Parish Notes:

Next Sunday - Reserve your seat at St Saviour's mass via Liz on 07718918846.

Weekday Services - Weekday Masses as normally scheduled this week.

Ministry Area Open Meeting - The next open meeting on zoom is this Wednesday 3 March at 7pm and will involve members of all three areas of the South Cardiff MA (Splott, Butetown and Grangetown). This will be another chance to listen in to views and opinions from across the MA as well as setting out likely processes from here on in. If you’d like to be part of this please let us know and we’ll send you the link. Even if you are just curious and want to listen in you’d be more than welcome.

Easter Flowers - We hope to do flowers for Easter as usual. More details next week.

Benediction and Lenten Reflections - next Sunday at 6pm in St Saviour’s.

Stations of the Cross - Are now available to be played during the season of Lent. Stations are available from St Saviour’s and also St German’s.

St David’s Day Zoom Bingo - We meet on zoom on Tuesday 2 March at 7pm. We hope to play 5 games (like last time) and need ten donated prizes for these as well as perhaps some raffle prizes. Prizes can be small or big as it is the opportunity for fellowship this evening provides that is important as well as raising money for Oasis. Please contact Ross for details. ross.pilliner18@spadarns.ac.uk

Lent Courses etc - With the growth of online worship and formation there are many Lent courses and retreats available for people to follow and pray. There are a list of these available to choose from on our website. We will follow our pattern from last year and explore an Easter Course or Book Group and hopefully restrictions will have been eased to allow us to do this in person by then.

Faith QI - Next meets on St Patrick’s day 17 March at 7pm via zoom. Each evening we explore a different topic related to our faith and spirituality - sometimes prayer, sometimes philosophy, sometimes theology. At the heart of it is a desire to understand and deepen our own faith.

Covid Risks Update - Our risk assessment states people must adhere to social distancing and so go straight to their chair and at the end of the service leave in an orderly manner. We know the cold weather makes it difficult yet it is only really outside that catch ups and some fellowship may be possible because of reduced chances of coronavirus spreading.

Recently Departed - Amanda Davies, Ivy Marshall, Doris Ferdinand, Dorothy Rowlands RIP

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This week:

Sun 28 - Lent II
Pray for: Pontypridd
Ministry Area and their clergy: Michael Gable, Jude Bevan, Peter Watson. The Anglican Church of Central America.

St Saviour’s:
9:30 Sung Mass;
11:00 am Mass

Mon 1:
18:00 Mass

St David, Patron of Wales

Tue 2:
10:00 Mass
13:15 Funeral
19:00 Zoom Bingo

Wed 3:
10:00 Mass
19:00 South Cardiff Ministry Area Meeting zoom

Thur 4:
17:45 Mass

Fri 5:
No Mass today

Sat 6:
No Mass today

Sun 7 - Lent III
Pray for: Llangynwyd w Maesteg, Martyn Evans (V), Geraint John (C); The Anglican Church of Chile.

St Saviour’s:
9:30 Sung Mass;
18:00 Benediction

St German’s:
11:00 am Mass

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COLLECT:
Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant that all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ’s religion, may reject those things that are contrary to their baptism, and follow in the way of Jesus Christ our Lord; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

TODAY’S MUSIC:
Be thou my vision
Calon Lan
Gwahoddiad
Guide me O thou great redeemer

FIRST READING:
A reading from the book of Genesis.

God put Abraham to the test. ‘Abraham, Abraham’ he called. ‘Here I am’ he replied. ‘Take your son,’ God said ‘your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.’

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. ‘Abraham, Abraham’ he said. ‘I am here’ he replied. ‘Do not raise your hand against the boy’ the angel said. ‘Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.’ Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

SECOND READING:
A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God’s right hand he stands and pleads for us.

This is the word of the Lord.

PSALM

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said:
‘I am sorely afflicted,’
O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. R/

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
I will call on the Lord's name. R/

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. R/

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
From the bright cloud
the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my Son, the Beloved.
Listen to him.'
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL:
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!’ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Romans 8