

## Church News / Notices.

### **THE TAFF RHYMNEY MINISTRY AREA COUNCIL**

will meet on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025m, at 7.00pm in S. Matthias Church, Treharris

### **2025 Glastonbury Pilgrimage –**

This year we are arranging a Ministry Area Pilgrimage to Glastonbury which will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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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[www.parishofgelligaer.org.uk](http://www.parishofgelligaer.org.uk) (scan the QR Code)  
Parish of Gelligaer Facebook page  
[llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk](http://llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk) / [churchinwales.org.uk](http://churchinwales.org.uk)

St. Catwg

District of Gelligaer

St. Margaret

**SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025 -**  
**THE FOURTH 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 and have had an opportunity to enjoy the warm weather during the week. Today, The Fourth Sunday after Trinity often focuses on themes of mercy, compassion, and welcoming the stranger. As we read in today Gospel, drawing from the parable of the Good Samaritan, it is a time to reflect on how we may extend God's love and grace to others, particularly those who are suffering or marginalized. We are called to action, urging us to embody Christ's love and compassion in all that we do, extending mercy and grace to a world that desperately needs it.

**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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**Principal Office: The Vicarage, Cedar Way, Ystrad Mynach, CF82 7DR.**

## *The Liturgy of the Word.*

**Collect:** O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Readings, Psalm and Gospel for Today.**

#### **A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.**

**30. 9-14**

and the LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 25. 1-10 Response: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God,  
in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame;  
do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;  
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. (R)

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;  
teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all day long. (R)

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way. (R)

He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees. (R)

#### **A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians**

**1. 1-14**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **The Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, .....

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

#### **Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke.**

**10. 25-37**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.' This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**