

3 Churches News

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THREE IN A ROW

... No, *not* our 3 Churches this time. This week we celebrate 3 interesting feast days in a row, with a sort of connection running through them.

Monday is the Feast of **St Brigid**, one of our patrons. Leader of a religious community of men and women in Kildare, Ireland, she is now second patron of that land, after St Patrick himself. There are many traditions about her, one of which is the Cross named after her that she is said to have put together from reeds. You can see a stylised version of it on all the sanctuary furniture in St Brigid's. But she also had an eternal flame kept in a so-called "fire-house" in the abbey, which lasted until the Reformation.

It's that flame that provides the link to Tuesday's feast, the **Presentation of the Lord**. When the baby Jesus was taken by Mary and Joseph a first son to be presented in the Temple at Jerusalem, he was proclaimed to be the light of the nations by that lovely elderly gentleman Simeon. We commemorate that by blessing candles on this feast, known therefore in the English speaking world as "Candlemas".

Then those candles lead us on to Wednesday, when we uphold the traditional Blessing of Throats on the Feast of **St Blaise**. Tradition tells of his healing a child by removing a bone stuck in their throat. Two candles previously blessed are held in the form of a cross and the words said: "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

If you can, why not attend Mass on any or all of these interesting 3 days, all of them at 9.30am.

Monday St Brigid at **St Brigid's** (naturally)

Tuesday The Presentation/Candlemas at **Christ the King**

Wednesday St Blaise at **St Paul's**

Fr Matthew



~~~~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~~~~



Response to Psalm **My lips will tell of your help.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;  
No one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 1: 4-5. 17-19 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 31 - 13:13 Gospel: Luke 4: 21-30

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### Father's News

#### 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. Please 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.

#### PRAYER VIGIL

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

**Mass on Tuesday 2 February at 9.30am at Christ the King will be offered for the deceased members of the 3 Churches, particularly those who died in November.**

#### CAFOD SUPPORTERS

Please join us for our supporters' meeting to hear more about our work. 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 on 2034 4882 for further information. All welcome.

#### ACTA : A Call to Action

ACTA 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 College at 7pm Tuesday 9 February**. All are welcome. Further information available from Frank Callus (Jnr) [fbcallus@aol.com](mailto:fbcallus@aol.com) or tel 07956 005459

#### 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.

**Contact** Janet [jelthomas@btinternet.com](mailto:jelthomas@btinternet.com) or 07901 713077

**The C.W.L. Charity coffee morning will be on Friday 5 February after 9.30 Mass at St Paul's. Proceeds are for the George Thomas Hospice.**

#### Dates for Your Diary

Members of the UCM will be holding their fund raising events on the following dates this year- Saturday 27 February, Welsh Lunch Saturday 18 June, Strawberry Tea. Saturday 12 November, Winter Warmer.

Further details at a later date.

*Our charity this year is Holmes Towers Hospice in memory of our dear friend and UCM member Mary McMahon who died last year.*

Llanishen Baptist Church  
Revelations Present  
Joseph & The Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat  
The YMCA Theatre  
The Walk, Cardiff  
11 & 12 February 7.15pm  
13 February 3.15pm  
All Tickets £6

Any queries - phone Revelations  
2075 3033 / 07551 991100

#### Praying for our Neighbours

Please remember in your prayers this week our neighbours in **Crundale 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)**

Please remember the deceased members of the 3 churches whose anniversaries occur in February including: Philip Payne, Timothy Cole, Peggy Dunn, Gerard Simpson, Michael Leonard, Theodore Trigg, Geoffrey Rice, David Kavanagh, Gertrude Skrines, Gordon Robinson, Jo Regan, Gerard Nunan, Helen Lawrence, Olga Mecklenburgh and Dale Oxlade.

### 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

### CONFIRMATION

The enrolment forms for Confirmation are now at the back of all 3 churches. If you wish to prepare for the Sacrament, please fill one in and return it to the back of the church asap. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to call or email me on 07800 647515 or [charlotte.mathews@hotmail.com](mailto:charlotte.mathews@hotmail.com)

### 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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(2075 5085) or Ann Martin  
[martins2007@btinternet.com](mailto:martins2007@btinternet.com)  
(2075 6300)

### Lent Discussion Groups

Starts week of 8 February. Group leaders needed. Spaces still available.  
Info: Ian Thomas (2075 4255)

## Christ the King

### Volunteer Needed

The Sacristy Team are looking (hopefully) for a volunteer to join the team that looks after the Altar linen. This entails laundering the small items of Altar linen, ie. the purificators, lavabos (small hand towels) and the corporals on a monthly basis. Depending upon the number in the team, this will take place two or three times a year and the next vacant slot is not until April. If you are interested, please contact Valerie Graham, 2076 3569 for further information.

### PAC Meeting

The next meeting of CTK PAC is this 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 & old welcome.

## St Brigid's & St Paul's

### R.I.P

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rose-Anne Jones of Sunrise Home, whose Service takes place at St Paul's on Friday at 12.30 after burial at Llanblethian. *Eternal rest grant to her, Lord.*

### Parish Advisory Council Meeting

The next PAC meeting will be on Monday 8 February. If any parishioner has an item they would like discussed at the meeting, please see or email Nigel Tuck (Chair) - [nigelgtuck@btinternet.com](mailto:nigelgtuck@btinternet.com) or any member of the PAC.

### JUBILEE PROJECTS

Two of the St Brigid's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary projects have now recently been concluded. To match the other new sanctuary furniture, a new **Priest's Chair** has been made by local man David Mcgee, to whom we are very grateful. Also, for the first time in 50 years, the fine church organ has undergone a full clean and restoration, including a small number of pipes that had been vandalised over the years. Well worth the expensive price we have paid for the highly skilled work on an important part of our music and liturgy.

### 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.

### LOURDES

If any parishioner is going to Lourdes, either as a sick pilgrim or as a helper, with HCPT or with the Welsh National Pilgrimage, and would like a donation towards their expenses from the Parish Lourdes Fund, please email or write a note of request to Fr Matthew.

**As from Sunday 7 February tea and coffee will be served in St Brigid's hall after 11am mass, on the first Sunday of the month only. Money raised from this will go to the George Thomas hospice, come and join us.**

**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) &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>                                                                         |                                         |
| Mon.   | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>Graham Robinson</b>                                                                       | St Brigid                               |
| Tues.  | 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Deceased members of the 3 Churches</b>                                                    | Presentation of the Lord                |
| Wed.   | 9.30am  | St Paul's   | <b>Peter O'Brien (Tunncliffe)</b>                                                            | St Blaise                               |
| Thurs. | 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Intentions of O'Brien Family (A Forrest) &amp; Ginny Welsh Special Intention (A Rees)</b> |                                         |
|        | 7.30pm  | St Brigid's | <b>Ken Welsher</b>                                                                           |                                         |
| Fri.   | 9.30am  | St Paul's   | <b>Int Ginny Welch</b>                                                                       | St Agatha                               |
|        | 12.30pm | St Paul's   | <b>Funeral Service: Rose-Anne Jones</b>                                                      |                                         |
|        | 8pm     | St Brigid's | <b>Prayer Vigil Mass</b>                                                                     |                                         |
| Sat.   | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>Daw Family Int</b>                                                                        | Martyrs of Japan                        |

**Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

|      |         |             |                                                                                 |                                         |
|------|---------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Sat. | 6pm     | C the K     | <b>Peter O'Brien (Morris Family) &amp; Charles &amp; Emily Wright (S Peat)</b>  |                                         |
| Sun. | 9am     | St Paul's   | <b>Cath Rees (Martin)</b>                                                       | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |
|      | 9am     | C the K     | <b>Peter O'Brien (M &amp; L Halloran)</b>                                       |                                         |
|      | 11am    | St Brigid's | <b>Thanksgiving Doreen Parker (Stone)</b>                                       |                                         |
|      | 12.30pm | C the K     | <b>Baptisms: Harry Garner, Alexander Peter Kimberly &amp; Luke James Pullen</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** £ 659.70  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 591.91  
**Total** £ 1251.61  
**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the King**  
**Gift Aid** £ 353.50  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 375.02  
**S/O weekly av.** £ 300.54  
**Total** £1030.06