

Sunday Newsletter

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The Parish of Aberdare St Fagan
Plwyf Aberdâr St Ffagan

Sunday 22nd March • Lent 4 • Mothering Sunday

Coronavirus (Covid-19) Outbreak

All services and events remain suspended until further notice

Please look after yourselves and keep safe. Follow public health advice regarding hygiene precautions, social distancing and self-isolation if you display symptoms or have been in contact with anyone who has. More info can be found at www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19

Please let us know of anyone in the community who needs help or support. Contact details are on the back of this newsletter.

More information, including prayers for use at home, is available on the parish website

www.stfagansaberdare.co.uk/coronavirus-latest-news

Also please let us know of anyone not online who needs information or support

Livestreamed Services

This Sunday, Mothering Sunday Eucharist from St Fagan's, 9.30am

Also this Sunday, Y Cymun Bendigaid, St Fagan's, 4.30pm

Wednesday 25 March, Feast of the Annunciation, Eucharist & Lent Address, St Fagan's, 7.00pm

Next Sunday to be announced

www.facebook.com/stfagansaberdare

Services will be available as video downloads afterwards on our website

National Day of Prayer – Sunday 22 March

At 7pm everyone is invited to place a lamp or candle in your window as a symbol of prayer and togetherness

Churches open for private prayer

Our churches will be open for private prayer at the following times. Please observe social distancing if you intend to come.

Monday 6-7pm St Luke; Tuesday 9.30-10.30am St James; Wednesday 9.30-10.30am St Fagan; Thursday 9.30-10.30am St Luke; Friday 6-7pm St James; Saturday 9.30-10.30am St Fagan. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for personal devotion

Liturgical calendar for the week

Date	Feast Day and Daily Eucharist Readings	Prayer Intention
Monday 23rd March	<i>Feria</i> Isaiah 65.17-21; Psalm 30; John 4.43-54	All facing job insecurity
Tuesday 24th March	<i>St Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr (1980)</i> Ezekiel 47.1-9, 12; Psalm 46; John 5.1-18	The Church in Latin America
Wednesday 25th March	<i>The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Isaiah 7.10-14; Psalm 45; Hebrews 10.4-10; Luke 1.26-38	The Shrine at Walsingham
Thursday 26th March	<i>Feria</i> Exodus 32.7-14; Psalm 103.1-12; John 5.31-47	All in government
Friday 27th March	<i>Feria</i> Wisdom 2.1a, 12-22; Psalm 34.15-22; John 7.1, 2, 10, 25-30	All community groups
Saturday 28th March	<i>Feria</i> Jeremiah 11.18-20; Psalm 7. 1, 2, 8-11; John 7.40-53	Bishops and church leaders
Next Sunday		
Sunday 29th March	<i>Lent 5 - Passion Sunday</i> Ezekiel 37.1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8.6-11; John 11.1-45	Our Parish and its people

For your prayers

We pray for all who are sick or in need

*We pray for the repose of the souls of the recently departed
Geraint Davies, Hannah 'Millie' Millard; Ivor 'Monnie' Monroe; David
Davies; Leslie Read*

*And for those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time
Lewis Williams (23rd)*

*If you know of someone who is sick or in hospital, please inform Fr Richard, Rev
Peter or one of the wardens*

**The Blessed Sacrament Lamp in St Fagan's Church burns
for all affected by the Coronavirus**

TODAY'S READINGS (MORNING)

Exodus 2.1-10

We are told of the birth of Moses, who was to become the leader of his people. At the time the Israelites were slaves in Egypt; Pharaoh (the Egyptian king) had decreed that all Israelite baby boys should be killed. Moses' natural mother hides him, but he is discovered by Pharaoh's daughter, who raises him as her own.

Colossians 3.12-17

The author describes the lifestyle which is expected of Christians. His readers, perhaps newly baptised, have 'stripped off the old self and practices' (verse 9), and 'have clothed ...[themselves] with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the creator (verse 10). Here he spells out what this means.

John 19.25-27

As he hangs dying on the Cross, Jesus entrusts the 'beloved disciple' (John) and his mother Mary into each other's care, thus forming a new kind of family. Mary becomes the mother of all Jesus' followers.

TODAY'S READINGS (AFTERNOON)

1 Samuel 16.1-13

Saul, King of Israel, was initially in favour with God, but after disobeying the prophet Samuel's orders and then God's orders, he has been rejected by God. Samuel is now sent by God to find a new king to take Saul's place.

Ephesians 5.8-14

The author contrasts unbelievers (who live in "darkness", and disobey God) with those who are in "light", followers of Christ. Christians should expose deviations from God's ways. Seek the "light", what God would have you do.

John 9.1-41

The contrast between "darkness" and "light", mentioned in the Ephesians reading, is a key theme of John's Gospel. In this episode, Jesus says "I am the light of the world" (v.5), before demonstrating this by restoring the sight of a man born blind.

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