

3 Churches News

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Sunday August 3 & 10 2014 18/19 Sunday in Ordinary Time (YEAR A) Issue 30/14

THE POPE IN ALBANIA

News came this week that Pope Francis is going to pay a one day visit to **Albania** on September 21st. Flying out at 7.30am he will be greeted at Tirana airport by the Prime Minister, and go on to meet the President, and other authorities. At 11am Francis will celebrate Mass in a square, and this will be followed by the Angelus. Lunch will be with the bishops of Albania, and then he will greet leaders of other religions and denominations. At 5pm Pope Francis will celebrate Evening Prayer (Vespers) with priests, religious, seminarians and members of lay movements at the Cathedral, and go straight on to visit a children's hospital, flying back to Rome at 8pm. Now, two things occur to me about all this. First, I don't know about you, but I feel exhausted just *reading* the schedule of this 77 year old man. And not only will he be moving around all day from place to place, but he will have all that attention on him, and speeches to make at the relevant times. Phew!

But also, what an amazing choice of destination. Albania must be one of the least known countries of Europe. By going there, Francis continues his policy of visiting the least obvious places. While it's true that Francis is not the first Pope to visit – St John Paul went there too – it's fascinating that he chooses Albania ahead of France or Germany or the great cities of Italy itself... On a holiday in Corfu 20 years ago, I took a boat trip across to Albania just for the day. It was pretty horrifying – very, very poor and depressing. We must remember that Albania is the only country to have banned all religion. All signs of Christianity were completely removed. Our guide showed us a battered wrought iron cross on a ruined church, proudly telling us that "they missed that one". That was already five years after the Berlin Wall came down, but Albania was only just starting to emerge from its darkness... Now the population is 10-16% Catholic – somewhat higher than Wales, and they have five dioceses. Still beset by the effects of its appalling regime under Enver Hoxha, it is slowly getting there...
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~~~~ 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday 3 August 2014) ~~~~



Response to Psalm **You open wide your hand, O Lord, you grant our desires.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!**

1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-3 **2nd Reading:** Letter St Paul to Romans 8: 35. 37-39 **Gospel:** Matthew 14: 13-21

~~~~ 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday 10 August 2014) ~~~~



Response to Psalm **Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on His word. Alleluia!**

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19: 9. 11-13 **2nd Reading:** Letter St Paul to Romans 9: 1-5 **Gospel:** Matthew 14: 22-33

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Father's News

(... continued from front cover)

They are particularly proud that Mother Teresa was ethnically Albanian, and it will be at Mother Teresa Airport that Pope Francis lands on 21st September. And at Mother Teresa Square that he celebrates Mass. What a journey Albania has made and is continuing to make. From an atheistic state to a papal visit. For indeed nothing is impossible to God.- *Fr Matthew*

NEWSLETTER

Please note that this newsletter covers two weeks. We have no resident supply priest this summer, so the number of weekday Masses will be reduced for some weeks from August 13th.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS)

An invitation to any interested parishioners to join us at the Pastoral Resources Centre on Wednesday evenings, from 10th September 2014, for an opportunity to deepen their knowledge and understanding of some key aspects of the Catholic faith. During the next academic year, modules in Old Testament, New Testament, Christology, Catholic Education and Religious Education will be delivered. Participants are welcome to attend a single module, or follow the complete course and submit assignments for the award of a CCRS certificate. For further details, contact Frances Bibey at the Pastoral Resources Centre / ccrs@rcadc.org / Tel 029 2036 2599

9.30 mass at Christ the King on Tuesday 5th August will be offered for the deceased members of the 3 churches. We will remember in particular those from our community who died in May and those whose first anniversaries are in August; and their families and friends.

THE ASSUMPTION

Friday 15 August is the feast of the Assumption. Masses will be at 9.30am in St Paul's, 12.45pm at Christ the King. 7.30pm at St Brigid's.

Time to Chat

On Saturday 6 September the 3 Churches Bereavement Support Group is holding a drop-in session at St Brigid's Church Hall from 10.15 am. We hope to hold further sessions on the first Saturday of each month. We are not a counselling group but we offer a listening ear to those who have been bereaved - whether recently or some time ago. If you or anyone you know (they don't need to be a member of the 3 churches) would like to come along for a tea/coffee and a chat you will be welcome. For further information please contact Fr Matthew or any member of the Bereavement Support Group or email us at beareavement.support@3churches.org

For your diary - The 3 Churches Justice and Peace group will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Tuesday 30 September 2014 in the Parish Centre.

The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham 'Called To Be One'

A Day of Prayer with an invitation to all to explore and find out More about the life and mission of the Ordinariate in the Catholic Church.

Saturday 6 September 2014
2pm Sung Mass: Ordinariate Rite
(Celebrant: Fr Bernard Sixtus, Pastor Wales SE Group)

Followed by refreshments and a discussion and presentation on the exciting results of the Apostolic Constitution Anglicanorum Coetibus..calling Anglicans into Full Communion with the See of Peter.

St Joseph's Catholic Church, New Zealand Road, Cardiff.

Christ the King

Altar Linen

July: Valerie Graham
August: L Davies

Mass Changes

Please note that there will be changes to the weekday Masses during the coming weeks in August and early September. Please read your newsletter carefully.

REMINDER

A large number of Archdiocesan gift aid letters remain uncollected at the back of the Church. You may need this information for your tax return. Please collect them ASAP. Thanks!

Please remember the deceased members of the 3 churches whose anniversaries occur in August including: Molly Mulwang, Betty Colwill, Teresa Walsh, Robert Winchester, Jack Crowshaw, Anthony Watson, Pat Rayson, Peter Cousins, Judy Castro and Betty Murphy.

Christ the King

"50 Club" Winners

July 2014

1st Prize £30

Anne McDevitt

2nd Prize £20

Rob Lannon

3rd Prize £10

Anne Taylor & Matt Jones

Parish Office

Please note that the Parish office will not be open from Monday 4th August – Monday 10th August. If you have any urgent business, please contact Canon Matthew at St Brigid's Presbytery.

Baptisms

On Sunday 3 August we welcome Mathew Robert Last, Rylee-Jay Evans and Phillipa Dee Hurley into our parish family as they are baptized. Please remember all these children and their parents and godparents in your prayers.

Weddings

This weekend Rachel Foley and Matthew Barley celebrate their marriage at Christ the King. Next Saturday, 9th August, Claudia Touma and Richard Stephens will also get married. Please remember both couples in your prayers as they begin their Sacramental journey together in marriage.

St Brigid's & St Pauls

There will be a retiring collection for the Apostleship at Masses this weekend.

R.I.P.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gerald Lynch, son of Joseph (Benny) Lynch, formerly of St Paul's. Eternal rest grant to him, Lord.

JUBILEE LUNCH

On Sunday September 21st, 50th anniversary of the first Mass in the present St Brigid's Church, there will be a **Jubilee Lunch** at the New House Hotel. Tickets for this event on sale at £20 adults £10 children under 11. There will be a choice of two starters, mains & desserts plus vegetarian option on the day.

Sunday August 3rd 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

12.30pm C the K	Wedding: Matthew Barley & Rachel Foley	
8pm St Paul's	Len Perry	
6.30pm C the K	Intention of Ann Culbertson (H & M Tracey)	
Sun. 8.30am C the K	Tony Hutchings (C Bailey)	18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9am St Paul's	Peace in our World	
10.30am St Brigid's	People of the Parish	
10.30am C the K	All Parishioners	
12pm C the K	Baptisms: Mathew Robert Last, Rylee-Jay Evans & Phillipa Dee Hurley	
6pm St Brigid's	Available	
7.30pm St Brigid's	Sunday Praise	
Mon. 9.30am St Brigid's	Len Perry	St John Vianney
9.30am C the K	Sick & Housebound of the Parish	
Tues. 9.30am St Brigid's	Holy Souls	Dedication of St Mary Major
9.30am C the K	Deceased members of 3 Churches	
Wed. 9.30am St Paul's	Gerald Lynch (Monica)	Transfiguration of Our Lord
7.30pm C the K	Nacimento Rodrigues (I Rodrigues)	
Thurs. 9.30am C the K	Deceased members of McCarthy & Donovan Families (P & D Donovan)	St Sixtus; St Cajetan
7.30pm St Brigid's	Len Perry	
Fri. 9.30am St Brigid's	Margaret & Frances Whittle	St Dominic
9.30am C the K	Intention of V & P Dromey (B Theeswaran)	

Sunday August 10th 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 9.30am	St Brigid's	Available	St Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein)
11.30am	C the K	Wedding of Claudia Touma & Richard Stephens	
6pm	St Paul's	Margaret & Sandy Eadie (Whittle)	
6.30pm	C the K	Intentions of Bea Hanley [sick] (M Murphy)	
Sun. 8.30am	C the K	Intention of N & A Moore (B Theeswaran)	
		19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9am	St Paul's	People of the Parish	
10.30am	St Brigid's	Jean Pie (David & Lilian Jenkins)	
10.30am	C the K	Deceased members of the parish whose anniversaries occur this month	
6pm	St Brigid's	Available	
7.30pm	St Brigid's	Sunday Praise	
Mon. 9.30am	St Brigid's	Len Perry	St Clare
9.30am	C the K	Fred Green (M Crowley)	
Tues. 9.30am	St Brigid's	Caryl Harrison	St Jane Frances de Chantal
9.30am	C the K	O'Brien & Murphy Family Intentions	
Wed. 9.30am	St Paul's	Teresa Walsh (Jackson)	
7.30pm	C the K	All Souls in Purgatory (I Rodrigues)	
Thurs. 9.30am	C the K	Tony Hutchings (McDevitt Family)	St Maximilian Kolbe
7.30pm	St Brigid's	Shelagh Powell (Julia)	
Fri. 9.30am	St Paul's	Shelagh Powell (Brian)	Assumption of Our Lady
12.45pm	C the K	William Thomas Brown (B Brown)	
7.30pm	St Brigid's	People of the Parish	
Sat. 9.30am	St Brigid's	Available	St Stephen of Hungary

Sunday August 17th 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6pm	St Paul's	Gerald Lynch	
6.30pm	C the K	Peter Murphy (O'Brien)	
Sun. 8.30am	C the K	Intentions of J & J Nastali (B Theeswaran)	
		20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9am	St Paul's	People of the Parish	
10.30am	St Brigid's	People of the Parish Peace in the World	
10.30am	C the K	Intention of Justin Chua (M Wang)	
6pm	St Brigid's	Available	
7.30pm	St Brigid's	Sunday Praise	

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Eucharistic Adoration

Christ the King
 Tuesday 10am-1pm
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 £ 669.90
Non Gift Aid £ 544.03
Total £ 1213.93
S/O month av. £ 807.50

Christ the King
Gift Aid £ 483.55
Non Gift Aid £ 366.25
S/O weekly av. £ 368.45
Total £ 1218.25

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, Terry Culbertson,
 Agnes Davies, Jennifer Ellis, Emily, Anna Forrest, Jane Goldsworthy, Maria Hill,
 Caitriona Lovell, Joseph (Benny) Lynch, Dean Maguire, Dolores Meehan,
 Vernon Morgan, Niamh Murphy, Maureen O'Driscoll, Kieran Ollin, Alan Paines, Rona Perry,
 Valentino Rascon, Cath Rees, Claire Richards, Pat Roberts, Peter Scott,
 Dewi Thomas, Emma Warlow, Dorothy Warren & Pat Watkins.