

WELCOME | CROESO@

The Parish of Treharris Trelewis Bedlinog & Llanfabon

On behalf the Church that meets here, may we take this opportunity to offer you a very warm welcome. If you're visiting or joining us for the first time, then it's really good to see you. Refreshments are usually available after the service, please do join us, and ask someone for directions. If you need any assistance, please do ask to speak to one of the wardens.

Father Gareth Coombes - Parish Priest Dr. Fiona Parsons - Parish Reader

TODAY

Services

9:00am	Holy Eucharist at St. John's, Nelson
10.30am	Holy Eucharist at St. Matthias, Treharris
4:30pm	Evening Prayer at St. Mabon's, Llanfabon

The Collect

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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**

The Readings

Jeremiah 17. 5-10; 1 Corinthians 15. 12-20; Luke 6. 17-26

The Psalm | Psalm 1

R/. For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous.

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! [Alleluia!]

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! [Alleluia!]

I am the way, the truth, and the life | says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father ex | cept through me.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! [Alleluia!]

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! [Alleluia!]

WEEK AHEAD

Monday 18th February 2019 (Green)

John of Fiesol | Priest & Painter Andrei Rublev | Monk & Painter

11:30am Funeral: Pamela Matthews +RIP at St. John's, Nelson
7:00pm Llanfabon Mothers' Union at St. John's Church Hall

Tuesday 19th February 2019 (Green)

Thomas Burgess | Bishop & Teacher of the Faith

6:30pm Treharris Mothers' Union at St. Matthias' Church Hall

Wednesday 20th February 2019 (Red)

+ Saints, Martyrs & Missionaries of Africa

11:00am Morning worship at St. Matthias' Treharris
12:45pm Funeral: Antoinette McDoanld +RIP at Llywcoed

Thursday 21st February 2019 (Green)

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10:30am Holy Eucharist at St. John's, Nelson
11:00am Coffee morning at St. John's Church Hall
11:30am Community Food Co-op at St. John's Church Hall
1:00pm Funeral: Alan Hopkins +RIP at St. Matthias', Treharris
5:30pm Slimming World at St. John's Church Hall, Nelson
7:30pm Slimming World at St. John's Church Hall, Nelson

Friday 22nd February 2019 (Green)

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3:00pm Funeral: Julia Brown +RIP at St. John's, Nelson

Saturday 23rd February 2019 (Red)

+ Polycarp | Bishop & Martyr

7:30am Slimming World at St. John's Church Hall, Nelson
9:30am Slimming World at St. John's Church Hall, Nelson

St. Mabon's, Llanfabon is open daily for prayer, reflection & contemplation

NEXT SUNDAY

Services for Sunday the 24th February 2019 (Green)
+ The Second Sunday before Lent | Sexagesima

9:00am Holy Eucharist at St. John's Church | Nelson
10.30am Holy Eucharist at St. Matthias | Treharris
4:30pm Evening Prayer at St. Mabon's | Llanfabon

The Readings

Genesis 2. 4b-9, 15-25; Revelation 4; Luke 8. 22-25
Psalm 65

NOTICES

2019 SOUTH WALES PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM 22 - 25th July 2019; £285 per person, inclusive; booking forms available from Father Gareth or Audrey Wiltshire. A £20 deposit is required to secure a place. #beholdthehandmaidofthelord

DEFIBRILLATOR APPEAL thank you to all those who have donated. We are now in conversation with our friends at Welsh Hearts and Nelson RFC to make arrangements to have the defibrillator fitted to the external wall of St. John's Church Hall. #stayingalive

LENTEN STUDY | DISCUSSION GROUP if you are interested and/or would like to suggest any possible topics for discussion, please let Fiona know in person or by email fionaparsons04@aol.com Further details to follow.

2018 PARISH REPORT various groups that reflect the life of this parish are invited to send their reports to Patreesa by the end of February; these reports will be included in the annual parish report. #vestrymeeting

PALM CROSSES Ash Wednesday this year falls on the 6th of March; please return any palm crosses from last year so they can be burned to create the ash for the ceremonies that day. #40daysoflent

2019 LENTEN TALKS + June and the Archdeacons will deliver a series of talks exploring the 'Diocesan Vision' at 7:00pm on Tuesday evenings through Lent at Holy Trinity, Ystrad Mynach; everyone is encouraged to attend.

MERTHYR CYNON FOOD BANK is running low of the following items; tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes, long-life fruit juices, tinned rice pudding. Thank you for your continued support. Over 900 individuals turned to the food-bank throughout January and our support is very much appreciated.

A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

What a puzzling thing: that Jesus effectively turns all the wisdom we learn in everyday life upside-down! Luke's version of the Beatitudes includes a parallel section of curses: Woe to the rich; the full; those who laugh; those who are spoken well of. These are parts of Jesus's teachings that do not bulk large in the Gospels, and not surprisingly: the Gospels are written to attract people to Jesus's following, and these words are hardly easy and attractive. They are, however, a warning to us not to judge our own faith - or more important, that of our communities - by the measures of success and popularity. St. Paul insisted to Timothy that he preach the Word in season and out of season, in other words, whether it was welcome or not. Jesus told his disciples to be wise as serpents, and innocent as doves. Let us not try to explain away the difficult sayings of Jesus. We will find that sticking to the pure principles presented to us in the Gospel, a Kingdom will come about where our serpentine wisdom is turned on its head, and to our surprise, it will be better than our imagination could possibly grasp!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT

SUPPORTING THE MISSION OF THE PARISH is easier with Gift Direct; why not pick up a leaflet in church which tells you everything you need to know; alternatively have an informal chat with one of the wardens.

When gifting by cheque, the bank requires all cheques to be made payable to:

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FROM THE PARISH DIARY

1st March: World Day of Prayer: 2:00pm at Calfaria, Nelson
1st March: Cluster Eucharist: 7:00pm at Holy Trinity, Ystrad Mynach
5th March: Shrove Tuesday Parish Social at St. Matthias' Church Hall
6th March: Ash Wednesday

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