



Margam Ministry Area
St Theodore St Colman
Kenfig Hill & Cefn Cribwr



The Third Sunday of Lent



Dear Friends,

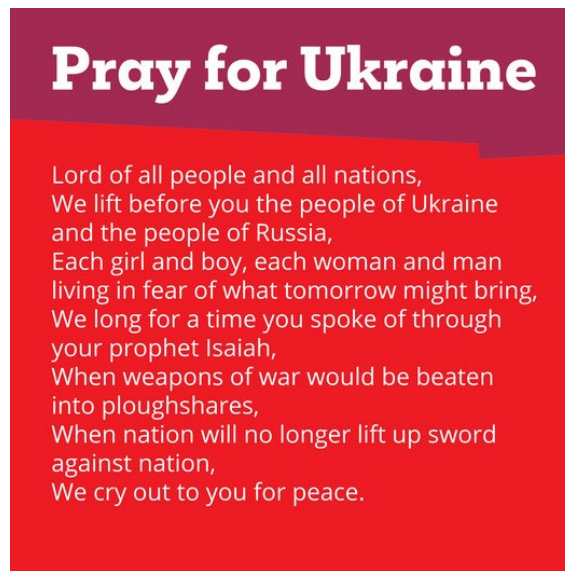
Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance. Today's reading is found in the chapters of Luke's Gospel that describe Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, Jesus teaches and heals. He must also respond to those who question and challenge his authority and actions.

Luke tells us that some among the crowd report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. The intention of the crowd seems to be to ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered. It was commonplace to render people's suffering as evidence of their sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those who were massacred were no more or less sinful than the ones who report the situation to Jesus. Jesus replies that even a fatal accident, a natural disaster, ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin.

Jesus' words at first appear to have a fire-and-brimstone quality. Jesus says in essence, "Repent or perish as these people did; all are sinful before God and deserving of God's punishment." The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. The parable of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener shows patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit.

Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, but God is merciful. He tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us.

This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to love and care for us even when we turn away from him.



A PRAYER FOR PEACE

For those who are fleeing: sanctuary
For those who are staying: safety
For those who are fighting: peace
For those whose hearts are breaking: comfort
For those who see no future: hope

With love and prayer as always,

Fr. Jon

MINISTRY AREA

The inauguration service of the Margam Ministry Area will take place in Margam Abbey on Sunday 27th March @ 3pm. Parking is available in the Orangery carpark.

Thank you

**A huge thank you to everyone who supported the fashion show last Friday which raised over £ 642.00. A further £230.00 was raised in the raffle in support of Ukrainian Refugees!
Continuing Covid Precautions**

As from the 28th February;

- Continue to sanitise on the way in and on the way out of the Church.
 - Continue to complete the 'Track & Trace Forms.'
- Our services will still continue to be live-streamed.

Services and Activities this week @ St Theodore's

Tai Chi classes Mondays at 12.30 p.m. - £5 per session.

Wednesday – Holy Eucharist @ 10am

**Dance to Health classes will begin in St Theodore's from
1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.**

£3

Dance to health.

The falls prevention dance programme
New session in Kenfig Hill at St Theodore's Church

- Fun and effective exercise
- Highly qualified dance instructors
- Follow along at your own level
- Social time included

**Wednesdays
1.30-3.30pm**

"I enjoyed it because I didn't realise how much mobility I still had, it gives me hope. It made me feel free."
Participant

St Theodore's Church, Kenfig Hill, Bridgend, CF33 6DU
For more information call Lizzie on 07855 303 775 or email lizziedavies-macmillan@ae-sop.org

Aesop
Arts Enterprise with Social Purpose

www.dancetohealth.org @dancetohealth

Keep Fit for over 50s - Fridays at 12 noon - £4 per session.

“Goldies is back!!!

**The Goldies Sing and Smile sessions has returned to St Theodore’s.
The next monthly sing a long is on Tuesday 12th April at 11.00 a.m.**

**So come along and wallow in nostalgia, re-live your youth by singing
along to the songs of the 1950s,60s and 70s. Words to the songs are
provided and if she feel so inclined you can get up and have a dance!
Please remember there is a £2 donation to the Goldies charity.”**

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

“Lasagne, Lyrics and Laughter!” in St Theodore’s.

**Friday 29th April, 7.00p.m. – Supper, songs and laughter with entertainer
Dennis Lang.**

Tickets £17.50

More information to follow.

WANTED:- KENWOOD FOOD PROCESSOR

**We are looking for a good food processor for the church kitchen, does
anyone have one at the back of the cupboard they would like to
donate? Please let James, David-Lloyd or Fr Jon know.**



**Mothers Union is now meeting on the first Wednesday of the month
following the 10am Eucharist, all are welcome.**



Please consider donating one of the following:



Pot Noodles & Cup-a-Soup













Part-baked baguettes/rolls



Tinned Rice pudding



Tinned Fruit (peaches/pears/fruit salad)

 Savoury snacks (crackers/crisps/peanuts)  Instant Mash
 Tinned Ham  Long Life Fruit Juice  Instant Coffee small jars
 Ketchup  Hot Chocolate  Toothpaste  Toilet paper
 Household Cleaning Products



Thank you!

THEOS

Theo's continues to accept new donations at the back entrance

PARISH WEBSITE

Our website can be found at:- www.st-theodores-church.org

You will find lots of links, videos and other information as well as the weekly sheet.

DIGITAL SICK LIST -If you would like to add anyone to the sick list you can now do this via the website on the Services Page.

KEEP YOURSELF INFORMED - If you would like information about news do please subscribe to the newsletter on the website at the bottom of the first page.

For information about the History of St Theodore's go to the History tab on the home page of the church's website and click on Learn more.

www.st-theodores-church.org

The 100 Club February Draw

75 Rita Thomas. £25. 2. Ray Budding. £10.

The next draw for 2022 will be on Sunday, March. 27th. Don't miss it ! There is always room for new members, why not join us? For £1 per month, payable six monthly or annually, you can be part of the excitement every month. Your contribution helps us to keep St. Theodore's open and active.

A big thank you. Enid.



NEW! - TEXT GIVING

You can now donate to St. Theodores by text!

To donate £3 Text THEO 3 to 70470 Texts cost £3 plus one standard rate message

To donate £5 Text THEO 5 to 70470 Texts cost £5 plus one standard rate message

To donate £7 Text THEO 7 to 70470 Texts cost £7 plus one standard rate message

To donate £10 Text THEO 10 to 70470 Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message

To donate £20 Text THEO 20 to 70470 Texts cost £20 plus one standard rate message.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Sick: Lauren Williams, Adrian Cook, Caryl Hodge, David Loveluck, Marie Williams, Elliot Evans, Trevor Campbell, David Griffiths, Audrey Williams, Denzil Pugh, Heather Burgess, Nigel Thomas, Chloe Gibson, Marion Hearse, Marsden Lewis, Ann Loveluck, Stuart Brewer, Alan Brookes, Joyce Williams, Nadene Lyddon, Duncan Jenkins, Ann David, Kerry Rawnsdon, Ron Davies, Nesta Harris, Aron Murray, Margaret Griffiths, Roma Kubel, Maureen Crewe, Charlie Ford, Eileen George, Ann & Doug Peers, John Rees, Naomi Stowell, Liz Thompson, Kyle Stewart, Stephanie Jones, Ray & Lynne Heatley, Grace Wylde, David Rymer.

Recent Departed: Michael Stowell

Anniversaries: Charles Floyd, Norma Rattue, Fr. Erle Hastey, William Ridout, Doug Young, Alfryn John, Donna Goddard, Margaret Stickle

Daily prayer intentions

- Sunday 20th** - Citizen Church
La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico
- Monday 21st** - South Cardiff Ministry Area
The Diocese of Kitale
- Tuesday 22nd** - St Saviour's Splott
The Diocese Kiteto
- Wednesday 23rd** - The Diocesan Registrar
The Diocese of Kitgum
- Thursday 24th** - St German's, Roath
The Diocese of Kitui

Friday 25th - Cardiff, St Mary
The Diocese of Kivu
Saturday 26th - Grangetown, St Paul w Cardiff St Dyfrig & St Samson
The Diocese of Nord Kivu

Daily Readings

Mon – 2 Kings 5. 1-15a, Psalm 42. 1,2: 43. 1-4, Luke 4. 24-30
Thomas Cranmer (1556) Latimer, Ridley & Ferrar. Bishops & Martyrs
Tue – Daniel 3. 8-30, Psalm 25. 4-10, Matthew 18. 21-35
Wed – Deuteronomy 4. 1, 5-10, Psalm 147. 12-20, Matthew 5. 17-20
Thu – Jeremiah 7. 21-28, Psalm 95. 1-9, Luke 11. 14-23
Oscar Romero (1980) Bishop & Martyr
Fri – Isaiah 7. 10-14, Psalm 45, Hebrews 10. 4-10, Luke 1. 26-38
Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat – Hosea 5.13-6.6, Psalm 51. 1-4, 16-19, Luke 18.9-14

Collect and Readings for the Third Sunday of Lent.



Collect - 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 and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. . **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Isaiah (55. 1-9)

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not

know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 63. 1-8

R: My soul is athirst for God, even the living God.

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul is athirst for you. My flesh also faints for you, as in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.

So would I gaze upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory. Your loving-kindness is better than life itself and so my lips shall praise you. I will bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name. **R:**

My soul shall be satisfied, as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips, when I remember you upon my bed and meditate on you in the watches of the night. **R:**

For you have been my helper and under the shadow of your wings will I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand shall hold me fast. **R:**

**A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians
(Chapter 10. 1-13)**

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were

baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.'

We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke (13. 1-9)

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them – do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the

gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer: We beseech you, almighty God, look upon the heartfelt desires of your humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of your majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Next Sunday – The fourth Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday

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