

# The Parish Church of S. Helen, West Auckland

Our mission is to love, serve and worship Our Lord Jesus Christ

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9.00am Morning Prayer

**10.00am SOLEMN MASS**

10.00am Sunday Club

11.00am Coffee Hour

*Welcome to any visitors who have joined us this morning. You are most welcome, please relax and simply join in the service where you can. To everyone here today please remember for some people who come along on Sunday it is the only chance of some quiet time before Mass, for others it is the only time they see people for a chat. One of the great positive things about S. Helen's is that we are good at giving time for prayer and preparation for Mass before it starts by keeping silence and that we meet for coffee and a chat afterwards. I think you would all agree that it is not good if our chatter interrupts people's prayer time. Before Mass we listen to God; during Mass we speak with God; after Mass we speak with God's people.*

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 6.00pm – Advent Devotion – A beautiful service for Choir and Congregation presented by the Auckland Deanery Society Parishes, please support our Choir and Organist**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 1.30 – Christmas Fair – in the Parish Centre.**

Stalls can be set up from 12.00 noon on the Saturday – please note the centre is booked out until this time for a private booking. Hot sandwiches will be available on the Sunday at 12.00 noon.

A list of proposed stalls is on the notice board and we are in need of people to help both organise and man the stalls. Raffle tickets are now available, please do try to sell to friends and family before the event.

Items for all the stalls are now required please canvas relatives, friends and neighbours for any unwanted items they may have and are willing to donate to the Fair, these can be left at the back of church or handed to stall holders. This event is our major fund raiser and we do need your support. **We urgently need items for the Bottle Stall and Tombola. Cakes, pies and other fresh produce should be brought direct to the Centre on the Day**

Posters are available in Church and if you could help to display that would be greatly appreciated

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November Christmas Card Making – 10.30-3.30 from the auction £10.00 (one place available contact Alyson) -all materials provided**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November is the Curry Night in the Ark at 7.00pm for those who bought places at the Auction**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Sunday Lunch in the Parish Centre- Roast Beef Dinner followed by Ginger Sponge, £10.00 please see Pat for tickets**

**Wine Tasting Evening** in the vicarage for those who bought places at the Auction the date has been amended to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Next Quiz Night is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December in the Ark 7.00

Messy Church Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November in the Ark 11.30

**Jolly Tots – Please note due to the Parish centre being decorated no Jolly Tots next week**

Every Tuesday in the Centre from 11.30am – A free lunch is provided.

**Busy Bees– Please note due to the Parish centre being decorated no Busy Bees next week**

Thursday 11.30am in the Centre. A free lunch is provided.

**The Computer course – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November in the Ark**

**Collections during Mass-please use the plate by the door or the tap and go machine to give by card. Thank you for your support.**

**Safeguarding: The parish is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Safeguarding Officer Mrs Dianne Chew.**