

3 Churches News

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Sunday February 2nd 2014 Presentation of the Lord (YEAR A) Issue 05/14

PRESENTATION

Although so many of the events described in the Gospels took place in Jerusalem, when you go there it is not always so easy to "picture" them. The city has changed so much. Some sites require a great leap of the imagination. Even the Mount of Olives, obviously still there and mostly not built on, is covered with a cemetery and various churches.

So it is particularly moving that excavations on the south side of the Temple Mount have exposed the steps that people climbed up to the great Temple. For this would have been the route, the actual steps that Mary and Joseph took in order to present their baby in the Temple and be purified. Here, amid the crowds of pilgrims and worshippers, one little family slowly made their way up, unnoticed by anyone. ...Until, that is, they reached the great courtyards at the top, within the Temple precincts. Here a wise and holy old man caught sight of them and made his way across. He – and the whole of the people of the Old Testament – had been waiting for exactly this moment, for the Messiah to enter his Father's House. How Simeon's warm and venerable heart soared as he caught sight of the little bundle in Mary's arms. How did he know which baby was the One? Some whispering of the Spirit, some quiet idea that grasped his wise inner being. There he is – He has arrived, He is here!

With a great sigh, the sigh of the ages, the sigh of the human race that calls out for our Father, Simeon is ready to fall back into the arms of that Father, for now he can go home. His Father can let him depart in peace, for his eyes have seen the unseeable, the incarnation of eternal love. And soon Anna comes too. A prophetess, a seer, and of good age also, her heart joins Simeon's in soaring with a joy that she has never known before. All is complete, all is just beginning. The Old gives way to the New. The Temple now leaves its stones behind, and takes shape in the warmth and intimacy of each human heart.

Today, the steps still rise up to the Temple. But the one presented is now the one who presents. At the end of our journey, we are the one carried in his arms, carried up into our Father's House. But first, we have to follow his steps... through the Holy Land of our lives.

Fr Matthew



Response to Psalm **How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,**
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

1st Reading: Zephaniah 2: 3; 3:12-13 2nd Reading: Corinthians 1: 26-31 Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12



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Father's News

NEXT SUNDAY

This Sunday is 2 February, the Feast of the **Presentation of the Lord**. As a "Feast of the Lord" it replaces our observing it as 3rd Sunday of the Year.

R.I.P.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the following:

Mary Neary, whose Requiem Mass will be at St Paul's this Monday at 11am.

Ken Welsher, Requiem Mass at St Brigid's, Thursday at 12.15pm.

Walter Connies-Laing, Requiem Mass at St Paul's, Friday at 1pm.

Mollie Peterson, Requiem Mass at St Brigid's, Monday 10 February at 1pm.

We remember all these and their families and loved ones in our prayers at this time. *Eternal rest grant to them, Lord.*

PASS IT ON

35-40 came together on Monday 20th. We reflected on five areas: sharing our faith, reaching our youth and school communities, reaching the local community, reaching inactive Catholics and prayer support. We were then offered a five week video-based programme called "**Pass It On**" by the evangelization team at the Cornerstone opposite the Cathedral. The course will run for **five Mondays from 17 February**. Meanwhile, some of the five discussion groups will progress their ideas. An account of the meeting will soon be on the newly updated website

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SUNDAY PRAISE

Come and join us for a time of lively praise, silence, teaching, and friendly fellowship and sharing. Every Sunday 7.30pm at St Brigid's.

Celebration of Family Life

Working with CYTUN (Churches together in Wales), our Archdiocesan Commissions for Family Life and for Christian Unity invite everyone to join them in a special non-eucharistic liturgy in celebration of family life **at 12 noon in St David's Cathedral. Charles Street, on Saturday 8 March.**

The family is a place not only for couples, siblings, children and parents but also for the single, communities of religious, the bereaved, the divorced and the lonely. The family can be a place of great joy and blessings, but there are also times when it may experience difficulties and challenges. Those moments are where the light of God can enter in. The service will reflect the reality of family life, blessed, broken but always living love. Please join us in celebrating God's love at work in our everyday lives, in happy and less happy times. Everybody is very welcome.

Confirmation 2014 Meeting

This is the last weekend to register for this year's Confirmation programme.

There are forms at the back of all 3 churches. Candidates should be year 8 or above. Please complete a form and return it to the box provided. Also leave your name on the list.

A meeting for parents and candidates will take place on Sunday 9 February in Christ the King Parish Centre at 7.30pm. For further details contact Marie & Peter O'Brien (2075 3771)

Lent discussion groups 2014

Churches Together in Llanishen will again be organizing discussion groups over the six weeks leading up to Easter, starting in the week beginning Monday 3 March.

The groups enable people from different churches to meet informally in homes to discuss a topic. This year's theme is Scripture into Song: how writers of hymns and songs for worship have drawn on the Bible, as well as their own personal experiences and the social conditions of the time.

In case of any query please contact Ian Thomas (2075 4255) or Judith Salway (2076 6073).

CASH

Huggard Centre for the Homeless (CASH) is urgently in need of UNDERWEAR (Men and women's), Socks, Hats and Gloves.

The 3 Churches Justice and Peace Group will provide boxes at the back of each of the 3 Churches this weekend and 8/9 February for any items you can donate.

Thank you in advance for any help you are able to give us in this regard – Celia Bailey (2075 2413)

UCM News

Dates for your diaries.

Pancakes after 9.30 Mass on

Tuesday 25 February

Welsh Lunch - Saturday 1 March

Strawberry Tea - Date tbc.

Baptism Course

The next three churches Baptism course (for parents wanting to have their children Baptised) will be held on Tuesdays 4 & 11 February in St Brigid's Presbytery at 7pm. Please note that both sessions must be attended. If you would like to attend contact Cath Wieser -

c.wieser@btinternet.com or Fr Matthew Jones.

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The 3 Churches Bereavement Support Group has asked that the intention for the 9.30 mass at Christ the King on the first Tuesday of each month should be for deceased members of the 3 churches. On each occasion (the first on 4th February) we will particularly recall those who died 3 months previously - in February, those who died in November 2013.

The Group exists to provide support to anyone who has been bereaved - whether recently or some time ago and can be contacted through Fr Matthew at St Brigid's Presbytery.

Appeal for Toys

There is an urgent need for children's toys at the Initial Accommodation Centre for asylum seekers on Newport Road in Cardiff. The ages of the children can vary from very young to teenagers.

Some drawing/art material would be very welcome as well if that's possible. Please phone **2048 9800** to offer toys - it would be really helpful if they could be dropped off at the Welsh Refugee Council Office for the attention of Ruth Gwilym Rasool or Bronia Conway. If you need help transporting the toys please contact Frances Ballin (2076 5077).

Please do not donate toys which require batteries.

In addition to this, there is also an urgent need for books suitable for any age from toddler to adult and especially dictionaries or any book that assists in learning basic English.

CAFOD school volunteers needed!

We are looking for volunteers to give a short presentation or talk about the work of CAFOD and inspire children and young people to make a difference. For further

information please contact CAFOD South Wales (2034 4882), email southwales@cafod.org.uk or visit <http://www.cafodsouthwales.wordpress.com/>

Christ the King

Altar Linen

February: Maureen Welsher

"50 Club" Winners

January 2014

1st Prize £30

Damian Clark

2nd Prize £20

John Hall

3rd Prize £10

Des Woods

Sandwich Making

Sandwich Making for the homeless takes place in the Parish Centre on Monday 3 February at 1.15pm

Appeal for unwanted gifts/ Christmas presents

Christ the King Junior Club is appealing for any unwanted gifts that you may have (in good condition), suitable to be sold as Mother's Days presents to the children in a special sale at Junior Club in March.

All proceeds from the sale will go to the 'Leaves of Hope' charity that provides aid to Belarussian orphanages. If you have anything to donate please leave it in the box provided in the church porch or contact Marie O'Brien in the parish office. Thank you.

PAC Nominations

The PAC now require new members to join our existing council representing outgoing parishioners who have completed their term. Please consider putting yourself forward for this rewarding and interesting role. We meet 6 times

per year to assist Canon Matthew in the management of all parish matters. If you are unable to take part you may know someone who would be interested. In the event we receive more nominations than needed we may hold an election. We are in need of 4 new members. There are now nomination forms at the back of the church. Please leave completed forms in the box provided or at the parish office. The deadline for nominations is Sunday 16 February, with elections taking place (if needed) on the weekend of 1st/2nd March.

Marriage

Elizabeth Ward (John & Gemma Ward's daughter) and Andrew Hodges are getting married on Saturday 15 February at Christ the King. Please remember them in your prayers as they begin their Sacramental journey together in marriage.

71 Heol Hir (the former Christ the King Presbytery)

The house is available for re-letting unfurnished. If you know of anyone who might be interested they should contact the letting agents - Edwards & Co at 19 Heol Y Deri, Rhiwbina tel 2061 6200.

A reminder that post for the Parish should not be delivered or sent to 71 Heol Hir - either put it into the white mail box by the entrance to the parish centre or mail it to Parish of Christ the King, Newborough Ave, CF14 5DB.

St Brigid's & St Pauls

RIP

Please pray for Ken Welsher who has died recently. Please also remember his wife Maureen and all the family in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

Sunday February 2nd Presentation of the Lord

6pm	St Paul's	Frank Lord	
6.30pm	C the K	Intention of Kathleen Burke (Murphy)	
Sun. 8.30am	C the K	Carmel English (M & T Moore) Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)	
9am	St Paul's	Michael Mitchell (Donovan)	
10.30am	St Brigid's	Thanksgiving (Daw)	
10.30am	C the K	Harry & Ann Norris (K Liddington)	
6pm	St Brigid's	People of the Parish	
7.30pm	St Brigid's	Sunday Praise	
Mon. 9.30am	St Brigid's	Daw Family Int	St Blaise
9.30am	C the K	Private Intention (N)	
11am	St Paul's	Requiem: Mary Neary	
Tues. 9.30am	St Brigid's	Mollie Peterson	
9.30am	C the K	Deceased members of the 3 Churches	
Wed. 9.30am	St Paul's	Shelagh Powell (Matthew)	St Agatha
7.30pm	C the K	Sick & Housebound of the parish	
Thurs. 9.30am	C the K	Mass	Martyrs of Japan
12.15pm	St Brigid's	Requiem: Ken Welsher	
7.30pm	St Brigid's	Holy Souls	
Fri 9.30am	C the K	All Souls in Purgatory especially deceased members of FOSS (M & T Pinnell)	
1pm	St Paul's	Requiem: Walter Connies-Lang	
Sat. 9.30am	St Brigid's	Pope Francis' Ints	

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Sunday February 9th 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6pm	St Paul's	Mathew Kurian
6.30pm	C the K	Kathryn Haines (T Naudi)
Sun 8.30am	C the K	Parish Intentions
9am	St Paul's	Walter Connies-Laing
10.30am	St Brigid's	People of the Parish
10.30am	C the K	Doris Green
6pm	St Brigid's	Available
7.30pm	St Brigid's	Sunday Praise

Eucharistic Adoration

Christ the King
Tuesday 10am-2pm
St. Paul's
Wednesday 10am-3pm
St. Brigid's
Thursday 8-9pm

**Sacrament of
Reconciliation**

St Brigid's
Saturday 10-10.30
St Paul's
Saturday 5.30pm.
Christ the King
Saturday 5.45-6.15pm

Last Week's Collection

Sts. Brigid & Paul
Gift Aid £ 748.95
Non Gift Aid £ 467.99
Total £ 1216.94
S/O month av. £ 807.50

Christ the King
Gift Aid £ 375.72
Non Gift Aid £ 455.64
S/O weekly av. £ 377.21
Total £ 1208.57

Please send items to luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk by Wednesday afternoon at the latest!

PRAYERS

Please remember the following in your prayers, who are unwell at this time:

Keith Allen, Mary Amugan, Maureen Carroll, Sian Clark, Mary Clarke, Win Collins, Mrs. Crock, Terry Culbertson, Agnes Davies, Jennifer Ellis, Anna Forrest, Rod Forrest, Jane Goldsworthy, Maria Hill, Caitriona Lovell, Joseph (Benny) Lynch, Dean Maguire, Dolores Meehan, Vernon Morgan, Maureen O'Driscoll, Kieran Ollin, Alan Paines, Rona Perry, Sue Power, Claire Richards, Pat Roberts, Peter Scott, Dewi Thomas, Emma Warlow, Dorothy Warren & Pat Worthington.