

The Liturgy of the Word.

Collect:

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Exodus

20. 1-17

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work - you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 19 or 19. 7-14 Response: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; **(R)**

the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; **(R)**

the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring for ever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. **(R)**

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. **(R)**

Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their errors?
Clear me from hidden faults. **(R)**

Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression. **(R)**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. **(R)**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

1. 18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

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

"Destroy this temple," says the Lord, "and in three days I will raise it up."

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Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John

2. 13-22

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Church News

CAWL EVENING

Our cawl evening this year in celebration of S. David will take place on Wednesday 6th March in Neuadd S. Catwg's Hall. Tickets available soon.

OUR LENT GROUPS:

Our Lent Group/Course meet this week.
Thursday 11.00am St. Catwg's Church, Gelligaer
Due to our Cawl Evening the group will not meet in S. Margaret' Church this week.
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

<p>Mothers' Union Meeting Takes place on Tuesday 5th March at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach at 6.00pm.</p>	<p>Mothers' Union Coffee Morning Tuesday 12th March at 10.30am in S. Margaret's Church. Everyone is welcome.</p>
<p>Community Dance Group Meet each Monday at 10.30am at St. Margaret's Church. All are welcome!!</p>	<p>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!!</p>
<p><i>Everyone is welcome to join us for any of our groups and social meetings.</i></p>	

S. Catwg 3rd March 2024 S. Margaret



District of Gelligaer

Priest: Fr Gary Powell

Reader: Carolyn Corbin

THE THIRD SUNDAY of LENT

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.

On this third Sunday in Lent we have now arrived in Jerusalem with Jesus and his disciples. He goes first to the Temple which he appalled to find has become little better than a market-place. In his anger Jesus cleanses the Temple in an attempt to restore it as a place of prayer and worship. Our Churches are often called, the house of God, they are first and foremost places where we encounter the living God in prayer and worship, places where the love of God for his people is proclaimed both in our worship and in our outreach to those among whom we live.

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.***

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

parishofgelligaer.org.uk

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