

# NEWSLETTER

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## Today's Hymns

St Catherine's	St John's	St Luke's
19	See	622
98	Hymn	511
626	board	
394 (omit v7-10)		

## 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, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## Psalm Response:

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart

## Gospel Acclamation:

St John's:

Glory to you word of God Lord Jesus Christ. If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts.

St Luke's:

Silent, surrendered calm and still, Open to the word of God, Heart humbled to his will, Offered is the servant of God.



**Righteous Anger:** This story of Jesus cleansing the temple reminds us how corruption can enter even the most holy of places. The actions of Jesus were deeply disturbing and challenging to the corrupt moneylenders. They remain so today as Christians struggle to live in the way that God wants. We are called to be in right relationship with God, with each other and with ourselves. This relationship is founded on the divine grace that helps us follow Jesus in a loving, humble, committed and just way.

## Third Sunday of Lent

St Catherine's - 8:00 Eucharist; 10:30 Sung Eucharist;

St John's - 8:00 Eucharist; 9:15 Sung Eucharist; 4:00 pm Explore

St Luke's - 10:30 Sung Mass;

*For Weekday Services and Regular Events see the Website or Church Notice boards for times and days.*

## Today's Readings

Exodus 20.1-17, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1.18-25, John 2.13-22

### Psalm 19

- 1 The heavens declare the / glory • of / God: and the / firma-ment / sheweth • his / handy-work.
- 2 One day speaketh / to an-/other: and one night giveth / knowledge / to an-/other.
- 3 There is neither / speech nor / language: neither are their / voices / heard a-/mong them;
- 4 But their sound is gone out into / all / lands: and their words / into • the / ends • of the / world.
- 5 In them hath he set a tabernacle / for the / sun: "which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, \* and rejoiceth as a strong / man to / run his / course." 6 It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, \* and runneth about unto the end of / it a-/gain: and there is nothing / hid • from the / heat there-/of.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, re-/freshing • the / soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, \* and giveth / wisdom / unto • the / simple.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are right, and re-/joice the / heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth / light / unto • the / eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and en-/dureth • for / ever: the judgements of the Lord are true, and / righteous / alto-/gether
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, \* yea than / much fine / gold: sweeter also than / honey / and the / honeycomb.
- 11 Moreover by them is thy / servant / taught: and in keeping of them / there is / great re-/ward.
- 12 Who can tell how / oft • he of-/fendeth: O cleanse thou me / from my / secret / faults.
- 13 Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, \* lest they get the do-/minion / over me: so shall I be undefiled and / innocent • of / great of-/fence.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart \* be acceptable / in thy / sight: O Lord my / strength and / my re-/deemer.

**Next week's readings:** Genesis 17:1-7 15-16, Psalm 22:23-31, Rom 4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38

## Benefice Notes:

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**Messy Church** - The next planning meeting is today after Explore at 5:15 pm in St John's.

**Explore** - Today at 4pm in St John's when we'll be worshipping God and celebrating what Lent means and can do for us via a Cafe Church style format.

**Confirmation classes** - The next event is this afternoon during Explore.

**Electoral Roll** - This is the year when the electoral roll is due to be re-created and collated. Forms are available at the back of the church and on the website. Please return completed forms to the back of one of the churches. For more details about the electoral roll and why we have one visit our website.

**Benefice Action Teams** - All of the new actions teams have now met. The next step is to take forward some of the ideas and initiatives regarding youth work, care of our buildings and pastoral care. If you'd like to help in any of these areas but couldn't make the meeting please contact the clergy.

**PCC Meeting** - The next meeting for the Parochial Church Council is on 25 March at 7:30 pm in St John's.

**Companion with car** required for elderly lady approx. 12 hrs week, good rates of pay via formal payment scheme. Please contact Fr Mark for more information.

**Benefice Noticeboard** - If you would like to include something in the notes please send it to [linsaycoolhouse@hotmail.com](mailto:linsaycoolhouse@hotmail.com). Please try to keep contributions as brief as possible as space is often very limited.

## St Catherine's Notes:

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**Hall Bookings** - To book the Hall please contact Angharad Elias 07989 747026 [hall.stcatherines@gmail.com](mailto:hall.stcatherines@gmail.com)

## St John's Notes:

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**Danceathon** - On the 10 March the Brownies and Guides of St Johns are joining in the guiding danceathon in aid of Comic Relief. They will be sponsored for an hour of nonstop dance with live Dj set from Dai of St Catherine's. If you could help or sponsor them for this cause please contact Beth at [stjohnbrownies@yahoo.com](mailto:stjohnbrownies@yahoo.com) or Mary at [stjohnguides@yahoo.com](mailto:stjohnguides@yahoo.com).

**Lent Bible Study Group** - Thursdays 7-9 pm in St John's vestry. All are welcome to join this informal time of bible study.

**All Age Eucharist** - The 6<sup>th</sup> Cardiff St John's Brownies are will be taking part and leading at our Eucharist today.

**Lent lunches** every Friday at 12 noon during Lent.

**Ty Bronna** - The collection for Ty Bronna this month (March) is Sweets and Chocolate.

## St Luke's Notes:

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**Hall Bookings** - To book the Hall please contact Jackie or Haydn Page on 029 2091 3808 [haydnpage@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:haydnpage@hotmail.co.uk)

**Women's Group** - David James will give a talk about Queen Victoria on 26 March (instead of the 12 March). There will be a social evening, quiz and planning meeting on Thursday 12 March.

**Recently Departed:** Katharine Morrissey, Catherine Mary Kirkpatrick, Norma Miles, Fred Maggs, Mayo Atwell.

## This Week in the Benefice: (Diocesan Prayer / Anglican Prayer Cycle / Events and Services)

**Sun 8** Margam: Terry Doherty (V) Meru- (Kenya)

**Mon 9** Newton Nottage, Pothcawl, Philip Masson (R); Mexico- (Mexico) Western Mexico - (Mexico)

**Tues 10** Port Talbot, St Theodore: Mark Williams (V); Eastern Michigan Michigan

**Wed 11** Barry, Archbishop of Wales & Bishop of Llandaff, Hilary his wife and family

**Thur 12** Pyle & Kenfig: Dr Duncan Walker (PinC)

**Fri 13** Neath Deanery Area Dean: Zoe King; Oeste -Brasil

**Sat 14** Cadoxton-juxta-Neath, Andrew Meredith (PinC); Milwaukee Mississippi

**Sun 15** Cilybebyll: Helen O'Shea (R)

## First Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus.

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. 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.

*Exodus 20.1-17*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 19*

**R The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart.**

The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,

their sound has gone out into all lands,  
and their message to the ends of the world.

**R**

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again;  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat. **R**

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.  
The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear  
and gives light to the eyes. **R**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;  
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.  
More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. **R**

By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.  
Who can tell how often he offends?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.  
Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offence. **R**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight,  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. **R**  
**R The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart.**

## Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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,  
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 the 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.

*1 Corinthians 1.18-25*

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## **Gospel**

Hear the holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**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.' They 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.

*John 2.13-22*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**