

NEWSLETTER

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The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Passion Sunday

Collect of the Day

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



"As our journey through Lent brings us closer to Holy Week, we pray for the humility to accept the forgiveness Jesus offers: that we will be ready to celebrate Easter and our new lives in Christ."

Bethany means 'place of the poor.' In our Gospel reading, Jesus is anointed with really expensive perfume an action which might be considered totally unsuitable in a place of poor people!

Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. This house should have been a house filled with mourning and sorrow, instead it is the centre of attention as the dead man and his saviour gather to eat. The people around would clearly want to see this Lazarus who had been raised after four days. Bethany is a small village only a couple of miles from Jerusalem and it would also have been crowded with pilgrims who had come to observe Passover in Jerusalem at this time. People would also have wanted to come closer to Jesus who had this extraordinary power over death, they would have wondered what he could do for them also?

St Catherine's: 10.30 am Choral Eucharist

Today's Hymns: 13, 206, 535, 738

St John's: 9.00 am Sung Eucharist;

Today's Hymns: 476, 662, 666

St Luke's: 10:30 am Sung Mass in the Chancel

Today's Hymns: 539, 532, 570

Psalm response: The Lord has done great things for us and we are glad indeed.

Gospel Acclamation: Silent Surrendered calm and still, open to the Word of God, Heart humbled to His will, offered is the Servant of God

Psalm 126

- 1 When the Lord restoreth the / fortunes * of / Zion: then shall we be like unto / them • that re-/new their / strength.
- 2 Then shall our mouth be / filled with / laughter: and our / tongue with / shouts of / joy.
- 3 Then will they say a-/mong the / nations: "The / Lord hath • done / great things / for them."
- 4 Yea the Lord will do / great things / for us: where-/of we / shall be / glad.
- 5 Restore our / fortunes • O / Lord: like as when streams refresh the / deserts / of the / south,
- 6 They that / sow in / tears: shall / reap with / cries of / joy.
- †7 He that goeth forth weeping, * and taketh the / seed / with him: shall come again with gladness, as he / bringeth / home his / sheaves.

Next week's readings: Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalm 31: 9-16; Philippians 2; 5-11; Luke 23: 1-49

Lent Talks 2019 Please find below details of the Diocesan Lent Reflections. Rev'd Emma will be attending the session at St Dyfrig and St Samson Grangetown and is willing to give a lift to anybody who wishes to attend. Please talk to Rev'd Emma for more details. Format: 20 minute act of worship; 30 minute Talk; 30 minute Q&A: 10th April Building our capacity for good – The Ven M Komor.

Canton Churches Together Lent Course 2019 - The Mystery Of God: In 2019, our Lent course delves more deeply into the mystery of God, seeking to rediscover what it is that draws us so deeply in our search for God. We will follow Jesus through the Lenten readings, allowing him to draw us, in love and wonder, into the mystery of God's plan of salvation. Each session will start at 7pm; Monday 8th April St Mary of the Angels Catholic Church .

PCC: the PCC will meet on Sunday 14th April at 6.30pm in St Catherine's.

Holy Week and Easter Service: please take the Holy Week leaflet which gives the times and venues for our Holy Week and Easter Services across the Benefice. Please ask a warden if you cannot locate one.

Festival of Prayer: Saturday 13th July 10.00 am – 4.30pm – A day to explore Spirituality and Prayer. WELCOME, KEYNOTE ADDRESS AND EUCHARIST 10.00AM – 10.50AM By Bishop Richard of Monmouth at St Teilo's Church in Wales School followed by workshops throughout the day. Bookings can be made on <https://festivalofprayer.live/>

Deanery Conference: the next meeting is on Sunday, 16th June at St.Peter's Church, Fairwater at 6.00 pm.

Confirmation classes: classes for confirmation candidates will begin on Sunday 12th May from 4.00pm until 5.30pm. Classes are for children in Year 5 and above. They will be held every Sunday at the same time until the confirmation on June 23rd at St Catherine's. Our catechist, Sue Jones will lead the classes. Please talk to Rev'd Emma or Sue for more information.

St Catherine's Notes:

Hall Bookings: for hall enquiries Bev can be contacted on hall.stcatherines@beneficeofcanton.org.uk

Advance notice: Summer Fair on 22nd June at 2.30pm. Please keep this date in your diary.

Midweek service: Holy Eucharist Wednesday 11.00 am

St John's Notes:

Ty Bronna: We are collecting gravy granules throughout April. Please leave in the box in church.

Sunday School: Sunday school is held on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month, except for school holidays. 2nd Sunday is Messy Church 5th Sunday is Benefice together service. **April:** 7th April – Sunday school; 14th April - Messy Church - no Sunday school; 21st & 28th April – Easter school holidays - No Sunday school

Lent lunch: come along to our Lent lunch every Friday throughout Lent at 12 noon.

Easter Flowers: If you would like to make a donation for Easter flowers please give to Cynthia Fowler. Many thanks

Midweek Service: Holy Eucharist Thursday 10.30 am

St Luke's Notes:

Easter flowers: If you would like to give a donation for Easter flowers, which make our church look so splendid at Eastertide, please see Brenda, Margaret Charles or Beryl. Many thanks

Stations of the Cross: on Fridays throughout Lent we will be walking the Stations of the Cross in place of Mass at 6.00pm on a Friday Evening. Come and follow the footsteps of our Lord, tracing the road to Calvary – pausing for prayer and reflection, then rejoicing in His resurrection.

Midweek Masses: Said Mass Tuesday 10.00am; Stations of the Cross Friday 6.00 pm

Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle

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| Sun Apr 7 th | THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: Fairwater: Colin Sutton (V) | PASSION SUNDAY <i>Church of Ireland</i> |
| Mon Apr 8 th | Glan Ely: Jan Gould (V) | <i>Mexico; West Tennessee; Ideato (Nigeria)</i> |
| Tues Apr 9 th | Llandaff: (The Cathedral Church) | <i>Michigan; West Texas</i> |
| Weds Apr 10 th | WELSH LANGUAGE ADVISOR: Dyfrig Lloyd. | <i>Milwaukee; West Virginia; Western Izon (Nigeria)</i> |
| Thurs Apr 11 th | Pentyrch & Capel Llanilltern: Michael John (V) | <i>Minna (Nigeria); Western Kansas</i> |
| Fri Apr 12 th | Radyr: Victoria Burrows (V) | <i>Minnesota; Western Kowloon; Idoani (Nigeria)</i> |
| Sat Apr 13 th | Rectorial Benefice of Whitchurch: John Davis (R) | <i>Mishamikoweesh (Canada); Western Louisiana; Ife (Nigeria)</i> |

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