



### SAINT HELEN'S SSVF

In light of a steady reduction in the number of members of SSVF Conferences, the decision has been made to merge some Conferences. In light of this, St. Helen's and St. Gabriel's Conferences have merged. Our merged Conference will meet each Monday evening in St. Helen's Church Hall at 7pm. Anyone interested in learning more about the charitable work of SSVF is most welcome to join us at one of our meetings.

Our SSVF continue to be grateful to parishioners for donations. You can contribute direct to their bank account:  
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### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

meets this Tuesday evening (11.1.22). Please send any comments or suggestions to [sthelen@rcag.org.uk](mailto:sthelen@rcag.org.uk) or put a note in the suggestion box at the back of the church.

### THURSDAY EVENING MASS

Please note that for one week only, there will be no Mass at 7.00 pm this Thursday evening to allow Mgr Paul to concelebrate at a Mass marking the first anniversary of the death of Archbishop Tartaglia.

### THE SYNODAL JOURNEY

Last October, the entire Church entered into a **synod**.

And this synod is going to be unlike any other! From 2021 to 2023, it will be a journey of sharing, reflecting, and listening at all levels across the entire Church!

A synod is a gathering, traditionally of bishops, that helps the Church to walk forward together in the same direction. The word "synod" comes from the Greek *syn-hodos*, meaning "the same way" or "the same path." Synods were common in the first centuries of Christianity, giving bishops the opportunities to meet and discuss issues of importance for the life of the Church. In recent years, Pope Saint Paul VI restored the Synod as a gathering of bishops, lasting around a month, which took place every two or three years to reflect on a particular topic.

Unlike past synods, this one isn't about addressing a particular issue but about becoming who God calls us to be as a Church, all of us together, amidst the reality of today's world! The Synod which is now underway is totally unprecedented, for at least three reasons.

1. It is no longer only a one-month Synod of Bishops but a two-year synodal process for the entire People of God, all the baptized! All are invited and no one is to be left behind or excluded!
2. It is a synod that aims on giving the entire Church a *lived experience* of synodality. It's not just about filling in a questionnaire, but gathering the fruits of what the Holy Spirit is saying to us here and now.
3. The aim of the synod is not just to talk *about* synodality, but to put synodality into practice from now onwards, in every diocese, parish, and country across the whole world. This calls all of us, at every level of the Church, to renew our way of

being and working together moving forward.

Fundamentally, synodality is about *journeying together*. This happens through listening to one another in order to hear what God is saying to all of us. It is realizing that the Holy Spirit can speak through anyone to help us walk forward together on our journey as the People of God.

The point is not that we take two years to understand some new buzzword that will soon fade. Synodality is no passing phase! Rather, "walking together" is at the heart of what the Church is all about, as the People of God on pilgrimage in the midst of the world. In the days of the early Church, Saint John Chrysostom said that for him "Church" and "synod" were the same thing, since the Church is all about walking together. In this sense, synodality is a way of renewing the Church from her deepest roots, in order to be more united with one another and better carry out our mission in the world.

Concretely, being "synodal" is a way of being and a way of working that takes a grassroots, collaborative approach, taking time to discern the path forward together.

It highlights the fact that we all have something precious to contribute to the Body of Christ. In this way, a "synodal Church" is a Church that *listens*: "It is a mutual listening in which everyone has something to learn. The lay faithful, the bishops, the pope: *all listening to each other, and all listening to the Holy Spirit, the "Spirit of truth" (Jn 14:17), in order to know what He is saying to the Church*"

This will naturally call us to change our ways of doing things, in order to become more and more who we truly are as a Church: *walking together, amidst the entire human family humanity, guided by the Holy Spirit.*

*Due to the lack of an Archbishop at this time, and because of the restrictions imposed by COVID it has been difficult for us in Glasgow to engage more fully in this exciting experience of the universal*

*Church. However, this subject will be the basis of a discussion at Tuesday's Parish pastoral Council meeting as we explore ways that we can 'do our bit' in Saint Helen's*



### For those who are sick..

We remember all the sick of the parish

### Recently Deceased

Jimmy Taylor, Hugh Healey, Mary Agnes McCabe, Fran O'Hanlon, Margaret Ward

### Anniversaries

Charlie Harkin, Rita Paolini, George Mullen, Nancy McCabe, Gary Rouse, Dr Maura O'Reilly, Diarmuid O'Reilly, Josephine Lonergan,

### PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

*St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

### THANK YOU!

for your continuing generosity to Saint Helen's. If you are able to make a donation, you can use our online giving facility by clicking [HERE](#) or by using our bank details below. The biggest 'thank you' to you all.

Mgr Paul

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nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 103(104):1-4,24-25,27-30*

***Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God,  
how great you are.***

Lord God, how great you are,  
clothed in majesty and glory,  
wrapped in light as in a robe!  
You stretch out the heavens like a  
tent.

Above the rains you build your dwelling.  
You make the clouds your chariot,  
you walk on the wings of the wind,  
you make the winds your messengers  
and flashing fire your servant.

How many are your works, O Lord!  
In wisdom you have made them all.  
The earth is full of your riches.

There is the sea, vast and wide,  
with its moving swarms past  
counting,  
living things great and small.

#### SECOND READING

*Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7*

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to *set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own* and would have no ambition except to do good. But when the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it

was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

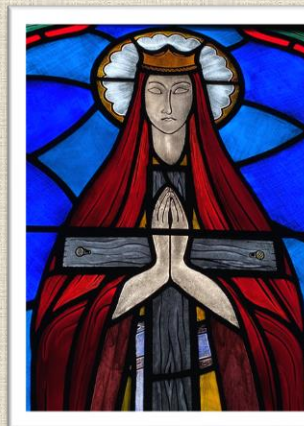
*cf. Lk 3:16*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Someone is coming, said John, someone  
greater than I.  
He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit  
and with fire.  
Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL

*Luke 3:15-16,21-22*

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'



*Saint Helen, Pray for us*

#### SUNDAY MASS:

Vigil (Saturday) 5.30 pm, 9.00 am, 11.00 am and 5.00 pm

#### WEEKDAY MASS

daily (except Thursday) at 10.00 am. Thursday at 7.00 pm

#### CONFESSIONS:

Thursday from 6.00 pm until 6.45 pm in the hall

#### DEVOTIONS:

Novena (our Lady of Perpetual Succour) Thursday at 6.45pm  
Divine Mercy Chaplet on Fridays at 7.00pm

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Monsignor Paul Murray

#### PERMANENT DEACON

Rev. Kevin Kelly

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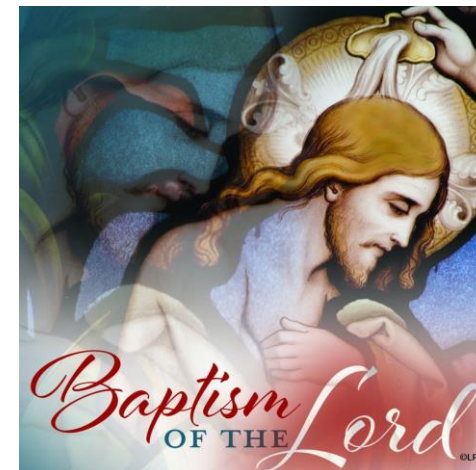
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One Family, One Heart, One Faith

# Bulletin

9th January 2022



#### FIRST READING

*Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7*

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the

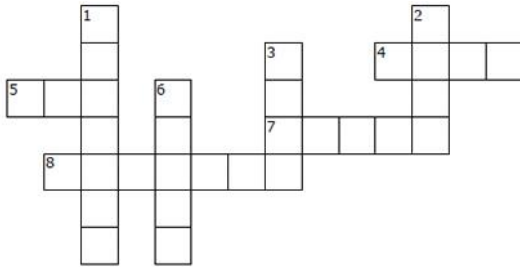


# Children's Worship Bulletin

## Jesus, the One and Only

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

### Crossword Puzzle



#### ACROSS

4. The name of the man who baptized Jesus
5. A male offspring
7. The sound produced by vibration of the human vocal cords
8. To cover briefly completely in water or pour water over a person's head

#### DOWN

1. A shoe consisting of a sole fastened to the foot by straps
2. A deep feeling of affection for a person
3. A bird often used as a symbol of peace
6. Clear, colorless, odorless, tasteless liquid; H<sub>2</sub>O

SON	DOVE	BAPTIZE	SANDALS
LOVE	JOHN	WATER	VOICE

### Word Search Puzzle

U A P Q Y B U M L J H F Z G J  
J O H N N V A M V Z I D I P T  
Q J R F J F K P D L T K O R W  
P E O P L E H E T I J G Q V E  
C H R I S T N B R I A U V K E  
P N S Y N E D I X M Z X L V G  
C K M X P R P L L F M E Z D L  
C J J O W S T M X D U T D M V  
M H M Y X A Z C A E Z W V U M  
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PEOPLE	BAPTIZE	DOVE	PRAYING	FIRE
POWERFUL	JOHN	OPENED	SPIRIT	VOICE
CHRIST	WATER	HOLY	HEAVEN	JESUS



# Colouring Page



John Baptises Jesus  
Matthew 3, Mark 1, Luke 3

# Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
F	K	A	G	I	H	B	E	W	V	Y	T	M	C	D	S	X	Z	Q	J	U	O	R	N	L	P

- 7-3-26-12-5-18-8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 9-3-12-8-23 \_\_\_\_\_
- 16-22-24 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6-22-25-11 \_\_\_\_\_
- 1-5-23-8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 15-22-10-8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 10-22-5-14-8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6-8-3-10-8-24 \_\_\_\_\_
- 25-22-10-8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 16-26-5-23-5-12 \_\_\_\_\_

HEAVEN	HOLY	SON	WATER	LOVE
BAPTIZE	VOICE	FIRE	SPIRIT	DOVE





# Speak, Lord



Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

Psalms 103

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

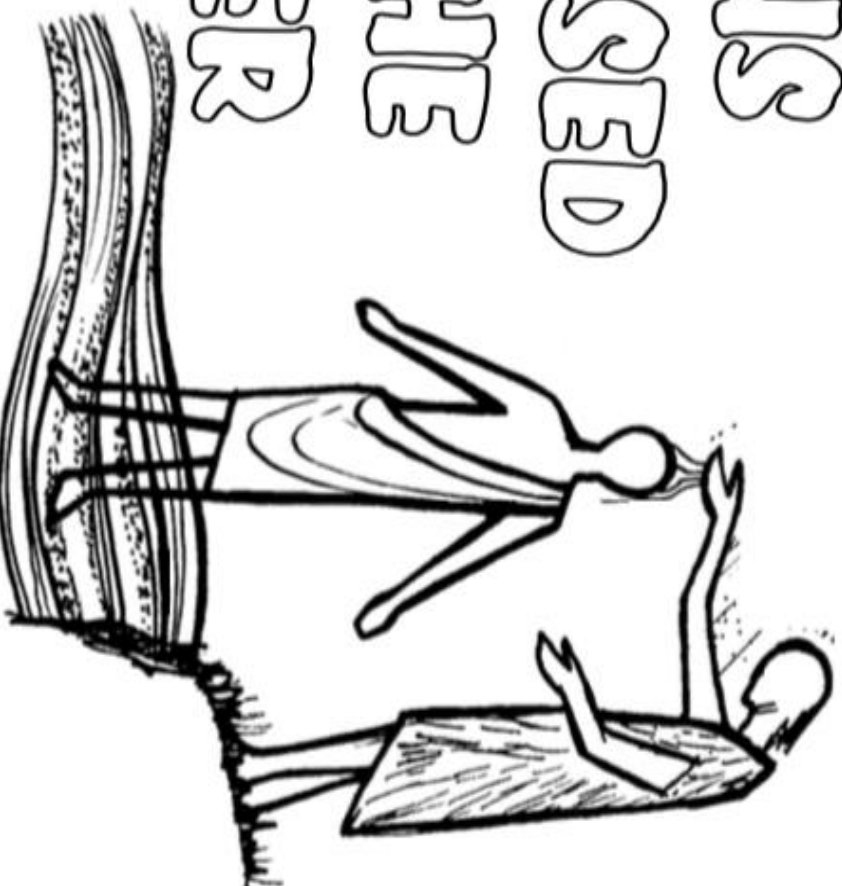
Luke 3:15-16,21-22

SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

Year C — 1st Sunday in Ordinary Time — The Baptism of the Lord



## JESUS BAPTISED IN THE RIVER



Use the following code to reveal what God's voice said when John baptised Jesus.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
H	I	M	N	O	S	T	Y

GOD SAID:

“

7 1 2 6 2 6 3 8 6 5 4

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