



**St. David's Parish
Monastery Road, Pantasaph,
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MARCH 3, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

“This is what the LORD says, he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland”. (Isaiah 43:16-19)

Mass Timings

Saturday Vigil Mass 4.00 Pm

Sunday Mass 10.00am

Weekdays 9.00 am In Denbigh House

READINGS

First Reading - Exodus 20:1-17

Second Reading - 1 Cor.1:22-25

Gospel - Jn 2:13-25

Reflections:

In the first reading we have Moses receiving the Ten Commandments from God at Mount Sinai, which became the foundation of Israel's new covenant with God. These commandments were the basis of the religious life of the chosen people of the Old Testament. God had already protected the people in the desert by nourishing them with food and protecting them from their enemies. Now he gives them these commandments to protect

and build up their spiritual bond with God. Therefore, he demands that God must be prioritized above everything else in their lives. It is not the unknown God but the one who has revealed his name to them and whom they have promised to hold in total reverence.

In the Second reading, Paul tells the Corinthian converts that the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing. But for those who are saved, it is the power of God. The message of the cross is the message of the love of Jesus that was summarized in two Commandments, namely the love of God and loving one's neighbour. Paul tells them that he and his companions proclaimed Christ crucified. He is the power of God, and he is the wisdom of God. He died for our sins so we, as children of God, may inherit the Heavenly Kingdom. God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The Gospel tells us about Jesus cleansing the Temple and foretelling His resurrection, highlighting the importance of purity and sincerity in worship. In this passage, Jesus points to his own body as the new temple that would bring people into God's presence through his own death and resurrection. This passage encourages reflection on our reverence towards God and our understanding of Jesus as the cornerstone of our faith and hope.

MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS ON LENT

It is time to act, and in Lent, to act also means to pause. To pause in prayer, to receive the word of God, to pause like the Samaritan in the presence of a wounded brother or sister. Love of God and love of neighbour are one love. Not to have other gods is to pause in the presence of God beside the flesh of our neighbour. For this reason, prayer, almsgiving and fasting are not three unrelated acts, but a single movement of openness and self-emptying, in which we cast out the idols that weigh us down, the attachments that imprison us. Then the atrophied and isolated heart will revive. Slow down, then, and pause! The contemplative dimension of life that Lent helps us to rediscover will release new energies. In the presence of God, we become brothers and sisters, more sensitive to one another: in place

of threats and enemies, we discover companions and fellow travelers. This is God’s dream, the promised land to which we journey once we have left our slavery behind.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS- Feb 25, 2024

Loose cash 115.95
Gift Aid 160.00
Total 275.95

MASS INTENTIONS

DATE	OFFERED BY	INTENTION
March 2, Saturday	Serio Rodrigues	Emily Rodrigues- good health
March 3, Sunday		For the Parishioners
March 4, Monday	Margaret Ndagire	George Wampanpa- Healing
March 5, Tuesday	Esther O Dufaighe	Dufaighe Family
March 6, Wednesday	Hezel	Elijah Thanksgiving
March 7, Thursday	Nelly Iwobi	Oseloka Chris Iobi- Birthday
March 8, Friday	Valerte Harrison	Alec Ellis

Let us Remember the Sick in Prayer
 Patrick Ngale, Philip McGreavy, Antony Parry

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION
Sacrament of Confession at 11.30 am on Saturday.
ON EMERGENCY ANY TIME 0741-749-4277

ANNIVERSARIES MARCH 2-8

Eileen Oare, Margaret Toumaine, Alwyn Jones, John Saunders, Mrs. Parry, Bridget Sweeting, Michadel Antony Springgay, Mrs Wilson, Annie Williams, Alice Cliffe, Fr. Peter, Joseph Reed, Margaret Higgins, Michael Wall, Rita Williams, Philip Raymond Powell, Tom Gibbons, James Hannigan (Bishop of Wrexham), Jessie Brown, Catherine Fleming, Benjamin Hall, Rosalina Williams, Arnold Ravenscroft

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Stations of the Cross

During Lent there will be stations of the Cross in the Church at 9.30 am on Sundays. This traditional devotion brings abundant grace.

Good Friday One-Day Convention

All are welcome to the Good Friday One-Day Convention on March 29th. The convention starts at 10.00 am with singing Passion hymns and continues with preaching, and healing service. The solemn Stations of the Cross to Calvary Hill starts at 3.00 pm, and the Passion Liturgy at 5.00 pm. Individuals and groups are welcome to come at any time and any Day to come and make the Stations of the Cross.

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