

The Liturgy of the Word.

Collect:

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 Jeremiah.

31. 31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 119. 9-16

Response: Lead me, O Lord in the path of your commands.

How can young people keep their way pure?

By guarding it according to your word.

With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.

I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you. **(R)**

Blessed are you, O Lord;

teach me your statutes.

With my lips I declare all the ordinance of your mouth.

I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches. **(R)**

I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.

I will delight in your statutes;

I will not forget your word. **(R)**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

5. 5-10

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

12. 20-33

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Church News

OUR LENT GROUPS

REFLECTIONS ON PAUL'S LETTER TO THE GALATIANS

Our Lent Group/Course meet this week.

Wednesday 6.30pm S. Margaret's Church, Gilfach

Thursday 11.00am St. Catwg's Church, Gelligaer

A warm welcome to all.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Gelligaer District Council will meet at 7pm on Tuesday 19th March 2024 in S. Margaret's Church, Gilfach

MINISTRY AREA COUNCIL

The Taff Rhymney Ministry Council will meet next at 7pm on Wednesday 20th March at S. Tyfaelog's Church, Pontlottyn

Mothers' Union Quiz

Tuesday 26th March at 2.00pm in S. Margaret's Church. Everyone is welcome.

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.

DEVOTIONAL MATERIAL AND OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES:

parishofgelligaer.org.uk

llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk

Parish of Gelligaer Facebook page

churchinwales.org.uk

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17th March 2024

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MINISTRY AREA

District of Gelligaer

Priest: Fr Gary Powell

Reader: Carolyn Corbin

THE FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT: PASSION SUNDAY

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

Today we enter into the fifth week of Lent, also known as Passion Sunday, where we draw closer to Palm Sunday and begin to prepare ourselves for our pilgrimage through Holy Week. For many, Lent is a time when individuals may either give up or take up something, have times of quiet reflection, grow in faith, spend more time in prayer or Bible study or perhaps it has been a time when God has worked in some aspect on our life

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WORSHIP THROUGH THE WEEK

S. Catwg's Church Gelligaer

Sunday 11.00am

Thursday 10.00am

Sung Eucharist

Holy Eucharist

S. Margaret's Church, Gilfach:

Sunday 9.30am

Wednesday 10.00am

Sung Eucharist

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.***