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Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday – 29th March 2026

9.30am S. Margaret's Holy Eucharist 11.00am S, Catwg's

Compline and Address

7.00pm Monday 30th March S. Margaret's

7.00pm Tuesday 31st March S. Catwg's

7.00pm Wednesday 1st April S. Margaret's

MAUNDY THURSDAY – 2nd April 2026

7.00pm Sung Eucharist S. Catwg's Church

GOOD FRIDAY – 3rd April 2026

12.00 (Noon) Stations of the Cross, S. Margaret's

7.00pm Good Friday Liturgy, S. Catwg's

EASTER SUNDAY – 5TH April 2026

9.30am S. Margaret's Holy Eucharist 11.00am S, Catwg's

Church groups and Community groups – what's on!

Mothers' Union

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Community Dance Group

Meet each Monday at 10.30am at St. Margaret's Church. **All are welcome!!**

Bargoed Community Choir.

We meet each Thursday, during term time, at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach – 10.00 to 11.30 am.. **All are welcome!!**

Everyone is welcome to join us for any of our groups and social meetings.



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www.parishofgelligaer.org.uk (scan the QR Code)
Parish of Gelligaer Facebook page
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St. Catwg

District of Gelligaer

St. Margaret

**SUNDAY 29th March 2026 -
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT:
PALM SUNDAY**



We are a welcoming Christian community serving the people of the District of Gelligaer.

Priest: Fr Gary Powell

Reader: Carolyn Corbin

Dear friends,

I hope that you are all well and that you have all had a good week. We extend a warm welcome to everyone. Please join us for worship. Please keep this newsletter and see our parish website and parish Facebook page which for information of our weekly services and forthcoming events and devotional aids.

This week we celebrate Holy Week, the most sacred, the most important week of the Churches year. Our services are detailed on the back of this newsletter, and everyone is welcome to come and join us in our celebrations.

For those who may be unable to join us in Church we will provide services and devotions on our website. Please look out for them.

This week we are invited to join Jesus and the disciples and to walk with them through the events of the last week of Jesus' life on earth. We celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and are invited to join Jesus and the disciples at the Last Supper as Jesus kneels and washes their feet before commanding them to love one another as he loves us. We witness the abhorrence of the trail and stand at the foot of the cross with Mary and John remembering that Jesus hangs there for us. On Easter Day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with the wonderful news that he is alive and that nothing, not even his death, can keep him or his love from us.

Your friend and priest, Fr Gary Powell

Worship Through the Week.

S. Catwg's Church, Gelligaer:

Sunday 11.00am Sung Eucharist
Thursday 10.00am Holy Eucharist

S. Margaret's Church, Gilfach:

Sunday 9.30am Sung Eucharist
Wednesday 10.00am Holy Eucharist

Everyone is welcome to join us for worship during the week and our social groups and meetings. Further details on the back of this newsletter.

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Please do not hesitate to contact Fr Gary in the event of sickness or other need.

For enquires regarding Baptisms and weddings or spiritual guidance please contact Fr Gary. We are here to help.

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The Liturgy of the Word.

The Liturgy of the Palms.

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew. (19. 28-40)

Glory to you, O Lord.

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.' The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Liturgy of the Passion.

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah. 50. 4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore, I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31. 9-16 Response: I trust in you, O Lord, for you are my God.

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;

My eye washes away my grief.

My soul and body also.

For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing.

My strength fails because of my misery,

And my bones waste away. **(R)**

I am the scorn of my adversaries,

A horror to my neighbours,

An object of dread to my acquaintances;

Those who see me in the street flee from me. **(R)**

I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;

I have become like a broken vessel.

For I hear the whispering of many – terror all around!

As they scheme together against me,

As the plot to take my life. **(R)**

But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God."

My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

Let your face shine upon your servant;

Save me in your steadfast love. **(R)**

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians. 2. 5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Passion Gospel is read without responses.

**THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO
SAINT MATTHEW**