

3 Churches News

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The Ascension (YEAR C)

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ASCENSION

There is a special kind of mystery about today's feast. What *really* happened? Where did He go? *How* did He go? We understand he needed to return to the Father, wounded in his humanity, so that they might send the Spirit. We can visit the little Chapel on the Mount of Olives, but.... but.... maybe the Ascension is best spoke about in poetry...

Here is one that has become popular in modern spirituality.

And if I go,
while you're still here...
Know that I live on,
vibrating to a different measure
--behind a thin veil you cannot see through.
You will not see me,
so you must have faith.
I wait for the time when we can soar together again,
--both aware of each other.
Until then, live your life to its fullest.
And when you need me,
Just whisper my name in your heart,
...I will be there.



"Ascension"

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Fr Matthew



~~~~ The Ascension ~~~~



Response to Psalm **God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia! Go make disciples of all the nations;**

**I am with you always; Yes to the end of time. Alleluia!**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 1: 1-11 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 1: 17-23 Gospel: Luke 24: 46-53

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## 3 Churches

### Father's News

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

We had a wonderful celebration of First Holy Communion on Saturday. A full church gathered with almost 50 of our children as they received Jesus for the first time. A big thank you to parents, grand- and god-parents, to our excellent team of catechists drawn from the 3 Churches – and to the children!

#### MASS WITH THE SICK

Please note that morning Mass at St Brigid's this coming Saturday will be at 11.00am instead of 9.30am. Our **Mass with the Sick** includes the Anointing of the Sick, and it is St Brigid's turn to host this Mass. Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the hall. Please make sure that every effort is made to enable those who would like to attend to do so. Anyone requiring lifts, please contact Elizabeth Taylor (CTK) on 2075 1401 or Bernice Rayer (St Brigid) on 2062 6829

#### UKRAINE

Pope Francis recently asked the whole of Europe to have a collection for the Church and people of our faraway European neighbours in Ukraine. We will take this next Sunday, Pentecost, when we remember the birth or Baptism of the universal Church.

#### FEASTS

Please remember that the next three Sundays are celebrated as the following Feasts:

15<sup>th</sup> **Pentecost**

22<sup>nd</sup> **Trinity Sunday**

29<sup>th</sup> **Corpus Christi.**

Readers, Intercession writers etc please note.

#### Don't forget!

**3CY this Sunday night 6.30pm - 8pm**, CTK Primary School.

Kieran O'Brien will be there with his amazing CAFOD animation and lots of great games.

**Sun is shining...nerfs, footballs, outside fun!**

£1 includes entry and refreshments.

All in yrs 7, 8, & 9 are welcome.

3CY (3 Churches Youth) meet every Sunday term time.

#### **Kingdom of God - CAFOD talk**

Pope Francis has placed huge emphasis on the plight of the poorest and most vulnerable communities around the world, asking us all to open our ears to the cry of the poor. But how can we build the Kingdom of God in a world of severe global inequality? If our faith calls us into action, to care for the 'downtrodden' and the poorest of the poor, how can we do that as a parish community? And how can our Catholic faith inform us for working towards a just world? This talk will be a chance to explore these issues as a group and think how we can bring about a positive change to the world we live in. Tuesday 10 May 7pm Mostyn Room, St David's Cathedral, Charles Street, Cardiff CF10 2SF. Please see the poster at the back of the Church for further details.

#### **Prayer**

On Friday 13 May at Christ the King (at 6.30pm) there will be a meeting open to all the parishioners from our 3 Churches to reflect with Canon Matthew on the words of St Luke on prayer (Luke 11). Please, come along and share your personal insight into prayer.

**Christian Rebuild invites you to a talk by Rev Haroutune Selimian of Aleppo, President of the Armenian Evangelical Churches of Syria**

**"The Plight of Syrian Christians" 11am-12 noon on Thursday 12 May at City United Reformed Church, Windsor Place, Cardiff. There will be a time for questions. All welcome**

Thanks from Good Neighbours in Cardiff North

Thanks to all who supported us at our recent Spring Fayre, helping us on the day, pricing goods, donating sale goods, transport, wielding the vacuum cleaners or general labouring!

Our net profit was circa £550 which, although down significantly on last year, is a significant contribution to our funds. A few items are still to be sold on eBay so that figure should increase. With expected match funding this should increase further to something in excess of £1,000 which is good news. Once again, my thanks for your support.

#### **The Big Sing**

Saturday 14 May - Bethel Baptist Church, Pontyclun.

A day of rehearsal and choral skills (10.30am-4.30pm) working on music ready to perform in an Evening Concert at 6pm. Open to The St David's Praise Choir and anyone who enjoys a good sing. Cost £6 including refreshments and a music book.

#### **Praying for our Neighbours**

Please remember in your prayers this week our neighbours in **Whitebarn Road (part of), Ty Gwyn Crescent, Heathwood Court & Heath Court** who have received prayer cards in the last few days.

**Please remember the deceased members of the 3 churches whose anniversaries occur in May**

**including:** John Andrews, Shelagh Usher, Joan Allen, Seamus O'Donnell, Agnes Lush, Patrick Connaughton, James Cooke, Edith Dean, Betty Aherne, Terry Thomas, Michael Power, Patricia Hodges, Nora Donovan and Rod Forrest.

### **Quiet Candlelight**

Christ the King church will be open for anyone to drop in for a quiet moment every Friday evening between 6.30pm and 7pm

**Please support Christian Aid Week's local Churches Together events:**

\* Saturday 14 May 9am—12pm

The very popular annual **Plant and Bric a Brac Sale** at Llanishen Baptist Church

\* Sunday 15 May 6pm

**Christian Aid Week United Service** at Llanishen Baptist Church

\* Tuesday 17 May 10—11.30am

**Book Sale & Coffee Morning** at St Faith's Church.



## **Christ the King**

### CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION

Envelopes and list of streets allocated to Christ the King will be available at the back of church this weekend for distribution and collection during the week of May 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. I know how disheartened we are every year at the results of our efforts, but Christian Aid assure us that street collections are still worthwhile and are very grateful for whatever we collect. PLEASE try to spare a couple of hours to help fulfil our commitment. Thanks in anticipation!

### Petition Book

Letters for parishioners who have agreed to pray especially for those in the petition book are available at the back of the church. Please take yours as soon as possible. Many thanks.

### Quidenham Cards

A reminder that the greeting cards from Quidenham (including new selection!) are now residing on the left hand table in the porch. Please feel welcome to peruse and choose! The plastic boxes are clearly marked showing contents - you will also find some MASS cards, including those wishing better health and best wishes. There is an "Honesty Box" beside the cards - Large cards (and Mass cards) are £1; small cards and prayer cards are 50p each.

### Parish Advisory Council

Nominations are invited to serve on the Parish Advisory Council from June 2016 for a period of 3 years. There are currently 3 vacancies on the PAC plus 1 retiring member making 4 vacancies in all. Nomination forms are available on the table at the back of Church to be returned not later than Sunday 29 May. In the event that there are more nominations than vacancies an election will take place at Masses on the weekend of 11/12 June. **ALL** parishioners are asked to consider whether they could undertake this valuable work advising the Parish Priest on a range of matters concerning the life of our Parish. Meetings are held approximately 6 times per year, usually on a Tuesday.

**Advance Notice that the AGM will be held on Tuesday 28 June.**

### GIFT AID ENVELOPES

A small number of boxes containing Gift Aid Envelopes are still in the box at the back of the church. If you have decided to contribute through this scheme please pick up your box as soon as possible.

Anyone wishing to join the scheme please speak to Vicky Adshead (2076 2189) or Brenda Hudson (2075 9247)

## **St Brigid's & St Pauls**

### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

**15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> MAY**

**HELPING THE POOR HELP THEMSELVES!**

Last year around £12 million was raised across the UK during Christian Aid Week, with nearly £500,000 of that total raised in Wales. Just a few hours of your time will bring lasting change for communities living in conflict, fear and poverty.

[www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

Could you help with the following? Either deliver only, collect only, or deliver AND collect envelopes door to door locally during Christian Aid Week? If you can, please contact Brigid Brown (2031 7091)

### **ST BRIGID'S EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

We now have only 10 Eucharistic Ministers at 11.00am Mass, and use 6 each week, which lays a great responsibility on them, especially taking holidays and sickness into account. This shortage applies to the evening Mass too. I cannot believe that there are not more potential Ministers out there at two of our largest Mass congregations. Meanwhile, we will have to reduce the weekly group at 11 o'clock to 3, as at 6 o'clock, with everyone approaching the altar down the centre aisle.

**Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> The Ascension**

|        |        |             |                                                                                             |                    |
|--------|--------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Sat.   | 6pm    | C the K     | <b>First Communicants</b>                                                                   |                    |
| Sun.   | 9am    | St Paul's   | <b>People of the Parish</b>                                                                 | The Ascension      |
|        | 9am    | C the K     | <b>Deceased members of Tina's Family (Tina)</b>                                             |                    |
|        | 11am   | St Brigid's | <b>Michael Nicholls</b>                                                                     |                    |
|        | 6pm    | St Brigid's | <b>Patricia Hennessy</b>                                                                    |                    |
|        | 7.30pm | St Brigid's | <b>Sunday Praise / The Gift</b>                                                             |                    |
| Mon.   | 9.30am | St Brigid's | <b>Wedding Anniv, (Josy &amp; Dolly Mathew)</b>                                             |                    |
| Tues.  | 9.30am | C the K     | <b>Agnes &amp; Graham Lush (C Lush)</b><br><b>Josy &amp; Dolly 20th Wedding Anniversary</b> |                    |
| Wed.   | 9.30am | St Paul's   | <b>Caryl Harrison</b>                                                                       |                    |
| Thurs. | 9.30am | C the K     | <b>Earnest Stapleton (Taylor Family)</b>                                                    |                    |
|        | 7.30pm | St Brigid's | <b>Len Perry</b>                                                                            |                    |
| Fri.   | 9.30am | St Paul's   | <b>Holy Souls</b>                                                                           | Our Lady of Fatima |
| Sat.   | 11am   | St Brigid's | <b>The Sick of the 3 Churches</b>                                                           | St Matthias        |

**Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> Pentecost**

|      |                      |             |                                 |           |
|------|----------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Sat. | 6pm                  | C the K     | <b>Angela Williams (L Lobo)</b> |           |
| Sun. | 9am                  | St Paul's   | <b>People of the Parish</b>     | Pentecost |
|      | 9am                  | C the K     | <b>Tina's Family (Tina)</b>     |           |
|      | 11am (incl. Baptism) | St Brigid's | <b>Elizabeth Hawkes</b>         |           |
|      | 6pm                  | St Brigid's | <b>Holy Father's Ints.</b>      |           |
|      | 7.30pm               | St Brigid's | <b>Sunday Praise / The Gift</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, John Campbell, 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, Tessie Stamp, Shaun Stone, 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** £ 394.55

**Non Gift Aid** £ 495.63

**Total** £ 890.18

**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the King**

**Gift Aid** £ 366.10

**Non Gift Aid** £ 330.89

**S/O weekly av.** £ 290.54

**Total** £ 987.53