

Church News / Notices.

2025 Glastonbury Pilgrimage –

This year we are arranging a Ministry Area Pilgrimage to Glastonbury which will be held on Saturday 6th September. The schedule for the day is as follows:-

12.00 noon:

Solemn Concelebrated Mass sung in the Nave of the Abbey Church. For 30 minutes after Mass there will be stations for the Sacrament of Anointing, and confessions will be heard in a suitable location. Locations will be announced on the day.

Lunch

3.00 pm

Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Abbey for Solemn Benediction in the Nave of the Abbey Church

If you are interested in attending, please add your name to the contact list in each of our Churches, or contact Carolyn on 07983 677360. Further information/details (i.e. Cost, timings etc) will be given near the date.

church groups and Community groups – what's on!

Mothers' Union

Quiz Afternoon,
takes place on Tuesday 22nd July
at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach
at 2.00pm.

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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WEBSITES:**

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 20th July 2025 -
THE FIFTH SUNDAY after TRINITY**



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.

Your friend and priest, Fr Gary Powell

I hope everyone has had a good week, even though the weather has been changeable. Today on 'The Fifth Sunday after Trinity' we focus on the themes of service, discipleship, and the abundance of God's grace. We should reflect on how we are called to follow Jesus, serve Him, and participate in His mission. In today's Gospel, we read the story of when Jesus visits the home of sisters Mary and Martha. While Martha was busy attending to the needs of their guest, Mary chose to sit at Jesus' feet and listen to him speak. When Martha complained that Mary was not helping, Jesus commended Mary for choosing to prioritize learning from him. As Christian, we also need to listen for God's voice in order to encourage and guide us as we serve Jesus.

Carolyn

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.

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings, Psalm and Gospel for Today.

A reading from the book of Genesis.

18. 1-10a

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15. Response: O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right
and speak the truth from their heart, **(R)**

who do not slander with their tongue, and do not evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbours;
in whose eyes the wicked are despised
but who honour those who fear the Lord; **(R)**

who stand by their oath even to their hurt:

who do not lend money at interest,

and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved. **(R)**

A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians

1. 15-28

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him - provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke.

10. 38-42

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.