

**COLLECT**

God of patience and humility, in your love you gave your Son to be rejected and raised up on a cross. Gather us under its shadow and open our eyes to its mystery, that we may share even now in the life that is from above; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Genesis 15.1–12, 17–18

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' 2 But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' 3 And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' 4 But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' 5 He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' 6 And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. 7 Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' 8 But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' 9 He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' 10 He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. 11 And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. 12 As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. 17 When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. 18 On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

For the word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

**PSALM** Psalm 27**Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid? 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell. **R** 3 Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid; 4 And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in him. **R** 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; 6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. **R** 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock. **R** 8 Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me; 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord. **R** 10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me. **R** 11 You speak in my heart and say, 'Seek my face.' Your face, Lord, will I seek. 12 Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure. **R** 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation. 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will sustain me. **R** 15 Show me your way, O Lord; lead me on a level path, because of my enemies. 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice. **R** 17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! 18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong and he shall comfort your heart; wait patiently for the Lord. **R**

**SECOND READING** Philippians 3.17 – 4.1

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

17 Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. 18 For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. 19 Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. 21 He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. 1 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

For the word of the Lord **THANKS BE TO GOD**

**GOSPEL** Luke 13.31–35

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Glory to Christ our Saviour**

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' 32 He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. 33 Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.'" 34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35 See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'" Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Creator of heaven and earth,  
we thank you for these holy mysteries,  
which bring us now a share in the life to come;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**BLESSING**

Christ give you grace  
to grow in holiness to deny yourselves,  
take up your cross, and follow him;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

The notices for the week are on  
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# The Joint Charges of St Johns Johnstone & St Margarets Renfrew


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## Worship in the Benefice today-2nd Sunday of Lent

0945 St John's Church Sung Eucharist & Sunday School

followed by refreshments at the back of church

1130 St Margaret's Church Sung Eucharist & Sunday School

followed by refreshments in the hall



**Monday**—Festival— Patrick, Bp of Ireland 461

**Tuesday**—Festival— Joseph of Nazareth

1300 Funeral of Late Robert Maxwell at Trinity Church Johnstone

1400 Cremation followed by the wake of Late Robert Maxwell

**Wednesday**—Commemoration— Cuthbert, Bp 687

1400 Holy Communion at St John's Church followed by refreshments &

1445 Lent Group on the booklet—a discussion on how it is going

1900 Regional Lent Study Course at St Mary's Port Glasgow

1900 Holy Communion at St Margaret's Church followed by

1930 Lent Group on the booklet—a discussion on how it is going

**Thursday**—Commemoration— Thomas Cranmer Bp 1556

**Friday**—Commemoration— Thomas Ken Bp 1711

1900 Stations of the Cross at St Margaret's Church

we will use the Stations written by

John Henry Newman

Followed by BB&B bring a bottle and

blather about the evening



**Saturday**—feria

10am-12noon Spiritual Flourishing at Renfrew—

**Session 1 – Gratefulness** two hours of

reflection, music, prayer, stillness and growing in

gratefulness prayer activities



## Next Sunday—3rd Sunday of Lent

0945 St John's Church Sung Eucharist & Sunday School

1130 St Margaret's Church Sung Eucharist & Sunday School

## Social Events at Renfrew— Beetle Drive

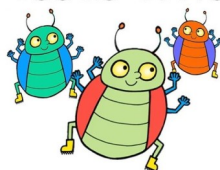
Friday 29 March 7 for 730pm Beetle Drive

£3 to include the usual refreshments.

Thank you to all who supported the coffee morning at St Johns last week—we raised

~£87

## Beetle Drive



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[Rector@SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk](mailto:Rector@SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk) by 0900 on Wednesdays.

To make arrangements for Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms/Christenings, Confessions, House Blessings etc. please contact the Rector

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## Intercessions

**The sick and in need:** please send to the Rector for inclusion

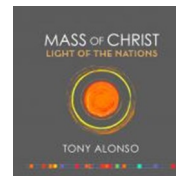
**The Departed:** Robert Maxwell RIP

Send the names of people who have asked to be remembered in our parish intercessions to the Rector

Pray for Gerrard as he leads the 2nd Regional Lent Study group

Pray for our Diocese and Dean Ian as the process of election begins again

Pray for the Muslim community after the shootings in New Zealand & peace and order in that country



At Renfrew during Lent we are using the Kyrie, Holy Holy, Holy & Lamb of God from Tony Alonso's setting Mass of Christ Light of the Nations. We shall practise today and use it each Sunday during Lent

## Lent Appeal 2019

This year we are raising funds for the MACS towards the building of new hospital units. There will be a retiring collection at St Johns on 5th & 6th Sundays of Lent and at St Margarets please make sure you fill your Smartie tubes with the 20ps, £1s and £50notes! Bring them back on Easter Day.



**The Electoral Synod voted on Saturday and failed to select a new bishop** from the candidates. This means that the Synod will have to start the process again. Please continue to pray for the diocese at this time of transition and uncertainty.

We meet each Wednesday afternoon or evening to discuss how the Lent course is going after the 2pm or 7pm service each week

