

3 Churches News

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MIND THE GAP

Mind the gap - because the prayer is in the gap!

I'm talking about the **Bidding Prayer / Intercessions / Prayer of the Faithful** in Mass. And by the way, those are three names for the same thing. After **hearing** the Word of God and **responding** with the Psalm and Alleluia, we confirm in the Creed that we **believe** in the God who has just spoken to us. Then, having sealed our relationship with the Father, we use that faith by bringing to God our **prayers**, for the Church, the world and the community. To pray for the world and God's people is one of the duties flowing from our Baptism. This is the part of the Mass set aside for that specific purpose.

After an introduction by the priest, each prayer usually has two parts doesn't it - the intention and then the invitation and response, such as "Lord, hear us - Lord, graciously hear us". Wrong! Each prayer has **three parts not two**, because between the intention and the invitation is a **pause**, and what is that pause for? It is, in fact the most important part of the Prayers, because **it is the prayer**. The intention tells us what we are praying for, then we actually do the praying in that pause, so that the "Lord hear us" is asking God to hear the very prayers we have just offered. How can you have time to say something to God in half a second?

Readers - When it says "Pause" in the reader's copy at the lectern, it *means* Pause - not half a second, or one or two seconds. Often the writer will have put "Five seconds" and that is about right. Do not be afraid of silence. I know it might feel awkward at first, but I do ask you to leave a genuine pause - count to five if you wish - to allow us all to really pray.

Writers - Please make sure that the first part, the invitation, is exactly that. It should not be a prayer itself, addressed to God, but an invitation to us to address ourselves to God. A good format is "Let us pray for x that y may happen". We are invited to pray for needs and situation, then let us really do that, before bringing it together with "Lord in your mercy" or similar.

The prayer is in the gap - so mind the gap!



~~~~ 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday 16 October 2016) ~~~~



Response to Psalm **Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind,  
So that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 17: 8-13 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 14—4:2 Gospel: Luke 18: 1-8

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### “LIKE THE FATHER”

*We continue our series on the Spiritual Works of Mercy for the Year of Mercy.*

#### 2. Counsel the doubtful

I'm not sure we frequently quote Elvis Presley in the Three Churches Newsletter! But Elvis was a man brought up in a tradition of bible reading and gospel hymns and he regularly said: "Don't criticize what you don't understand, son. You never walked in that man's shoes." We are often ready to condemn others for their actions, even when we do not know what has led to them. We can be ready to criticize, when a small word of help, advice or support might be the difference between that person coming to know the love of God in Jesus his Son, and being forever driven away from faith. This work of mercy invites us not to judge others from our prejudices, but to stand in their shoes as they face the challenges of life and faith. Next time you think: "I must tell them not to do that", or gossip about someone because they have done something in a different way from you. Ask yourself what Jesus would have done. Would he knock them down or criticize them, or would he show them love and acceptance just as they are. This is not easy, and we can rush to judgment - but the Lord asks us to support those on the journey. So let's ask ourselves: have I counseled the doubtful today?

### Father's News

#### FRIDAY MASS

The Requiem for Teresa Black will be at St Paul's this Friday 21 October at 12 noon. We remember her family in our prayers. Please note that this will be the only Mass in our 3 Churches that day.

#### MONTH OF THE ROSARY

There will be a special Rosary Service at St Brigid's on Sunday 23 October at 3pm. All are welcome.

#### ALTAR SERVERS

Parents' did your child receive their First Holy Communion in May? Would they like to now take part in the Mass in a special way by becoming a server? Or perhaps you are older and would like to help in this beautiful ministry. Young or not-so-young, male or female, contact Fr Matthew and we'll take it from there.

#### 3CY

Sunday 16 October 6.30 - 8pm  
Open to any young person in years 7-9. Cost £1. **Christ the King Parish Centre.** For further information contact Kate Congdon 07739 357087 or email [kate@1tca.co.uk](mailto:kate@1tca.co.uk)

#### WAMCHS

Wales and the Marches Catholic History Society First Autumn talk at St David's College, Tygwyn Road. Sun 16 October 3pm Gareth Marsh will talk about Griffith Morgan (Guto Nyth Bran), Llanwonno and the Nos Galan Road Races

#### Welly Walk Bobath Wales

(Cerebral Palsy). We completed the course and raised £195 to date through generous donations from many parishioners of our three churches, grateful thanks to all, Brigid, Paul, Noah & Jacob. Photos and thank you messages can be viewed at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/BrownBrigid](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/BrownBrigid)

**C.W.L. meeting Monday 24 October 2pm at St. Paul's. Meet in church for the Rosary before the meeting. Bridget will give a short talk about the National A.G.M. in Southport.**

#### One World Week Events

##### A United Service

Sunday 23 October 6pm  
@ Llanishen Baptist Church with speakers from Friends & Neighbours, and Oasis Cardiff.

#### Children's Liturgy

A number of helpers of Children's Liturgy at St Brigid's have recently moved on, leaving a great shortfall. We are appealing for new helpers, from the age of 16 upwards, to help with this wonderful liturgy, on a rota basis. If you can volunteer contact Mr Hycinth Hettiarachchi ([hynilu@me.com](mailto:hynilu@me.com)) or Mr Marque Fernando ([drfernando2003@gmail.com](mailto:drfernando2003@gmail.com))

#### 'A Very Big Thank you

to all those members of Christ the King who supported Home4U's Sleepout on October 7th. We had a safe and happy night because so many people were generous - both in our Parish and on the street. Your gifts will help us bring shelter and comfort to asylum-seekers who have been left without any support or money. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.'

#### CLEANER AVAILABLE

A hard-working, reliable immigrant lady seeks employment as a cleaner. Reference available. Please speak to Canon Matthew for further information.

**Thank you...** to everyone who came to the Tredegar Orpheus Male Voice Choir concert last weekend or gave a donation and helped raise £655 for Seeds for the Future (Lesotho) For further information about the charity contact Elizabeth Taylor 2075 1401

### **Mass of Memories**

The annual 3 Churches Mass of Memories takes place on 5 November at 10am at St Brigid's. This is a special opportunity to come together to remember family, friends, fellow parishioners and others who have died, especially those who have died in the last year. Everyone is welcome. If you need transport contact Marie O'Brien (Christ the King Parish Office) 2075 3945 or Bernice Rayer (St Brigid's & St Paul's) 07887 641351.

### **SPUC POSTCARD CAMPAIGN**

On 22/23 October a big postcard campaign will start to remind Parliament that there have been 8.7 million abortions in Britain since abortion was legalised. If you wish to help, cards will be given out before Mass begins. Please complete them and RETURN at end of Mass--do not keep them to post.

## **Christ the King**

### **LINK**

We shall be including the usual 'greetings' in the Advent issue, to contribute to the Chris Babu Fund. Send them or articles or information to Cherime or Jane ASAP—  
[j.v.rendle@talk21.com](mailto:j.v.rendle@talk21.com)  
[mark.cherime@talktalk.net](mailto:mark.cherime@talktalk.net)

### **Renewal of Church Heating System**

The long awaited renewal of the church heating system is due to start on Monday 17 October. It will be carried out in 2 phases of approximately two weeks each with a gap of 2 or 3 weeks in between. During next 2 weeks morning Mass on Tuesday & Thursday will take place in the Parish Centre. Weekend Masses will be in the church as usual but please be aware that there may be no heating in the church. The same arrangements will be in place for the second phase, the exact dates of which will be advised later. Weekly updates will be published. Questions? Contact Bernard Adshead (07768 317057) or Chris Stevens (07887 372060).

### **Toddler Group**

The Toddler group meet every Wednesday in the parish centre, 9.30 - 11am. This Wednesday 19 October there will be activities for Halloween and children can dress up if they want to.

### **Christmas Shoebox Appeal**

We're collecting shoeboxes for deprived families in Eastern Europe through "Link to Hope". There are two types of boxes which can be sent - "Family Shoeboxes" and "Elderly Shoeboxes". Each box requires a customs declaration form - forms at back of church. Closing date for receipt of boxes: 13 November. Contact: Vickie Adshead [vickie@adshead.me.uk](mailto:vickie@adshead.me.uk)

**Traidcraft Christmas cards will be on sale in the parish centre every Sunday after 9am Mass from the beginning of November.**

**Return your CAFOD Harvest Fast Day envelope to the purple drum at the back of the church ASAP.**

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

### **BAPTISM**

We welcome into the Church through Baptism this Sunday at St Brigid's Lowri Kathleen Todd.

### **KEEPING THINGS GOING**

With retirements and house movings, our wonderful parishioners who help with the **weekly money counting and/or banking** are now fewer – too few! If you could join a rota to help this work for St Brigid's and St Paul's – hidden but vital – let Fr Matthew know asap. Thank you.

### **KEEPING THINGS CLEAN AND DIGNIFIED**

Time passes in the areas of cleaning and flower arranging too...St Paul's are looking for help in these two aspects of church life. Male or female – all are welcome!! Let us know.

### **ST BRIGID'S PRAYER CARD DELIVERY**

At the beginning of November we will start to deliver Prayer Cards to each house in the Fidlal Road area as far as Ty Glas Road. A few more helpers would mean a commitment of less than an hour once every two months. If you could help with the delivery of Prayer Cards or for more info contact Anne Burns 2076 6318.

### **Samaritan's Purse: Operation Christmas Child**

The flat pack boxes & leaflets are available at the back of St. Brigid's and St. Paul's. If you can help, take one and follow the information in the leaflet. Return the boxes with the leaflet attached to either Church between 6 - 16th November. Info: [www.samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk)

**Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

|        |                     |                                                                                         |                                          |
|--------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
|        | 6pm C the K         | <b>Thanksgiving for Jo &amp; Rob Lannon Diamond Wedding Anniversary (Lannon Family)</b> |                                          |
| Sun.   | 9am St Paul's       | <b>Eileen Manley</b>                                                                    | 29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |
|        | 9am C the K         | <b>People of the Parish</b>                                                             |                                          |
|        | 11am St Brigid's    | <b>Rita Daw</b>                                                                         |                                          |
|        | 12.30pm St Brigid's | <b>Baptism: Kathleen Todd</b>                                                           |                                          |
|        | 6pm St Brigid's     | <b>People of the Parish</b>                                                             |                                          |
| Mon.   | 9.30am St Brigid's  | <b>Romano Ferrari (Slowikowska)</b>                                                     | St Ignatius of Antioch                   |
| Tues.  | 9.30am C the K      | <b>Cecilia Pye (L Barry)</b>                                                            | St Luke                                  |
| Wed.   | 9.30am St Paul's    | <b>Teresa Black (Martin)</b>                                                            | North American Martyrs                   |
| Thurs. | 9.30am C the K      | <b>Intention of Olwen Flynn [sick] (R &amp; N Flynn)</b>                                |                                          |
|        | 7.30pm St Brigid's  | <b>Doreen Parker (Tunncliffe)</b>                                                       |                                          |
| Fri.   | 12pm St Paul's      | <b>Requiem: Teresa Black</b>                                                            |                                          |
| Sat.   | 9.30am St Brigid's  | <b>Teresa Black (Stone)</b>                                                             | St John Paul II                          |

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|      |                  |                                            |                                          |
|------|------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Sat. | 6pm C the K      | <b>Peter Murphy (Murphy Family)</b>        |                                          |
| Sun. | 9am St Paul's    | <b>Cathy Mabbitt (Connies-Laing)</b>       | 30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |
|      | 9am C the K      | <b>Harry &amp; Ann Norris (Liddington)</b> |                                          |
|      | 11am St Brigid's | <b>Barrie Trigg (Jones)</b>                |                                          |
|      | 6pm St Brigid's  | <b>People of the Parish</b>                |                                          |

Praying for our Neighbours  
Please remember in your prayers  
this week our neighbours in  
**Heathway**  
**Borrowdale Close/Egremont Road**  
**Pidwick Close**  
**Copperfield Drive**



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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** £ 545.00  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 466.23  
**Total** £ 1011.23  
**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the King**  
**Gift Aid** £ 455.20  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 390.43  
**S/O weekly av.** £ 305.54  
**Total** £ 1151.17

**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, Charles McDevitt, Katrina Meades, Fr Modest, Vernon Morgan, Sarah Morris, Peter Murphy, Maureen O'Driscoll, Kieran Ollin, 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.