

## *The Liturgy of the Word.*

**Collect:** Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 Jeremiah**

**20. 7-13**

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name', then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: 'Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. 'Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.' But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 69. 13-18**

**Response: The Lord bears the needy and does not despise his own.**

But as for me, my prayer is to you, O Lord.

At an acceptable time, O God,  
in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me.

With your faithful help rescue me from sinking in the mire; **(R)**

Let me be delivered from my enemies  
and from the deep waters.

Do not let the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up,  
or the pit close its mouth over me. **(R)**

Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good;  
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.

Do not hide your face from your servant, for I am in distress -  
make haste to answer me.

Draw near to me, redeem me, set me free because of my enemies. **(R)**

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

**6. 1b-11**

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!** 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others' says the Lord. "I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven."

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

**10. 24-39**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. 'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Church News

### FR DARREN - FIRST MASS

Fr Darren will celebrate Mass for the first time on  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00pm  
in S. Tyfaelog's Church, Pontlottyn

Please keep Fr Darren and his family in your prayers and  
come and join him for these important celebrations.

### GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE 2023

This year's pilgrimage takes place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July. If you would like to join  
our group to Glastonbury please add your name to the list in Church. It is always  
a very enjoyable day and everyone is welcome to join us.

### Strawberry tea.

The social committee are holding a Strawberry tea at Neuadd St. Catwg's  
Church Hall starting at 2.30pm on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July. The cost of the tickets are  
£6.00 and are available from both St Catwg's and St Margaret's churches.

<b>Mothers' Union</b> The Mothers' Union hold their <b>Quiz Afternoon</b> at St Margaret's Church. Gilfach on 27 <sup>th</sup> June at 2.00pm. All are welcome!	<b>Bargoed Community Choir.</b> We meet each Thursday, during term time, at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach – 10.00 to 11.30 am. All are welcome!!
<b>Community Dance Group</b> Meet each Monday at 10.30am at St. Margaret's Church. All are welcome!!	<b>Flower Group</b> Our flower group will meet on the third Friday of each month. at 10.00am in St. Margaret's Church.
<i>Everyone is welcome to join us for any of our groups and social meetings.</i>	

### 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

S. Catwg

25th June 2023

S. Margaret



District of Gelligaer

Priest: Fr Gary Powell

Reader: Carolyn Corbin

### THE THIRD SUNDAY after TRINITY

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 send our congratulations to Fr Darren who was ordained a  
priest yesterday in Llandaff Cathedral. It is an exciting time for him and  
his family as he begins the next chapter in his life as an ordained minister  
of the Church of God. Fr Darren will celebrate his First Mass tomorrow  
evening and every one is welcome to join him. Details are on the back of  
the newsletter. I know that we all wish his well and will keep him and his  
family in our prayers.

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.*