

St German's Church

10 March 2019 - Lent I



Temptation in the Desert - "The story of Jesus' temptation reveals to us the deepest thing about him: he had total trust in his heavenly Father. This is why the incident is placed at the very beginning of his public life. The evangelists are telling us that he chose this path and he would remain faithful to it through all the ups and downs of his ministry" Michel de Verteuil.

Today we pray for the same grace to help us commit once more to our own discipleship and journey through Lent.

Parish Notes:

Lent Booklet for Christian Aid - now available from back of the Church.
Nightshelter - Only one more week of hosting the NS and we'd like to thank everyone who has helped and supported it. If possible, please help us after mass next Sunday to pack away the beds etc.

Lenten Devotions - Stations of the cross after Monday mass (6:45pm) and a charity soup lunch with a talk in church on Fridays (start 2nd Fri of Lent).

Lent Concert - We welcome back the Elizabeth Singers (who sang for us in Holy Week last year) on Friday 29 March in St German's at 7:30pm.

Vestry Meeting - The Vestry meeting will be on 7 April again after mass.

Social Events for Spring and Summer - include the following: Lenten Soup Lunches and reflections (Fridays of Lent); 6 April Quiz night; 5 May Parish Lunch; 25 May BBQ; 22 June Summer Fayre; 20 July Ceili Night.

Cardiff Foodbank - Thanks everyone for their help. Please donate only the following: rice pudding, jam, custard, tinned tomatoes, sponge puddings.

Treorchy Male Voice Choir - concert at St German's Church commencing at 7pm (doors open at 6pm) on Sat, 23 March 2019.

Messy Church - Returns this month on Saturday 30 March in St Saviour's from 11am-1pm. The theme is 'A New Start' using the story of Noah.

Recently Departed: Very Rev. John T. Lewis, Baby Marcus Wilcox *RIP*

This week:

Sun 10 Lent I

8am Said Mass (St G)

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

Mon 11:

6pm Mass (St G)

6.45 Stations (St G)

Tues 12:

10am Mass (St S)

6.45 Stations (St S)

Wed 13:

10am Mass (St G)

Thur 14:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

Fri 15:

6pm mass (St S)

Sat 16:

11am Mass (St S)

Sun 17: Lent II

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass

St German's:

8am Said Mass

11am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Deut 26:4-10

Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13,
14-15

Rom 10:8-13

Luke 4:1-13

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18

Ps 27:1, 7-8a, 8b-9, 13-14

Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4

Luke 9:28b-36

PSALM:

**Be with me, O Lord, in
my distress. (4vv)**

Today's Music: 190 Forty days and ...; 343 Jesus lover of my soul; 45 As the deer pants; 695 To God be the glory; Mass setting: Murray and Morris (kyrie, Sanctus, Agnus Dei).

COLLECT:

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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

The First reading is from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the pannier from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, the Lord, have given me."

'You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Deut 26

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Be with me, O Lord,
in my distress.**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon.

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you,' I will save him in distress and give him glory.

Psalm 91

SECOND READING

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans.

Scripture says: *The word* (that is the faith we proclaim) *is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart.* If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: *those who believe in him will have no cause for shame,* it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however

many ask his help, *for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

This is the word of the Lord.

Rom 10

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Luke 6