Priest Training Fund

Thank you to all who has contributed to the Priest Training Fund. Gift Aid envelopes are still available at the back of Church if you still wish to contribute.

+Piety Stall at St Helens and Online

We have a selection of items for sale in the Piety Stall in the church hall. The stall is usually open after weekend Masses. Given the location of our stall our selection is limited but we also have access to over 2000 items as an affiliate of www.pietystall.co.uk.

Obligation Restored— Catholic Bishops of England & Wales

Spring Plenary 2022 Resolution

This is the bread come down from heaven (John 6:58)

A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity – “The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist.”

It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as “the Sunday Obligation.”

Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly.

Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. **We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply.**

We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation.

Our Catholic people and parishes have benefitted during these difficult times from the online streaming of Mass and other services.

“Virtual viewing” of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation.

It may, however, be a source of continual spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person, for example those who are elderly and sick, for whom the obligation does not apply. In this context, we recognise gratefully the ministry of those who administer Holy Communion to the elderly, sick and housebound.

We are grateful to our clergy, religious and lay faithful who have served our parishes, schools and communities with dedication and distinction throughout this pandemic.

Now we look forward with renewed faith and confidence.

In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Lord’s Supper, the Lord Jesus entrusted to us the precious gift of Himself. With humility, we glory in being a Eucharistic people for whom attendance at Mass is essential. Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person.

As the Church needs the witness of the presence of each person, so too each believer needs to journey in faith and worship with their fellow disciples. Nourished by our encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus, fed with His Word and His Body and Blood in Holy Communion, and supported by the presence of each other, we receive strength week by week, to serve the Lord and glorify Him with our lives.

Approved by the Plenary Assembly of the Bishops’ Conference—Friday 6th May 2022