

NEWSLETTER

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The Second Sunday of Lent

Jesus, prepared to give up his own life, tells us that we must do the same. We are promised not loss, but gain; not death, but resurrection.



Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading Genesis 17:1-7. 15-16

God makes a covenant with Abram to give him and his descendants the land of Canaan. God gives Abram and his wife Sarai new names, Abraham and Sarah, and promises that Sarah will bear a son.

Second Reading Romans 4:13-end

Paul explains that God's promise depends on faith, and is for all who share the faith of Abraham. His faith was reckoned to him as righteousness and will be reckoned to us who believe in God who raised Jesus from the dead.

Gospel Mark 8:31-end

Jesus teaches that he will be rejected, killed and rise again on the third day. Peter rebukes him, but Jesus rejects his rebuke and tells his disciples that those who lose their life will save it.

St Catherine's: 8.00 am Holy Eucharist; 10.30 am Sung Eucharist with The Rev'd Dr Sarah Rogers
Today's Hymns: 467, 104, 116, 305

St John's: 9.00 am Sung Eucharist;
Today's Hymns: 104, 144, 305

St Luke's: 10:30 am Sung Mass
Today's Hymns: 144, 437

Psalm response: All the ends of the earth shall turn to you O Lord

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 22: 23 – 31

23 O praise the Lord / ye that / fear him: magnify him all ye seed of Jacob, * and fear him / all ye / seed of / Israel;
24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the poor in / his af-/fliction: he hath not hid his face from him, * but when he / called • unto / him he / heard him.
25 My praise is of thee in the / great • congre-/gation: my vows will I perform in the / sight of /them that / fear him.
26 The poor shall / eat • and be / satisfied: they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; * may your / heart / live for / ever.
27 Let all the ends of the world remember, * and be turned / unto • the / Lord: and let all the families of the / nations / worship • be-/fore him.
28 For the dominion / is the / Lord's: and he is the / Governor • a-/mong the / nations.
29 As for all them that sleep in the earth, * / how * shall they / worship him: all they that go down into the dust, * / how • shall they / kneel be-/fore him?
30 But my life shall be preserved in his sight, * and my / children • shall / worship him: they shall tell of the Lord unto the / gener-/ations • to / come,
31 And unto a people that shall be born shall they de-/clare his / righteousness: that / he hath / brought • it to / pass.

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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 1st, 8th and 15th March.

Tuesday devotions in Lent: meeting this Tuesday 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.

Benefice 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. £2 admission. All welcome.

Mothers' Union: On 5th March Canon Graham Holcombe will talk about growing up in Port Talbot. St John's at 2.00 pm.

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.

RSPB Discovery day: There will be a Discovery Day in St Catherine's hall and grounds on Saturday 5 May with a Bookstall / Bric a Brac Sale and coffee and cakes event. 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.

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: Jean Checkley, Dorothy Thomas

Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle

Feb 25 th	THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT Dowlais & Penyardren: Caroline Owen (V)	<i>Anglican Church of Central America</i>
Feb 26 th	Gelligaer: Gary Powell (PinC)	<i>Bath & Wells</i>
Feb 27 th	Merthyr Tydfil, Christ Church: Vacant.	<i>Bathurst - (New South Wales, Australia)</i>
Feb 28 th	The Diocesan Registrar: Mrs. Harriet Morgan.	<i>Bauchi - (Jos, Nigeria)</i>
Mar 1 st	DAVID: Patron Saint of Wales Merthyr Tydfil, St. David & Abercanaid Mark Prevett (PinC)	<i>Belize - (West Indies)</i>
Mar 2 nd	Women's World Day of Prayer Pontllytyn with Fochriw: Robert Lindsay (PinC)	<i>Bendigo - (Victoria, Australia)</i>
Mar 3 rd	Treharris, Trelewis, Bedlinog and Llanfabon: Gareth Coombes (Pin C)	<i>Benin - (Bendel, Nigeria)</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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