

3 Churches News

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4th Sunday of Lent

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FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD...

There was once a bridge across a canal. Most of the day it stayed parallel to the river, allowing ships to pass through, but when a train would come along, the bridge would be turned sideways across the river, allowing the train to cross it. A switchman sat in a hut on one side of the river where he operated the controls to turn the bridge and lock it into place as the train crossed.

One evening as the switchman was waiting for the last train of the day to come, he caught sight of the train lights. He turned the bridge into position, but, to his horror, he found the locking control did not work. If the bridge was not securely in position, it would cause the train full of passengers to jump the track and go crashing into the river. He left the bridge turned across the river and hurried across the bridge to the other side, where there was a lever switch he could hold to operate the lock manually. He took hold and leaned backward to apply his weight to it, locking the bridge.

Then, coming across the bridge from the direction of his control shack, he heard a voice, "Daddy, where are you?" His four-year-old son was crossing the bridge to look for him. His first impulse was to cry out, "Run! Run!" But the train was too close; the tiny legs would never make it across the bridge in time. The man realized that he could not get back to the lever in time if he saved his son. Either many people on the train or his own son - must die.

The train sped safely and swiftly on its way, and no one aboard was even aware of the tiny broken body thrown mercilessly into the river by the on rushing train.

We use this prayer at Mass this Sunday. You could use it during the week too...

Lord Jesus Christ,
you came into the world - and you left it -
in simplicity and vulnerability.

You came not to condemn the world but to save it.
Speak deeply to me today of your profound and eternal love for all humanity.
Let me allow your love to come into my life so that I can be changed.
Let it penetrate all my thoughts, words, deeds and attitudes.
And may your Spirit help me to respond to your love;
to be prepared to reflect your light and love in my everyday life;
and to serve others, today and every day.

Amen



Response to Psalm **O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!**

Gospel Acclamation: **Glorify and praise to you, O Christ! God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; Everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16. 19-23 **2nd Reading:** Ephesians 2: 4-10 **Gospel:** John 3: 14-21



St. Brigid's and Christ the King are parishes of the Archdiocese of Cardiff. A Registered Charity No. 242380.

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Other events

Father's News

LENT

Is it time to come to

Reconciliation? Saturdays - St Brigid's 10am; St Paul 5.30-5.45pm; Christ the King 5.45-6.15pm. Alternatively, come to our 3 Churches **Penitential Service** on Tuesday 24th March 7pm

Why not attend an extra **weekday Mass?**

The Way of the Cross St Paul's Friday 9.00am; St Brigid's Saturday 9.00am Christ the King Sunday 3.00pm.



Talk on Oscar Romero:

A Martyr's Legacy

With the news that the beatification of the late Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador has been confirmed, this talk will be an opportunity to find out who Oscar Romero is and why he continues to inspire so many around the world. Our speaker, Julian Filochowski, chair of Archbishop Romero Trust, will give an insight to why Romero's message is so significant for our Church today. **Thursday 19 March 7pm at St David's Catholic College** Ty-Gwyn Road, Cardiff, CF23 5QD. All welcome. Contact CAFOD on southwales@cafod.org.uk for further information.

A moment of peace & candlelight

Christ the King opens its doors every Friday term-time between 6.30pm and 7pm. St Brigid's and St Paul's remain open daily during daylight hours.

Stations of the Cross through Cardiff City Centre

Saturday 21 March 2015
10:45am start, meet at the front steps of the Cornerstone (opposite St David's Cathedral, Charles Street, Cardiff CF10 2SF)
See Notice Board for more or go to www.sdcrf.org.uk/stationsofthecross.htm

St. Joseph's Feast Day

The Feast Day is to be celebrated in St. Joseph's Church, New Zealand Road, with a Mass at 7pm on Thursday 19 March, followed by a buffet. All are welcome particularly old parishioners and former pupils and staff of the School.

Welsh Lunch

UCM Welsh Lunch raised £398.30 for our two charities- 'Education of Children in Bangalesh' and CWTCH. Our ticket sales were down by £100 this year but we are very grateful to all who supported this event. Also thanks to Tuesday coffee drinkers (after Mass) - £100 was kindly donated to our charities from their proceeds.

Preparing to Renew Baptismal Promises

Four Faith Sharing Meetings
Led by Fr Ambrose Walsh
Author of 'Shall I Renew My Baptismal Promises at Easter?'
To be held at Christ the King Parish Centre— two meetings remain on Tuesdays, 2-4pm 17 & 24 March.

Llanishen and District Churches Together Prayer Link

Joint Monthly Prayer Sessions 2015

Take part in up to an hour of shared prayer and meditation (more or less structured) with other local Christians on the first Saturday morning of every month except January and February, between 10am and 11am. On any Saturday/s of your choosing please come to the relevant member church below when you can (and, if you can, stay through until we break at 11am, but go earlier if you need). The next Prayer Link Session will take place at Park End Presbyterian Church, Llandennis Road on Saturday 4 April

Fair Trade Cardiff Special General Meeting

The lower vestry, The Tabernacle, Welsh Baptist Church, The Hayes Wednesday 18 March 5pm.
Last year we celebrated 10 years of Cardiff being the world's first Fair Trade Capital city. We're proud of our achievements over the last decade. Times are tough at the moment, and our group numbers have dwindled significantly over the past few years. Our renewal for Fairtrade status is currently due, and we are concerned that without more support we will not qualify. If you're interested in getting involved, or just want to find out more, please come along to the meeting in the lower vestry of the Tabernacl, Welsh Baptist Church on the Hayes in the City Centre at 5pm. We're providing refreshments, so if you can RSVP to this address (fairtradecardiff@gmail.com) we would appreciate it.

Other events

The next meeting of the Open Door Club is at Christ the King Parish Centre on Thursday 19 March 2- 4pm. Do come along, all are welcome.

Cardiff Metropolitan Cathedral Choir Easter Concert

Faire is the Heaven: Music of the Cathedral Choral Tradition
Tuesday 17 March 1pm at St David's Hall. Tickets £5.75 from Box Office: 2087 8444

Christ the King

Altar Linen

March: L Davies

Mass Changes

Please note there is no Mass on Monday, Wednesday or Friday at Christ the King this week.

Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of the Cross at Christ the King next Sunday 22 March (led by the young people of the parish) at 3pm. All are very welcome.

Gift Aid

Boxes of gift aid envelopes are now available at the back of the Church for 2015-16. Please collect and use these envelopes from April. If anyone needs information about the gift aid scheme contact John Dean on 2062 5697.

CAFOD

CAFOD Lent Fast Day appeal amounted to £1124 (including donations from the CAFOD box at the back of the church) plus approximately £120 in gift aid. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and the money will be well used. Thank you so much on behalf of CAFOD.

LINK

Stapling will take place on Friday 27 March at 10am.

Easter Sunday Family Mass

The 10.30am Mass on Easter Sunday will be a Family Mass. If any child or young person would like to take part, please leave your name and contact number on the list at the back of the church or contact Marie O'Brien 2075 3771 email marie.peter@btinternet.com

Music for Holy Week and Easter

Practices take place on Wednesday evenings at 8pm in the church. All singers (or would-be singers) are warmly invited to come along. Further information from Kath Liddington (2062 7794) or Elizabeth Taylor (2075 1401)

EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION

There will be a collection for Easter Flowers after all Masses on the weekend of the 21/22 March. Thank you for your generosity.

"50 Club" Winners

January 2015

1st Prize £25

Mike Mathews [29]

2nd Prize £20

Hilary Tracey [63]

3rd Prize £15

Edwina Morgan [18]

February 2015

1st Prize £25

David Maddox [67]

2nd Prize £20

Pauline Robinson [45]

3rd Prize £15

Frances Burkhard [139]

St Brigid's & St Pauls

BAPTISM

We welcome Sophia Price-Smith into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday at St Brigid's.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

The total collected in St Brigid and St Paul for the recent Family Fast Day came to **£1783.70** plus anticipated **£362.75** Gift Aid, making **£2,146.45** total. On behalf of CAFOD, parish reps Brian Powell and Ian Tumelty extend their heartfelt thanks for your overwhelming generosity.

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS

The selling of our quota of Lenten booklets realized **£112.00**, of which the parish share was £62. A big thank you to all who supported this Lenten practice.

VOTIVE CANDLES AT ST BRIGID'S

During the last months five lighters have disappeared from our candle stands. Please ensure that you do not accidentally walk off with one.

EASTER FLOWERS

There will be a collection for Easter flowers in St Brigid's and St Paul's next weekend 21 & 22 March, after all masses. Many thanks for your generosity in helping to make our churches look beautiful for the Easter season.

St Brigid's Lost Property

Any property left at the end of March will be disposed of through SVP shops

Sunday March 15th 4th Sunday of Lent

6pm	St Paul's	Len Perry	
6.30pm	C the K	Stephen & James Connolly (M Gaunt)	
Sun. 8.30am	C the K	Enid & Peter Craven Diamond Wedding (L Barry)	4 th Sunday of Lent
9am	St Paul's	People of the Parish	
10.30am	St Brigid's	Dec'd CN Family	
10.30am	C the K	Catherine McFeat & Sarah Graham (Graham Family)	
11.45am	St Brigid's	Baptism: Sophia Price-Smith	
6pm	St Brigid's	Private Int (Camilleri)	
7.30pm	St Brigid's	Sunday Praise	
Mon. 9.30am	St Brigid's	Holy Souls (Jiji)	
Tues. 9.30am	C the K	Molly Miles (F)	St Patrick
Wed. 9.30am	St Paul's	Helen Lawrence (McManus)	St Cyril of Jerusalem
Thurs. 9.30am	C the K	Intentions of Margaret & Frank Callaghan (T Evans)	St Joseph
7.30pm	St Brigid's	Ian Thomas (Jackson)	
Fri. 9am	St Paul's	Way of the Cross	
9.30am	St Paul's	Teresa & John Walsh	
Sat. 9am	St Brigid's	Way of the Cross	
9.30am	St Brigid's	Ints M & F Callaghan	

Sunday March 22nd 5th Sunday of Lent

6pm	St Paul's	Tom Sherry	
6.30pm	C the K	Kathleen Brown (B Brown)	
Sun. 8.30am	C the K	Private Intention (F)	5 th Sunday of Lent
9am	St Paul's	People of the Parish	
10.30am	St Brigid's	Len Perry	
10.30am	C the K	Peggy & Jack Minto Diamond Wedding	
6pm	St Brigid's	Holy Souls	
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 £ 628.50
Non Gift Aid £ 506.63
Total £ 1135.13
S/O month av. £ 846.77

Christ the King
Gift Aid £ 563.20
Non Gift Aid £ 458.09
S/O weekly av. £ 406.71
Total £ 1428.00

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, Brian Birmingham, Maureen Carroll, Sian Clark,
Mary Clarke, Terry Culbertson, Agnes Davies, Emily, Anna Forrest, Maria Hill, Caitriona Lovell,
Joseph (Benny) Lynch, Dean Maguire, Pat McConnell, Charles McDevitt, Katrina Meades,
Fr Modest, Vernon Morgan, Sarah Morris, Peter Murphy, Maureen O'Driscoll, Kieran Ollin,
Alan Paines, Rona Perry, Valentino Rascon, John Reardon, Rhian Reardon, Cath Rees,
Claire Richards, Pat Roberts, Adela Rogers, Peter Scott, Dewi Thomas, Emma Warlow,
Dorothy Warren & Pat Watkins.