

First Reading Exodus 3:1-8.13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. I must go and look at this strange sight, Moses said, and see why the bush is not burnt. Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush, Moses, Moses! he said. Here I am he answered. Come no nearer he said. Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father, he said the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow. Then Moses said to God, I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, The God of your fathers has sent me to you. But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them? And God said to Moses, I Am who I Am. This he added is what you must say to the sons of Israel: I Am has sent me to you. And God also said to Moses, You are to say to the sons of Israel: The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.

This is the word of the Lord.

Response to the Psalm: The Lord is compassion and love.

Second Reading: Corinthians 10:1-6.10-12

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

This is the word of the Lord.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down." '

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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The Parishes Of Our Lady & St Ninian, Bannockburn The Sacred Heart, Cowie

**7th March 2010
3rd Sunday of Lent Year C**

MASS TIMES			
VIGIL	6:30pm	B/Burn	Jimmy Cooper
SUNDAY	10:00am	Cowie	People of the Parish
SUNDAY	12:00pm	B/Burn	Eileen Martin
MONDAY	10:00am	Cowie	Patsy Lydon
TUESDAY	10:00am	B/Burn	Walter McDonnell
TUESDAY	7:00pm	B/Burn	Stations of the Cross
WEDNESDAY			NO MASS (Father's Day Off)
THURSDAY	10:00am	B/Burn	Vincent Gargano
FRIDAY	10:00am	Cowie	Mary Gielty
SATURDAY	10:00am	B/Burn	Hugh & Lavina Rooney
VIGIL	6:30pm	B/Burn	Jean & Pat O'Hare

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Sat 5:30-6:20pm Bannockburn
Sun 9:30-9:50 Cowie

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Housebound

Fr Jamie will visit the housebound in Cowie in Tuesday and Bannockburn on Thursday this week.

GIFT AID

It will soon be time to distribute the GAD envelopes for the new tax year. **If you pay income tax and you don't already use the GAD envelopes for your weekly collection, please consider signing up to the scheme.** There is no set amount that you have to donate each week and any amount you give, the parish can claim back the tax on your donation. The scheme is confidential – no-one sees how much you donate. If anyone would like to join the Gift Aid scheme please take a form from the back of the church, fill in your name and address, sign it and return to Fr Jamie. Many thanks.

Stations of the Cross

will be held each Tuesday during Lent. This Tuesday will be at 7pm in Bannockburn.

Sacred Heart Planning Meeting

There will a meeting in the Sacristy after Stations of the Cross on Tuesday 16th March to plan rotas etc for Holy Week.

Can the following please attend: Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Pass keepers, Flower Arrangers, Cleaners and anyone else who would like to volunteer. We particularly require more cleaners for a big clean-down of the church on the Wednesday of Holy Week.

Mass at St. Modans & St. Mary's

During Lent mass will be said at 8:20am in St. Modans on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, and in St. Marys primary on Tuesdays at 8:40am. Please encourage your children to make an effort to attend.

Ecumenical Palm Sunday Service

This year Bannockburn is hosting the Palm Sunday service for the local churches. We will need volunteers to help on the day and also to provide tea and sandwiches afterwards. There is a list at the back of the church for those who can provide home baking and/or help out on the day.

Bible Study

is held in the Church hall every Thursday evening 7:30pm – 9:00pm. We would like to encourage anyone who is interested to come along. All welcome.

Sunday Teas

Sunday 14th March
Lorna Kilgannon
& Isobel McGill

Money Counters

Sunday 14th March
Margaret Masterson & Kevin
and Kathleen Gilmour

Last Weeks Collection

Bannockburn	£1041
Cowie	£380

TWG

£1 a month collection is this week.

Special Collection

There will be a special collection next week for Papal & Episcopal Charities – SCIAF.

Junior Youth Group

Monday 7pm – 8.30pm £1

Junior Youth Group Bowling Trip

The youth group will be going to the bowling on Monday 15th March. The bus will leave Bannockburn at 6.30pm prompt and return at 8.30pm. Subsidised cost is £5. Please remember to hand in your consent forms & payment tomorrow (8th March) at the youth group.

Dates for your Diary

P4 PARENTS MEETING

Can parents of children in Primary 4 who are preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion please attend one of the following meetings:

Cowie Tuesday 9th March at 7pm in St Margarets School Hall
Bannockburn Thursday 11th March at 7pm in the church hall
If you cannot attend please contact Fr Jamie, thanks.

Lenten Day Retreat

The bus will leave Bannockburn at 9:45 and return at about 5pm. Please pay your £15 to Fr Jamie or hand in to parish house, thanks.

St Patricks Night

St Margarets Primary are having a St Patricks night on Friday 19th March at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £5 incl buffet. BYOB.

Bingo Night

We will be having a prize bingo night in the church hall on Thursday 25th March. Details to follow.

Race Night

We will be having a race night on Friday 30th April in the church hall.

Pilgrimage to Poland

There will be a joint pilgrimage with St Joseph's Bonnybridge to Poland from 6th -13th September. Cost £680 approx. If you are interested please see the poster at the back of the church and add your name to the list.