

# 3 Churches News

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**Sunday January 24<sup>th</sup> 2016 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (YEAR C) Issue 04/16**

## 1916 - 2016

Wales has a long history of Christianity. The martyrdom of Sts Julius and Aaron probably took place in 257-9 in Caerleon. Christianity spread, but while eastern Britain eventually became England through the Anglo-Saxon invasion, Wales remained steadfastly Christian, producing many great Christian leaders, including Sts Illtyd, Dyfrig, David and Teilo, in the "age of the saints".

The re-organisation of the Church by the Normans saw the confirmation of four Welsh dioceses: Llandaff, St. David's, Bangor and St. Asaphs. Religious houses were founded by the Cistercians, Benedictines, Franciscans, Dominicans and others, but under Henry VIII, all these were suppressed. Except for a brief period under Mary, the Catholic Church in Wales and England entered a two hundred year period of deprivation and persecution. The "Old Faith" barely survived in many parts of Wales. Large numbers of the Catholic gentry faced penury and imprisonment. Missionary priests educated abroad were hunted down when they returned and ministered to pockets of Catholics in secret, facing the penalty of being hanged, drawn and quartered. Gradually the penal laws against Catholics were eased and in 1829 this culminated in Catholic Emancipation when many of the restrictions on Catholics were swept away.

From 1688 Rome had appointed **Vicars Apostolic** to areas of Britain. Wales and Herefordshire were part of the **Western District**, but in 1840 this was divided in two, and Wales plus Herefordshire became the **Welsh District**. The full restoration of the Catholic hierarchy in 1850 saw the foundation of the diocese of **Newport and Menevia** with Bishop Brown in charge, followed by Bishop Hedley. In 1895 the reduced diocese of **Newport** was redefined as the counties of Glamorgan, Monmouth and Hereford.

It was largely Bishop Hedley who planned the event we commemorate this year. In 1916 the **Cardiff Province** was established, comprising the **Metropolitan Archdiocese of Cardiff** and the diocese of Menevia. Belmont Abbey was our first cathedral. To commemorate this, there are two events on the weekend of 6-7 February. On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> the monks of Belmont sing **Solemn Vespers** at St David's Cathedral at 3pm. On the Sunday there is a **Pontifical High Mass** at Belmont itself, also at 3pm, for which tickets are needed. I have six available, so if you would like to be considered please let me know, preferably by email by this Wednesday.

*Fr Matthew*



~~~~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~~~~



Response to Psalm **Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.**  
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia! The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,  
To proclaim liberty to captives. Alleluia!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Nehemiah 8: 2-6. 8-10 **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30 **Gospel:** Luke 1: 1-4; 4:14-21

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## 3 Churches

### Father's News

#### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

We welcome Ian and Tessa MacCallum this Sunday at 9am Mass at Christ the King and 11am Mass at St Brigid's. In the afternoon they will lead an information meeting at Christ the King Parish Centre at 3pm or you can visit the web site [www.wwme.org.uk](http://www.wwme.org.uk) where you can learn more and book your weekend direct.

#### A LIGHT FOR PEACE

As in recent years, a **Peace Candle** is moving around each of our 3 Churches areas for three weeks at a time, starting with Christ the King. Sign up for one of the two day slots, and let the light of our Peace Candle inspire you to prayer and maybe challenge you to action.

#### INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT

There will be a Scripture Saturday on 23rd January at St Philip Evans. The day, led by Kate Duffin, Chaplain of Cardinal Newman High School, is entitled 'Our Story is Their Story.' The journey of the Hebrew people is one in which we see an unfolding of the history of salvation. This introduction offers an insight into how this story becomes our story. Saturday 23rd January 10am - 3pm St Philip Evans, Llanedeyrn Drive. Bring a packed lunch. Suggested donation £10. For info go to [www.catholic-bible-school.org/event](http://www.catholic-bible-school.org/event) email [catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com](mailto:catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com)

#### FIRST FRIDAY PRAYER

Each first Friday of the month the Syro-Malabar (Kerala) community holds a Prayer Vigil at St Brigid's. On 5<sup>th</sup> February Fr Matthew leads the evening, and you are invited to come along as a preparation for Lent. 7.30pm Praise and worship. 8pm Mass 9.15 Adoration and Ministry. Come for all or part – you are welcome!

#### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT.

Would you like to become part of our 3 Churches Bereavement Support Group? The Archdiocesan Family Life Commission in co-operation with Care for the Family are running a day's course for those like you in the Pastoral Resource Centre on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February** at 9.30. The cost of the course is £30 to include a light lunch. (Parishes will usually pay for this). Previously trained people are also welcome to join us. Places are limited, so if you wish to reserve a place please email [anstic2002@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:anstic2002@yahoo.co.uk) or phone 07799 704970

#### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

**Why?** To pray for an end to abortion, and for women who may be going in to seek an abortion, as they are victims too. To offer help if anyone asks for it, and to have the contacts and the means to support those who would like to avoid abortion.

**Where & when?** St Mary Street, opposite the abortion facility, from 10<sup>th</sup> February (Ash Wednesday) to 20<sup>th</sup> March (Palm Sunday).

Volunteers are needed for an hour between 11.00am and 4.00pm. If this is shared out, no one will find it too much to do.

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#### CWL

The next C.W.L. monthly meeting will take place this Monday 25 January at 2pm in St. Paul's. Annual subscriptions of £22 are due at this meeting. Our National President's Charity this year is for members to collect items needed for our local Women's Refuge. This will be discussed at the meeting.

#### CAFOD SUPPORTERS

Please join us for our supporters' meeting to hear more about our work, especially the story of Proscovia, a 14 year old girl from Northern Uganda whose life has been transformed with your support. As CAFOD's Lenten appeal will be doubled by the UK Government this year (£1 = £2), find out how your parish community can bring about real and lasting change to more people this Lent. Join us on Saturday 6 February at Nazareth House, Colum Rd, 10:30 – 12:30. Contact CAFOD South Wales on 2034 4882 for further information. All welcome.

#### Praying for our Neighbours

Please remember in your prayers this week our neighbours in **St Martin's Crescent (part of), & Johnston Road (part of)** who have received prayer cards in the last few days.

**In a few weeks, as part of our 3 Churches Initiative, the delivery of Prayer Cards will commence in the St Paul's area. Volunteers from St Paul's are needed for this – the more the better (less work for everyone). To volunteer or for more information please contact Barbara Cole (2048 2334)**

## 3 Churches

### Cardiff Foodbank at 3 Churches

A new rota of drivers to take our donations of food to the Foodbank depot each week will soon be set up to cover the next few months. If anyone else has an hour to spare on a Monday, Tuesday or Thursday morning, about once every two months, and would be willing to join the Drivers' Rota please email Terry Jermyn at [terryjermyn@gmail.com](mailto:terryjermyn@gmail.com) And many thanks to all parishioners who are continuing to donate items of food each week.

### St Brigid's & St Paul's Quiz & Curry Evening

In aid of Tenovus

Friday 12 February 7.30pm

£8 (tickets available after Mass or call 2076 6318) Teams of 8 - or come along and join in with others Raffle + Licensed Bar

### Baptism Course

The next baptism course will take place in St. Brigid's Sacristy on Wednesdays 3 & 10 February at 7.30pm. For information contact Cath Wieser

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### ACTA - A Call to Action

ACTA [A Call to Action] is an organisation that brings together clergy, religious and laity to discuss issues of common interest and concern. The next meeting of the Cardiff group of ACTA is in St David's Sixth Form College, Ty Gwyn Road, Penylan Cardiff at 7pm on Tuesday 9 February. All are welcome.

Further information is available from Frank Callus of St Peter's parish – [fbcallus@aol.com](mailto:fbcallus@aol.com) or 07956 005459

### Llanishen & District Churches Together

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

#### **The United Service**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January 6.00 p.m.**

At Christ Church Roath Park,  
Lake Road North

Preacher:

**Rev'd Delyth Liddell, M.Th.**

Methodist Chaplain,  
Cardiff University

## Christ the King

### 50 Club Subscriptions due

Through the 50 Club, the parish will continue to support Good Neighbours in North Llanishen for another year in 2016. Payments by cash or cheque can be made throughout the month of January after any Mass. Contact Tess Evans (2075 5528) for further details.

### PAC Meeting

The next meeting of CTK PAC is on Tuesday 2 February. If anyone has any matter they wish to bring to the attention of the PAC, would they speak to any member of the PAC

### Sandwich making for the homeless

Sandwich making for the homeless will take place in the parish centre on Monday 1 February at 1.15pm. All volunteers new and old welcome.

***Jack and Peggy Minto and family would like to thank their friends in Christ the King for their prayers and kind thoughts following the recent loss of their youngest daughter Catherine. May she rest in perfect peace.***

## St Brigid's & St Pauls

### **RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Maureen Hill** and **Megan Bowgen**, whose Funeral Services take place at St Brigid's Tuesday at 1.00pm and Christ the King Friday 12.15 respectively. Please pray also for the repose of the soul of **Mary Fodor** of Tonteg, a frequent attender at St Brigid's, especially at Sunday Praise.

*Eternal rest grant to them, Lord.*

### St Brigid's & St Paul's Parish Advisory Council

Nominations are invited for St Brigid's & St Paul's PAC. The PAC meets about 6 times a year (usually on a Monday evening) to help and advise Fr Matthew regarding parish matters. Parishioners who would like to be a member of the PAC are asked to complete a Nomination form, which can be found at the back of both churches, and return it to Fr Matthew by Sunday 31 January. For any further information please contact Nigel Tuck, PAC Chair.

### **Prisoner of Conscience Christmas Cards 2015**

265 Christmas Cards were sent to Human Rights Organisations and Prisoners of Conscience to offer messages of support and let them know they are not forgotten (often resulting in release or improved living conditions). Whatever the outcome, the antagonists are aware that the world is watching, which can in itself change things for the better. 70 cards came from pupils of Corpus Christi High School who also joined the campaign this year. Donations totaled £260. Many thanks to all who helped.

**Sunday January 24<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

|        |         |             |                                                                                               |                                         |
|--------|---------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Sat.   | 6pm     | C the K     | <b>Jimmy Connolly (M Gaunt)<br/>&amp; Peter O'Brien (S &amp; L Lobo)</b>                      |                                         |
| Sun.   | 9am     | St Paul's   | <b>Gerard &amp; Michael Mitchell (Donovan)</b>                                                | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |
|        | 9am     | C the K     | <b>Peter O'Brien (A &amp; C McDevitt)<br/>&amp; Christine Smith (B Theeswaran)</b>            |                                         |
|        | 11am    | St Brigid's | <b>Margaret Dyson (York)</b>                                                                  |                                         |
|        | 6pm     | St Brigid's | <b>Marie Bradley (York)</b>                                                                   |                                         |
|        | 7.30pm  | St Brigid's | <b>Sunday Praise</b>                                                                          |                                         |
| Mon.   | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>Michael John Carey;<br/>Caryl Harrison</b>                                                 | Conversion of St Paul                   |
| Tues.  | 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Intentions of Charles &amp; Ann McDevitt (A Forrest)<br/>&amp; Vera Strand (D Scanlan)</b> | Sts Timothy & Titus                     |
|        | 1pm     | St Brigid's | <b>Funeral Service: Maureen Hill</b>                                                          |                                         |
| Wed.   | 9.30am  | St Paul's   | <b>Lawrence Family</b>                                                                        | St Angela Merici                        |
| Thurs. | 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Intentions of O'Brien Family (A Rogers)</b>                                                | St Thomas Aquinas                       |
|        | 7.30pm  | St Brigid's | <b>Maureen Hill</b>                                                                           |                                         |
| Fri.   | 9.30am  | St Paul's   | <b>Carlos Garcia Palau</b>                                                                    |                                         |
|        | 12.15pm | C the K     | <b>Funeral Service: Megan Bowgen</b>                                                          |                                         |
| Sat.   | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>Gino Gamberini (Slowikowska)</b>                                                           |                                         |

**Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

|      |        |             |                                                                                 |                                         |
|------|--------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Sat. | 6pm    | C the K     | <b>Fr A Thomas &amp; Benedict &amp; Kevin Keane (M Gannon)</b>                  |                                         |
| Sun. | 9am    | St Paul's   | <b>Walter Connies-Laing</b>                                                     | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |
|      | 9am    | C the K     | <b>Martin Archbold (B Theeswaran)<br/>&amp; Private Intention (Peat Family)</b> |                                         |
|      | 11am   | St Brigid's | <b>Daw Family Int</b>                                                           |                                         |
|      | 6pm    | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parish</b>                                                     |                                         |
|      | 7.30pm | St Brigid's | <b>Sunday Praise</b>                                                            |                                         |



**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:*

Mary Amugan, Chris Babu, Brian Bermingham, Maureen Carroll, Sian Clark,  
Mary Clarke, Terry Culbertson, Agnes Davies, Emily, Anna Forrest, Bobi Gower, Maria Hill,  
Caitriona Lovell, Joseph (Benny) Lynch, Dean Maguire, Charles McDevitt,  
Katrina Meades, Fr Modest, Vernon Morgan, Sarah Morris, Peter Murphy, Maureen O'Driscoll,  
Kieran Ollin, Alan Paines, Rona Perry, Rita Purcell, Valentino Rascon, John Reardon,  
Claire Richards, Adela Rogers, Dewi Thomas, Bev Tumelty,  
Emma Warlow, Dorothy Warren & Pat Watkins.

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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**

Friday before/after

9.30am Mass

**Christ the King**

Saturday 5.30pm

**Last Week's Collection**

**Sts. Brigid & Paul**

**Gift Aid** £ 433.00

**Non Gift Aid** £ 690.49

**Total** £ 1123.49

**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the Kig**

**Gift Aid** £ 398.18

**Non Gift Aid** £ 375.14

**S/O weekly av.** £ 300.54

**Total** £1073.86