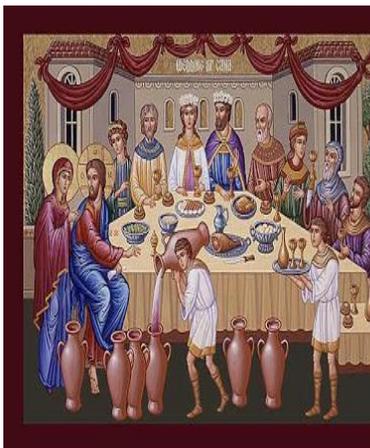


NEWSLETTER

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The Third Sunday of Epiphany

This Sunday continues the Epiphany theme of revelation. At Cana God is revealed in Christ as an extravagantly generous God, who has power to bring hope and life from the most unpromising situations.



Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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.

Today's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 62:1-5

The prophet tells the desolate and exiled people that God promises good things. Although their situation is desperate, the time is coming when they will rejoice.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Within the church community there are different sorts of gifts. No one person can embody them all, so we are called to discern the Spirit's gifts in each other.

Gospel John 2:1-11

Jesus takes an unpromising situation and transforms it into a joyful party. His first miracle is one of abundance.

St Catherine's: 10.30 am Choral Eucharist

Today's Hymns: 259, 152, 157, 419

St John's: 9.00 am Sung Eucharist ; 12.30 pm Baptism; 6.00 pm Evensong

Today's Hymns: 85, 249, 352

St Luke's: 10:30 am Sung Mass

Today's Hymns: 314, 374, 409

Psalm response: With you is the well of life and in your light we see light.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia, opening our hearts to him, singing Alleluia, alleluia, Jesus is our King!

Psalm 36: 5-10

5 Thy mercy O Lord reacheth / unto • the / heavens: and thy / faithful•ness / unto • the / clouds.

6 Thy righteousness standeth like the strong mountains, * thy judgements are / like the • great / deep: thou Lord dost / save both / man and / beast.

7 How excellent is thy / mercy • O / God: the children of men shall take refuge under the / shadow / of thy / wings.

8 They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness / of thy / house: and thou shalt give them drink of thy / pleasures • as / out • of a / river.

9 For with thee is the / well of / life: and in thy / light do / we see / light.

10 O continue forth thy loving-kindness unto / them that / know thee: and thy righteousness unto / them • that are / true of / heart.

Next week's readings: Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a; Luke 4: 14-21

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (Sundays): there will be one 8.00 am Eucharist each month during this interregnum. This will take place at St Catherine's on the 4th Sunday of each month only.

Fr Mark writes: It's impossible to find words to adequately describe the way we all felt last Sunday. It was a very special day for me, my family and everyone else present. There were just on 200 people present in Church and around 130 were able to be accommodated (just!! 😊) for lunch. We are hugely grateful to everyone who contributed to the smooth running of the day: all who ensured that the service was so moving and of course the 'kitchen crew' and all who helped them organize and produce such a lavish and delicious lunch. Thank you very much indeed to everyone who contributed to the leaving gift. The tangible gift on the day (a set of musical tuning forks) is something that will help me in the Cathedral day-to-day and the very generous remainder of the gift will be spent on something that will constantly remind us of the kindness of all those who have been part of life in Canton over so many years. Church was of course very cold, but the warmth and love of all those present compensated for that.....in the way of these things, the heating is being repaired as I write so this Sunday it will be comfortably warm in St Luke's!

Newsletter: for any items to be included in this newsletter please email Sue Jones (office@beneficeofcanton.org.uk) Deadline is 12 noon on Fridays. For an email copy of the newsletter please contact Sheila at mgsmkelly1@gmail.com

PARADISE RUN is on Saturday 26th January. Please take food as usual between 6-7 on the night to Sylvia (114, Pencisely Rd.) or Diana (23, Greenfield Ave.). Thank you

PCC: there is a meeting of the PCC this evening in St John's at 6.30pm following Evensong.

St Catherine's Notes:

Hall Bookings: Please note a change of email contact for booking St Catherine's Hall. Bev can be contacted on hall.stcatherines@beneficeofcanton.org.uk

Parish treasurer – we have appointed David White as our church treasurer. Many thanks to David for agreeing to take on this role.

Midweek service: Holy Eucharist Wednesday 11.00 am

St John's Notes:

Ty Bronna: We are collecting tins and packets of soup throughout January. Please leave in the box in church.

The young people at Ty Bronna were delighted with their Christmas gifts. A letter of thanks can be seen on display in St John's.

Mothers' Union resumes Monday afternoon 2pm St. John's. Look forward to seeing you there

Friday lunch: please note there will be no lunch this month.

Midweek Service: Holy Eucharist Thursday 10.30 am

St Luke's Notes:

Midweek Masses: Said Mass Tuesday 10.00am; Friday 6.00 pm; Saturday 10.30 am

Recently departed: Edna Furzer

Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle

Sun Jan 20 th	THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY Pyle & Kenfig: Dr. Duncan Walker (V)	<i>Pray for the united Church of Bangladesh</i>
Mon Jan 21 st	Rectorial Benefice of Aberavon: Canon Nigel Cahill (R)	<i>Liverpool; St Asaph; Grafton (Australia)</i>
Tues Jan 22 nd	DEANERY OF NEATH: Area Dean: Chris Coles	<i>Liwolo Area (South Sudan) St Davids (Wales)</i>
Weds Jan 23 rd	Retreat Houses, their Wardens & Staff:	<i>Llandaff; St Edmundsbury & Ipswich; St Helena (Southern Africa)</i>
Thurs Jan 24 th	Cilybebyll: Jayne Shaw (R)	<i>Lokoja (Nigeria); St Mark the Evangelist (Southern Africa)</i>
Fri Jan 25 th	Conversion of Paul, Apostle Dulais Valley: Liz Rees (Curate in Charge)	<i>Lomega (South Sudan); Sunyani (West Africa) Grahamstown (Southern Africa)</i>
Sat Jan 26 th	Cadoxton-juxta-Neath and Tonna: Andrew Meredith (PinC)	<i>London (England)</i>

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