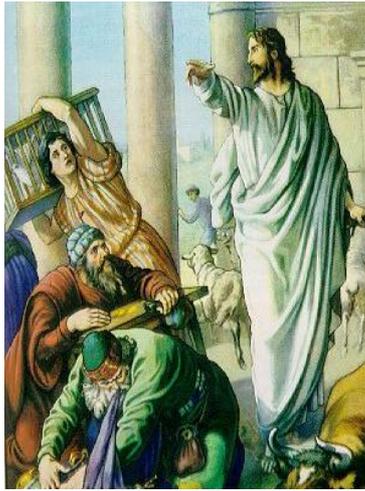


NEWSLETTER

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The Third Sunday of Lent

Let us worship God in pureness of heart, resisting all distraction and ready to present our minds and bodies as a living sacrifice.



Collect of the Day

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.

Today's Readings

First Reading Exodus 20:1-17

The people are given the Ten Commandments, the Decalogue, within the context of God's redemptive purpose. God has rescued them from slavery in Egypt and God now gives the instructions by which the people must live.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Paul highlights the seeming absurdity that the true Messiah was Jesus Christ nailed to the cross. This is God's way of saving the human race, whereas Jews and Greeks, in their different ways, would have looked for something very different.

Gospel John 2:13-22

Jesus angrily drives the people out of the Temple in Jerusalem. Challenged by the Jews to explain his actions, he simply says that the forty-six-year-old Temple, if destroyed, would be raised in three days. His listeners do not understand his meaning.

St Catherine's: 10.30 am Sung Eucharist with Fr Keith Kimber

Today's Hymns: 149, 174, 570, 35

St John's: 8.00am Holy Eucharist; 9.00 am Sung Eucharist

Today's Hymns: 570, 622, 511

St Luke's: 10:30 am Sung Mass; 6.00pm Benediction and Healing Service

Today's Hymns: 622, 511

Psalm response: The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart

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 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.

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 Thursday 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 at St Catherine's Church Hall 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.

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 sweets and chocolates throughout March. 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:

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 or Margaret Charles. Many thanks

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

Sun Mar 4 th	THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Troedyrhiw with Merthyr Vale: Stephen Barnes (V) <i>Anglican Church in the Congo</i>
Mon Mar 5 th	Ystrad Mynach & Llanbradach: Canon Steven Kirk (V) <i>Bethlehem</i>
Tues Mar 6 th	Rectorial Benefice of Eglwysilan & Caerphilly: Mark Greenaway-Robbins (R) <i>Bhopal</i>
Weds Mar 7 th	Diocesan Board for Education.: Andrew Rickett (Diocesan Director of Education) <i>Bida</i>
Thurs Mar 8 th	DEANERY OF PONTYPRIDD Area Dean: Michael Gable <i>Blackburn and Birmingham</i>
Fri Mar 9 th	Pontypridd Ministry Area <i>Bo (Sierra Leone)</i>
Sat Mar 10 th	The Parish of Llantrisant: Canon Viv Parkinson (V) <i>Boga - Congo</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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