

# 3 Churches News

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**Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup> 2014      6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (YEAR A)      Issue 06/14**

## MONTE CASSINO

Monte Cassino is a rocky hill about 80 miles southeast of Rome. St Benedict established his first monastery here around 529, and never left. Others gathered around him, and it was there he wrote the Benedictine Rule that became the founding principle for western monasticism. Monte Cassino became a model for future communities. Benedict's sister St Scholastica (*feast day Monday*) moved nearby to be close to him

Unfortunately its prominent site has always made Monte Cassino an object of strategic importance. In 581 the Lombards sacked the abbey, and the surviving monks fled to Rome. A flourishing period of Monte Cassino followed its re-establishment in 718, but in 884 Saracens sacked and then burned it down. It was rebuilt and reached the height of its fame in the 11th century under the abbot Desiderius, who later became Pope Victor III. The number of monks rose to over two hundred, and the library and its manuscripts became famous throughout the West. The buildings of the monastery were reconstructed on a grand scale. An earthquake damaged the Abbey in 1349, and although the site was rebuilt it marked the beginning of a long period of decline. The site was sacked by Napoleon's troops in 1799.

During the Battle of Monte Cassino in 1944 the Abbey made up one section of the 100 miles Gustav line, a defensive German line designed to hold the Allied attackers from advancing any further into Italy. On 15 February 1944 the abbey was almost completely destroyed in a series of heavy American led air-raids. The bombing was conducted because many reports from troops on the ground suggested that Germans were occupying the monastery. However, actually during the bombing no Germans were present, and it emerged that the only people killed in the monastery by the bombing were 230 Italian civilians seeking refuge. After the bombing Germans held the position until 17 May 1944, having repulsed four attacks by the Allies. Eventually Allied forces broke the line between 11 and 17 May, and the Polish flag was raised over the ruins on 18 May 1944.

The Abbey was totally rebuilt after the war, and Pope Paul VI reconsecrated it in 1964. Reborn yet again, it is one of the great sights of Italy.

*Fr Matthew*



Response to Psalm **The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.**  
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord,**  
**anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 58: 7-10    2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Corinthians 2: 1-5    Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-16**



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### Father's News

#### R.I.P.

**Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mollie Peterson,** and George Gordon Robinson. The Requiem Mass for Mollie will take place on Monday 10 February at 1pm. The Requiem for George will be St Brigid's this Thursday 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. It was agreed that it would make a good next step for moving us along in our understanding of this great theme, so close to the heart of Pope Francis. The course will run for **five Mondays starting 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 [www.3churches.org](http://www.3churches.org)

#### 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.

### Confirmation 2014 Meeting

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

### CELEBRATION OF FAMILY LIFE

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 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.

### 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).

### UCM News

Dates for your diaries.  
Pancakes after 9.30 Mass on Tuesday 25 February  
27th Welsh Lunch - Saturday 1 March  
Strawberry Tea - Date tbc.

All the events will take place, as usual, in Christ the King Parish Centre.

### QUIZ & CURRY EVENING

**Saturday 1 March**

**St Brigid's Hall**

**7.30pm**

**Bar Raffle**

Tickets £7.50 available after Mass or please telephone 2076 6318  
*Proceeds to CMI's 'Noon Meals' in India*

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 28 March - Film Night at St

Brigid's with Fish & Chip Supper

Sunday 13 April - Palm Sunday Film Night at St Brigid's

Tuesday 15 April - Passover Meal at St Brigid's

### CWL

The proceeds of the next C.W.L. coffee morning after the 09.30 mass at St. Paul's on Friday 14 February, will be for Daniel Jackson who is working with the National Evangelisation Teams in Australia. Please come and support him.

### Pilgrimage to the Holy Land May 2014

We have a single room vacancy. If interested please ring W.G.Gill on 2059 3555 for a detailed itinerary and full information.

### Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those from the 3 churches whose anniversaries occur in February including:

Peter Murphy, Herbert Thompson, Terence Cleverley, Margaret Lavery, Bernard Jones, Philip Payne, Timothy Cole, Peggy Dunn, Gerard Simpson, Michael Leonard, Theodore Trigg, Geoffrey Rice, David Kavanagh, Kath Foils and Pat Skrines.

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The 3 Churches Bereavement Support Group will meet on Tuesday 11 February at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Parish Centre at Christ the King. For further information about the group please contact Fr Matthew.

*Thank you to all those who kindly donated diaries and calendars for inmates of Cardiff prison. They are much appreciated by the prisoners.*

### Walking with St Luke

With the help of Canon Matthew, we shall continue to read the Gospel of St Luke on Friday 21 February at 6.30pm at Christ the King. You need not have come to any previous meeting to join the group. For more info email Esther Mahoney [esther.milardi@btinternet.com](mailto:esther.milardi@btinternet.com)

**Fairtrade Fortnight**  
**24 February – 9 March 2014**  
[www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)

**There will be Eucharistic Adoration in the Cathedral on Monday 10 February from 9am-6pm with Mass at 12.45pm for the intentions of the unborn and their families. There will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5.30pm. All are invited and most welcome.**

## Other events

### **CATHOLIC PARLIAMENTARY & PUBLIC POLICY INTERNSHIPS**

This year the Catholic Bishops Conference are looking to offer 8 internships: Four interns will be placed with Christian MPs at Westminster; one in a parliamentary support role within the Bishops' Conference Secretariat; one in each

of the Catholic Agencies (CAFOD and CSAN) in a public policy role; and one in a media internship in Archbishop's House Westminster. All internships will run from September 2014 - July 2015 and include accommodation and subsistence allowances. Full details on our website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/interns>

## Christ the King

### **Altar Linen**

February: Maureen Welsher

### Mass Times

Mass on Thursday will take place at 9.45am and will be led by Year 6 of Christ the King Primary School.

### **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 Day 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 next Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> February, with elections taking place (if needed) on the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> March.

### **Marriage**

Elizabeth Ward (John & Gemma Ward's daughter) and Andrew Hodges are getting married on Saturday 15 February at Christ the King at 12.30pm. Please remember them in your prayers as they begin their Sacramental journey together in marriage.

## St Brigid's & St Pauls

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There will be a formation evening for new Eucharistic Ministers at St Paul's this Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, and at St Brigid's next Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>. Those who are already Ministers might like to join us for a "refresher", and are very welcome.

### **PAC**

Thank you to our retiring Parish Advisory Council members, Paul Brown, Liz York, Fay Thomas & Gabriel Servini, for all the work they have put in on the PAC. Welcome to our newly elected members; Anne Burns, Ansti Corellis, Maria Thompson, Nigel Tuck and Edna Wharry. The next PAC meeting is on Monday 10 Feb at St Brigid Hall starting at 7:30pm.

### St. Pauls

Lists available at the back of the church for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers covering the period March - June.

## Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

6pm St Paul's	<b>Mathew Kurian</b>	
6.30pm C the K	<b>Kathryn Haines (T Naudi)</b>	
Sun. 8.30am C the K	<b>Parish Intentions</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
9am St Paul's	<b>Walter Connies-Laing</b>	
10.30am St Brigid's	<b>People of the Parish</b>	
10.30am C the K	<b>Doris Green</b>	
6pm St Brigid's	<b>Available</b>	
7.30pm St Brigid's	<b>Sunday Praise</b>	
Mon. 9.30am C the K	<b>Terry &amp; Pat Thomas</b>	St Scholastica
1pm St Brigid's	<b>Requiem: Mollie Peterson</b>	
Tues. 9.30am St Brigid's	<b>Alan Mitchem (Stone)</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes
9.30am C the K	<b>Barry Nash (C Bailey)</b>	
Wed. 9.30am St Paul's	<b>Shelagh Powell (Alan)</b>	
7.30pm C the K	<b>Moira Crowley (A Crowley)</b>	
Thurs. 9.45am C the K	<b>Led by Year 6 of Christ the King Primary School</b>	
1pm St Brigid's	<b>Requiem: George Gordon Robinson</b>	
7.30pm St Brigid's	<b>Mollie Peterson (Burns)</b>	
Fri. 9.30am St Paul's	<b>Shelagh Powell (Adam)</b>	Sts Cyril & Methodius
9.30am C the K	<b>Sister Anna Patricia Celebration of 50 years of Religious Life (P Hawkes)</b>	
Sat. 9.30am St Brigid's	<b>Mollie Peterson (Byard)</b>	

## Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

12.30pm C the K	<b>Nuptial Mass: Elisabeth Ward &amp; Andrew Hodges</b>	
6pm St Paul's	<b>Tim Cole (Anniv)</b>	
6.30pm C the K	<b>Phyl Coughlan (D &amp; M Rundle)</b>	
Sun 8.30am C the K	<b>All Souls in Purgatory especially deceased members of FOSS (M &amp; T Pinnell)</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
9am St Paul's	<b>People of the Parish</b>	
10.30am St Brigid's	<b>Bill Campbell; Mollie Peterson (York)</b>	
10.30am C the K	<b>Max Graham (Rendle Family)</b>	
6pm St Brigid's	<b>Moira Crowley</b>	
7.30pm St Brigid's	<b>Sunday Praise</b>	

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### 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** £ 500.25  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 530.88  
**Total** £ 1031.13  
**S/O month av.** £ 807.50

**Christ the King**  
**Gift Aid** £ 466.21  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 436.48  
**S/O weekly av.** £ 377.21  
**Total** £ 1279.90

**Please send items to [luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk](mailto: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.