

NEWSLETTER

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First Sunday of Lent

As God's beloved children we embark on our Lenten journey, strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 Genesis 9:8-17

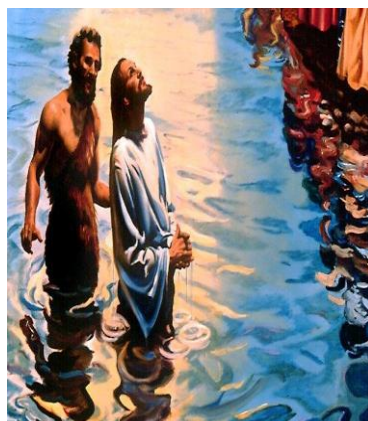
God tells Noah he is establishing a covenant with him, his sons and their descendants. He sets his bow in the sky as a sign.

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:18-end

Baptism, an appeal to God for a good conscience, saves us through Christ's resurrection. It was prefigured by the saving of Noah's family in the water of the flood.

Gospel Mark 1:9-15

Jesus is baptised by John and receives God's approval. He is immediately driven out into the wilderness, where he is tempted by Satan. John is arrested and Jesus begins his Galilean ministry.



St Catherine's: 10.30 am All Age Eucharist

St John's: 8.00 am Holy Eucharist; 9.00 am Sung Eucharist; 6.00 pm Evensong
Today's Hymns: 343, 539, 190

St Luke's: 10:30 am Sung Mass with Rev'd Canon Richard Lowndes
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Psalm response: Your paths, O Lord, are love and faithfulness

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

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

Benefice Pastoral Assistant Training will meet again today at 4.30pm in St John's.

Lent Talks: Bishop June will be giving a series of Lent Talks in the Cathedral at 7.00 pm on Thursdays 22nd February, 1st, 8th and 15th March.

Tuesday devotions in Lent: starting on 20th February and weekly throughout Lent, from 1:30-2:15 pm in St John's, Dylan will lead a short meditation on the seven last words of Christ from the cross with time for quiet reflection and prayer.

Paradise Run: The next run will be on Saturday February 24th. Please can you take your food to Sylvia ([114 Pencisely Rd](http://114PenciselyRd)) or to Diana ([23 Greenfield Ave](http://23GreenfieldAve)) on the day between **6-6.30** please. Thank you so much for your continuing support.

Stations of the Cross: during the season of Lent we walk the Stations of the Cross in place of the Friday evening Mass at St Luke's at 6.00pm. This is an opportunity to join with Christ on his final journey and to reflect on our own journey with Him.

St Catherine's Notes:

Hall Bookings: To book the Hall email Bev on hall.stcatherines@gmail.com.

Tree Improvement Project: On Monday 26th February work will commence on the hornbeam adjacent to the hall, the two oriental planes flanking the gates, the yew tree by the south porch, and the cypress tree near the west doors. Please read the project leaflet for further information.

Mardi Gras Celebration: A resounding success, raising **£503.40** for church funds. Thanks to all who contributed either by attending or by providing goods and services. Requests have been made for Simon and Susie to visit us again!!

Help needed: We have a small team of Sunday club leaders and could always do with more – if you fancy helping out (possibly 1 Sunday every 4-6 weeks), please email Jenna at proutie@hotmail.com for more info.

Mothers' Union Coffee Morning: on Saturday 10th March our Mothers' Union will be hosting a coffee morning from 10.00 am until 12 noon in aid of the holiday caravan in Porthcawl. All welcome.

Advanced notice, Summer Fair Saturday 23rd June – Please put this date in your diary now. A fun day for all so please save the date.

Great weather guaranteed – maybe

Midweek service: Holy Eucharist Wednesday 11.00am

St John's Notes:

Ty Bronna: We are collecting tins and pasta and sauces throughout February. Please leave in the box in church.

Lent Lunches: our Lent lunches will be held on Fridays in St John's. Please do try and support this event throughout Lent.

Mothers' Union: our next meeting will be at St John's on Monday 19th February at 2.00 pm. Sam will lead Lent Reflections.

Advance notice: On 5th March Canon Graham Holcombe will talk to Mothers' Union about growing up in Port Talbot.

Midweek Service: Holy Eucharist Thursday 10.30 am.

St Luke's Notes:

Women's World Day of Prayer: this will take place on Friday 2nd March in St Luke's at 2.00 pm. There will be refreshments following the service.

Midweek services: Said Mass Tuesday 10.00 am; Friday 6.00 pm Stations of the Cross; Said Mass Saturday 10.30am.

Recently Departed:**Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle**

Sun Feb 18 th	THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Cwmbach: Ven Christopher Smith (PinC)	<i>The Church of the Province of Central Africa</i>
Mon Feb 19 th	Hirwaun: Ceirion Rees (PinC)	<i>Ballarat - (Victoria, Australia)</i>
Tues Feb 20 th	Mountain Ash & Miskin: Michael Jones (V)	<i>Bangor - (Wales)</i>
Weds Feb 21 st	The Staff of the Diocesan Office.	<i>Banks & Torres - (Melanesia)</i>
Thurs Feb 22 nd	Penrhiwceiber, Matthewstown & Ynysboeth: Ben Rabjohns (V)	<i>Bari - (Kaduna, Nigeria)</i>
Fri Feb 23 rd	Deanery of Merthyr Tydfil and Caerphilly: Area Dean: Canon Steven Kirk	<i>Barisal - (Bangladesh)</i>
Sat Feb 24 th	Bargoed & Deri with Brithdir: Vacant	<i>Barrackpore - (North India)</i>

Fr Mark's only day off is a Monday. Please respect this and avoid contacting him unless in an emergency. If you need to contact the church on a Monday, please ring Sue on the number below.

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