

# 3 Churches News

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## THE PRIEST, THE MASS, AND LOVE

Every so often you come across a thought or some words that remind you about what's *really* going on and what's important. We all need that grounding from time to time – to get things in perspective, and stop us taking things for granted. And that includes priests. Our most common "activity", indeed the occasion when parishioners see us most often, is when we are celebrating the Mass. How easy it could be to think that we've "got it", that we totally understand what it's all about.

So here is the great Cistercian monk Thomas Merton offering an awesome and humbling thought about what is *really* going on each time we approach the altar...

If you are afraid to love,  
never become a priest, never say Mass.  
The Mass will draw down upon your soul  
a torrent of interior suffering which has only one function:  
to break you wide open  
and let everybody in the world into your heart.  
For when you begin to say Mass,  
the Spirit of God awakens like a giant inside you  
and bursts the locks of your private sanctuary.  
If you say Mass,  
you condemn your soul to the torrent of a love  
that is so vast and insatiable  
that you will never be able to bear it alone.  
That love is the love of the Heart of Jesus,  
burning within your own heart  
and bringing down upon you the huge weight  
of His compassion for all the sinners of the world.

Fr Matthew



Response to Psalm The Lord is compassion and love.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Leviticus 19: 1-2 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Corinthians 3: 16-23 Gospel: Matthew 5: 38-48



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### Father's News

#### PASS IT ON!

Our special series on Passing on our Faith continues this Monday at 7.30pm in St Brigid's Hall. Many thanks to all those who took part last week. Come and explore together how we can share our "Pearl of Great Price"!

#### YOUTH RETREAT

From 7-9 March, **AWAKEN**, the NATIONAL RETREAT FOR THE YOUTH OF WALES will be running at St. David's College, Cardiff. Join with hundreds of young Catholics and experience an incredible weekend of great music and talks from renowned speakers. The event is primarily for young people between the ages of 16-35. This retreat is a truly unique opportunity to grow in your faith. For further information: email [info@youth2000.org](mailto:info@youth2000.org) or call 020 7221 2124 or find us on Facedook: [www.facebook.com/youth2000](http://www.facebook.com/youth2000)

#### 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. Please join us in celebrating God's love at work in our everyday lives, in happy and less happy times. Everybody is very welcome.

#### **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.

#### **MORNING FOR MINISTERS**

St. Brigid's is hosting a Cardiff deanery formation session for those involved in parish liturgical ministries on Saturday 29 March.  
10.30 Mass (Fr. Matthew)  
11.00 Coffee  
11.20 Talks & Workshops:  
The Liturgy of the Word (*for readers & those who prepare bidding prayers*)  
The Liturgy of the Eucharist (*for Eucharistic ministers & acolytes*)  
Ministry and Liturgy (*welcomers, hospitality and other ministries*)  
12.45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
1.00 Finish

#### 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).

#### SOCIAL @ CTK

Just to tidy up "A Taste o' Burns" the Social Group has donated £200 to Llanishen Good Neighbours. Goes to show you can have fun and do a bit of good at the same time! Thank you to all from our three churches who supported us...and had a great evening!

#### **QUIZ & CURRY EVENING**

**Saturday 1 March 7.30pm**  
**St Brigid's Hall**  
**Bar Raffle**

Tickets £7.50 available after Mass or please telephone 2076 6318  
The proceeds from the Quiz Night will go to Fr Tomy's Order (CMI) for its 'Noon Meals' project in Kerala and Bangalore, India.  
The Order supports the provision of lunch every day for the children of their schools who come from poor families. This may be the only meal that these children have each day. His Order also provides lunch to the homeless and needy at different centres.

#### **Accommodation**

Could you provide accommodation for the helpers coming to the Celebrate conference at Copus Christi High school on the nights of 2/3 May who will look after the children's themes and generally help to run the conference. We are looking for accommodation for...  
7 people who need to be together  
4 People who need to be together  
2 People who need to be together  
2 People who need to be together  
Contact Pat Williams on 2061 7374 or [patandpaul1@btinternet.com](mailto:patandpaul1@btinternet.com)

#### CWL

The Catholic Women's League is holding a National Coffee morning on Sunday, 2 March. Coffee & biscuits will be served at the back of St. Paul's Church after 9am mass on that day. Cost £1 p.p. There will be a cake stall too. Buy tickets from members, or just come along!  
*The next C.W.L. meeting will be on Monday 24 February at 2pm at St.Paul's. The theme of the meeting is PEACE.*

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### UCM

The UCM will be serving pancakes after 9.30 Mass this Tuesday 25 February. They are a week early due to the members of the UCM attending their National Conference next week. Tickets for the Welsh Lunch, Saturday 1 March, will be on sale after all Masses this weekend, (22/23 February)

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

### Funeral Wishes

The Pastoral Care Project on behalf of the Church in England and Wales has published a leaflet 'Instructions for my Funeral Mass'. The leaflet invites people to think about and set down what they want to happen at their funeral - giving peace of mind and avoiding bereaved families or friends having to guess their wishes. Leaflets are available in each of the churches, cost 50 pence. Members of the Bereavement Support Group are willing to help if anyone needs assistance with the leaflet. The group can be contacted by email ([bereavementsupport@3churches.org](mailto:bereavementsupport@3churches.org)) or through Fr Matthew.

### 40 days for life dates:-

**1. Sunday 2 March-** Robert Colquhoun National director 40df speaking at The Cornerstone after 11am Mass at the Cathedral. All welcome.

**2. Monday 3 March-** Eucharistic Adoration 9am-6pm with Benediction 5.30pm praying for the unborn and their families. All welcome

**3. Wednesday 5 March-** start of Lenten prayer vigil. All welcome. For further details contact Clare Jackson [clare40df@gmail.com](mailto:clare40df@gmail.com) 07580 275698 or visit [www.40daysforlife.com/cardiff](http://www.40daysforlife.com/cardiff)

### Youth Mass

There will be a Youth Mass in Christ the King at 10.30 am on Sunday 2 March. Any young person aged 13 or above is very welcome to join us (in fact, we really need you to join us!) If you can play a musical instrument or sing or feel you would like to take part in the readings, bidding prayers or the offertory, please contact Kath Liddington ([liddingtonk@talktalk.net](mailto:liddingtonk@talktalk.net)) We would especially love to hear from any young people who are undertaking the Confirmation Programme this year. For all you faithful "old timers", we will meet up at 9.45am in Christ the King Church on Sunday 2 March for a rehearsal. Look forward to seeing you all again at this Mass. Would those adults scheduled to read at 10.30 on 2<sup>nd</sup> March in CTK, please note you have a week off. Thank you.

### Huggard Centre for the Homeless (CASH)

A massive thank you to those who donated to the recent appeal for underwear, socks etc. The response from each of the three churches was marvelous and the Centre were very grateful. Your support is really appreciated. Celia Bailey (2075 2413)

## Christ the King

### Altar Linen

February: Ann Rees  
March: Valerie Graham

### Marriage

Please pray for Daniel James Thomas and Katharine Jane Dirks who will be married at Christ the King at 1pm next Friday 28 February. They would like to invite all the parish family to attend their Nuptial Mass.

### TRAIDCRAFT

If you have missed the TRAIDCRAFT stall then Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup> after 8.30am and 10am Mass in the Parish Centre is your chance to revisit. As it is Fair Trade fortnight, we will have special offers and free tastings, so do come along and have a browse.

### Appeal for unwanted gifts/ Christmas presents

Thank you to all who have already donated gifts for the Junior Club to sell as Mother's Day presents to the children at a special sale in March. If anyone would still like to donate anything, please contact Marie in the parish office.

All proceeds from the sale will go to the 'Leaves of Hope' charity that provides aid to Belarussian orphanages.

### Petition Book

Letters are available on the table at the back of the church for parishioners who have agreed to pray especially for those in the petition book. Thank you.

### Mass Changes

Please note there will be no 9.30am Mass on Friday morning as the Nuptial Mass of Daniel Thomas and Katharine Dirks takes place at 1pm.

### Poems and a Glass

Poems and a Glass will take place in the parish centre, this Sunday 23 February at 7pm. All are welcome.



This newsletter was edited by  
Luke Todd (2013)

**Sunday February 24<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

6pm	St Paul's	<b>Bro Pius Maclsaac SA (Curran)</b>
6.30pm	C the K	<b>Kathryn Haines (T Naudi)</b>
Sun. 8.30am	C the K	<b>Barry Nash (Halloran Family)</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
9am	St Paul's	<b>Joe Daly (O'Brien)</b>
10.30am	St Brigid's	<b>Josie Camilleri</b>
10.30am	C the K	<b>Deceased members of the Jenkins and Neylon Families (C &amp; L Jenkins)</b>
6pm	St Brigid's	<b>People of the Parish</b>
7.30pm	St Brigid's	<b>Sunday Praise</b>
Mon. 9.30am	St Brigid's	<b>Dulcie Camilleri (Howells)</b>
9.30am	C the K	<b>All Souls in Purgatory especially deceased members of FOSS</b>
Tues. 9.30am	St Brigid's	<b>Shelagh Powell (Sean)</b>
9.30am	C the K	<b>Peter Louis Murphy (Murphy Family)</b>
Wed. 9.30am	St Paul's	<b>Bill Campbell</b>
7.30pm	C the K	<b>Private Intention (M)</b>
Thurs. 9.30am	C the K	<b>Geoffrey Rice (J Rice)</b>
7.30pm	St Brigid's	<b>Private Int (CN)</b>
Fri. 9.30am	St Paul's	<b>Shelagh Powell (Sophie)</b>
1pm	C the K	<b>Nuptial Mass of Daniel James Thomas &amp; Katharine Jane Dirks</b>
Sat. 9.30am	St Brigid's	<b>David, John Francis, James &amp; Teresa Welsh</b> St David, Patron of Wales

**Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

6pm	St Paul's	<b>Leszek Slowikowski</b>
6.30pm	C the K	<b>Anna &amp; Mostyn Wade (O'Brien)</b>
Sun 8.30am	C the K	<b>Bridget King (Halloran Family)</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
9am	St Paul's	<b>Mollie Peterson (McManus)</b>
10.30am	St Brigid's	<b>People of the Parish</b>
10.30am	C the K	<b>Private Intentions (C &amp; L Jenkins)</b>
6pm	St Brigid's	<b>Elwyn Helyar</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** £ 912.00  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 529.02  
**Total** £ 1441.02  
**S/O month av.** £ 807.50

**Christ the King**

**Gift Aid** £ 446.10  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 412.47  
**S/O weekly av.** £ 399.20  
**Total** £ 1257.77

**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, Terry Culbertson,  
Agnes Davies, Jennifer Ellis, Emily, 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.