

# Parish Announcements

## Samaritans Purse Shoebox appeal 2022



Operation Christmas Child - make your donations through CWL Westcliff! Donate by 6<sup>th</sup> November!

As last year we are not collecting shoeboxes etc at the back of church - CWL Westcliff are willing to fill the shoeboxes online from your donations. The cost per box is £20 so if that is too much in these difficult times you can make a donation of any amount and we will fill the shoeboxes for you up the amount raised. You can donate however small or big the amount and make the payment direct to our section account. If you would like to make a donation please pay to Catholic Women's League CIO Westcliff section; Sort code 30-98-90; account number 18096960; Reference Shoebox.

Thank you for your support and remember what a difference this makes to the children receiving these boxes all over the world.

Here is the link if you would like to donate directly <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/follow-your-box-donation/>

## St Helen's Friendship Club

Prior to the arrival of Covid 19, the parish ran a Friendship Club where parishioners of all ages met socially, in the hall, on a regular afternoon. It has been suggested that this club returns, but this requires one or two members of our community to set up and run it. If anyone is interested in re-introducing this club, contact Ray Newman on ☎ 07775 769826.

## 40 Days for Life

[www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com)

Are holding a peaceful, prayerful witness outside Marie Stopes International an Abortion provider. We are there to offer services of help to women in crisis pregnancies. Please come and pray.

Southend Medical Centre  
28th Sept – 6th Nov

For more information contact Mary & Francis Connolly ☎ 0747 876 5010

If you have been hurt by Abortion please contact: Pam: ☎ 0785 133 1816

[www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk)

## CALL FOR SUPPORT

The special season of giving is coming soon!  
Your

**unwanted gifts, toys and games, books, CDs and DVDs, cakes, and other items good as raffle prizes**

can be the perfect surprise gift to our fellow parishioner who will join our annual Christmas Raffle in our Parish.



For more information, please contact:  
Kath Harms 07469 688 684

## 100 Club Winners

Mrs V Sharp £8  
Mrs S Baillie £15  
Mrs D Potter £10

Mr T Curtis £20  
Mr P Keyes £10

Mr S Barningham £20  
Mrs M Denton £15  
Mrs M Wilks £10

Mrs C O'Brien £20  
Mrs E Aledatoyinbo £15  
Mrs C Darbourn £10

### **Thank you for your support:**

**July:** Veronica Sharp, Sue Baillie and Dymna Potter;

**August:** Tony & Jenny Curtis, John Upsher and Pat Keyes;

**September:** Steve Barningham, Mary Denton and Mary Wilks and October Carmen O'Brien, Elizabeth Aledatoyinbo and Carol Williams.

## The Universe Catholic Weekly

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### **Newsletter & Hall Bookings**



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### **WhatsApp Group**

St Helen's Church Group



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## PARISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

#### **Responsorial Psalm:**

I shall be filled, when I awake,  
with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

**Gospel:** Luke 20:27-38



## *Courage in Suffering, Trust in Life After Death*

As we enter November in the northern hemisphere, we become conscious of the dying of the year, the death of life as we know it, and what lies beyond death. The threat and reality of war in many places, the decline of civility in public discourse, and the climate crisis all threaten to tear the bonds that hold us together. We may even feel that our very culture and indeed our planet are headed toward death. Today's readings, however, offer faith and hope, courage in suffering, and trust in eternal life.

The Seleucid Greek King Antiochus IV forbade the Jews in his kingdom to observe God's law, and mandated that they take on Greek customs. But the Jewish Maccabees refused to comply. Seven of them and their mother were subjected to torture and died courageously rather than forsake their hope in God and in resurrection.

Paul's Letter to the Thessalonians assures them that God will strengthen them, guard them from evil, and encourage them as they wait in hope for the coming of Christ. In the gospel, the Sadducees try to trip-up Jesus by presenting him with a scenario in which the afterlife is exactly like this one. Jesus sidesteps the trap by quoting Moses, "God is not the God of the dead but of the living. All are alive for him." (Integral Faith)

Source: <https://sundayprep.org/commentary-32nd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c/>

**Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into your Church!**

## Mass Times & Intentions

**Note:** All Masses at Saint Helen's this November are offered for the souls whose names are listed in the Requiem Mass forms submitted.

### 6<sup>th</sup> of November – Sunday, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C). (Green)

09:30am – For +Zita Subasinghe (RIP); Foundation Memorial Mass: for +Sidney George White and +Louise White; For the Rogationist Fathers and Brothers Congregation; for the healing of Eileen Campling

11:30am – For +Zita Subasinghe (RIP); For the Daughters of the Divine Zeal Congregation; For the healing of Eileen Campling

06:00pm – For +Zita Subasinghe (RIP); for the healing of Eileen Campling

### 7<sup>th</sup> of November – Monday, Feria. 32<sup>nd</sup> Week. (Green)

No Mass

### 8<sup>th</sup> of November – Tuesday, Feria. (Green)

10:00am – For Anniv.: Fr. William Philpot (1949) and Deacon Norman Wiseman (1993); for the healing of Eileen Campling

### 9<sup>th</sup> of November – Wednesday, Feast: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (White)

10:00am – For +Erlinda David (Death Anniversary); for the healing of Eileen Campling

### 10<sup>th</sup> of November – Thursday, Memorial: St. Leo the Great, P.D. (White)

10:00am – For the healing of Eileen Campling

### 11<sup>th</sup> of November – Friday, Memorial: St. Martin of Tours, Bp. (White)

10:00am – For babies in danger of abortion; For Anniv.: Canon Denis Petry (1990) and Fr. Keiran Dodd (2022); For the healing of Eileen Campling

### 12<sup>th</sup> of November – Saturday, Memorial: St. Josaphat, Bp. M. (Red)

12:00nn – For the healing of Eileen Campling

### 13<sup>th</sup> of November – Sunday, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C). (Green)

*Remembrance Sunday and World Day of the Poor*

09:30am – For the dead of the two World Wars; For +Jerzy (George) WisLocki (RIP); Foundation Memorial Mass: +Elizabeth Louise Simmons; For the Rogationist Fathers and Brothers Congregation; For the healing of Eileen Campling

11:30am – For +Jerzy (George) WisLocki (RIP); For the Daughters of the Divine Zeal Congregation; For the healing of Eileen Campling

06:00pm – For the healing of Eileen Campling

For Any Mass Intentions, please see the priests or call them during office hours (Tuesdays to Fridays 9-1pm) ☎ 01702 342324

Alternatively, **Mass Intentions - Envelopes** are available

Mass Intentions are published in the parish newsletter (available for collection). It is also posted via Facebook Page of the Parish.


### Sacramental Services

- For **Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals**, please email our parish office or get in touch with any of the priests.
- **Marriage Preparations:** Couples who are planning to get married in or outside the parish should contact the parish office at least six (6) months in advance.
- **The Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Thursdays 10:45-11:25am; Saturdays 11:15-11:50am or approach the priest to get an appointment.
- **The Sacrament of the Sick:** Please contact the parish office for requests about visiting the housebound / Care Home residents.

## Parish Notices

### Parish Weekly Diary

#### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> of November

09:30am – Children's Liturgy (Small Hall)   
10:30-11:30am – African Community (Small Hall)  
12:45pm – Baptism

#### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> of October

09:00am-12:00nn – Cleaning (Halls)  
03:00-04:00pm – Active Life (Small Hall)

#### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> of November

10:00am – Mass with St. Bernard's Students

#### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> of November

06:00-07:00pm – Bible Study (Small Hall)

#### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> of November

07:00pm – Legion of Mary Meeting  
(Sacristy and praying of the Holy Rosary)  
(For home visits, please contact the parish)


#### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> of November

03:00-4:00pm – Divine Mercy Devotion  
(Adoration Chapel)

#### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> of November

10:30am – Bereavement Group (Small Hall)  
11:00am – Adoration (organized by the FIHM)  
11:30-11:55am – Confession  
12:00nn – Mass  
12:45pm – Baptism

#### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> of November

09:30am – Children's Liturgy (Small Hall) 

Note:

*Recitation of the Holy Rosary at the small chapel after the weekday Masses.*

**REQUIEM MASS ENVELOPES:** AVAILABLE AT THE TABLE NEAR CHURCH MAIN ENTRANCE

### St Helen's Minibus Service

- For parishioners of Saint Helen's with mobility problems and wanted to attend the 11:30am Sunday Mass;
- For those who are interested to join the team of volunteers, please contact Ray Newman on ☎07775 769826

### BIBLE STUDY

09-Nov-2022, (Wed) 06:00pm (Small Hall)

Topic: Attitude Adjustment to DENIALS  
Scriptural Passage: Luke 22:54-62  
For more information, scan the WhatsApp QR code to join the group



### We need Volunteer Catechists

The First Holy Communion Program (Wednesdays 5-6pm) require additional catechists. Inquire through the priests or the parish office for more details.

### Greeters and Ushers Needed

We are looking for greeters and ushers to stand at the main entrance to welcome people, to distribute Hymn Books, and to guide the faithful during communion time.



### CONFIRMATION 2022-2023

Registration Forms for Candidates to Confirmation are available at the table near Church main entrance.

### JOIN OUR CHOIR GROUPS



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### Gift Aid Subscribers

If you are not in the scheme and would like to join and help the Parish, please complete a Declaration Form.

Questions? Please contact **John Upsher** ☎01702 347369.



### St. Helen's Cleaners

Join this group chat to get the weekly schedule of volunteer cleaners.

