

# 3 Churches News

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## **SOMETIMES...**

Sometimes we say, "It's impossible." But Jesus says in Luke 18:27, "Things that are impossible for men are possible for God."

Sometimes we say, "I'm too tired." But Jesus says in Matt 11:28 "Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest."

Sometimes we say, "Nobody really loves me." But in John 3:16 we read that God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.

Sometimes we say, "I can't go on." But Jesus told Paul, "My grace is enough for you: for power is at full stretch in weakness." (2 Cor 12:9)

Sometimes we say, "I can't do it." But Paul wrote in Phil 4:13, "I can do all things in Him who strengthens me."

Sometimes we say, "I'm not able." But Paul wrote in 2 Cor 9:8, "There is no limit to the blessings which God can send you - he will make sure that you will always have all you need for yourselves in every possible circumstance, and still have something to spare for all sorts of good works."

Sometimes we say, "I can't forgive myself." But Paul wrote in Rom 8:1, "Those who are in Christ Jesus are not condemned, the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death."

Sometimes we say, "I can't manage." But Paul wrote in Phil 4:19, "God will fulfill all your needs in Christ Jesus as lavishly as only God can."

Sometimes we say, "I'm afraid." But in 2 Tim 1:7 we read, "God's gift was not a spirit of timidity but the spirit of power and love and self-control."

Sometimes we say, "I'm always worried and frustrated." But Peter wrote in 1 Pet 5:7, "Unload all your worries onto God since he is looking after you."

Sometimes we say, "I'm not smart enough." But Paul wrote in 1 Cor 1:30 "God has made you members of Christ Jesus and he is our wisdom."

Sometimes we say, "I feel all alone." But in Heb 13:5 God says, "I will never fail or desert you."

*Anonymous*

~~~~ Second Sunday of Lent (Sunday 12 March 2017) ~~~~



Response to Psalm **May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:**

**'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Genesis 12: 1-4 **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Timothy 1: 8-10 **Gospel:** Matthew 17: 1-9

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## 3 Churches

### Father's News

#### LENT

**Stations of the Cross** Every Friday at St Paul's 9am and St Brigid's Saturday 9am. At Christ the King Sunday afternoons as announced.

**Mercy Week** Groups of three priests available for Confession in different churches every afternoon and evening during the week starting 27 March. Our local times are -

**Tuesday 28 March** Cathedral 2 - 3pm & St Brigid's 7 - 8pm;

**Wednesday 29 March** St Teilo's 2 - 3pm & St Philip Evans 7 - 8pm;

**Thursday 30 March** St Peter's 2 - 3pm.

**Lenten Retreat Day** Our own Christian and Esther Mahoney lead another retreat day at St David's College on Saturday 1 April. Tel 07764 515864 or email

[christianmahoney@gmail.com](mailto:christianmahoney@gmail.com)

**Cardiff Deanery Station Mass** Also at St David's this year, a great gathering of Catholics from all over Cardiff with the priests and Archbishop. Thursday evening 6 April. Put it in your diary!

**Fasting Lunch** At the Cornerstone, Charles Street, each Friday of Lent 12.45 with a Reflection from Archbishop Stack.

#### AN HOUR A MONTH?

Our 3 Churches receive various newspapers, publications, publicity etc from the diocese. These have to be picked up from the Pastoral Centre next to St Illtyd's High School in Rumney once a month. We need someone to undertake to do such a monthly trip there to bring the material to us. Could that be you? If so, please contact Fr Matthew ASAP.

#### "WALKING WITH JESUS"

Something new for this Lent! Do you have something to share with our 3 Churches family? Maybe a thought, a prayer that's important to you, a reflection on some aspect of faith or life? Visit

<https://3churchescardiff.wordpress.com>

where each day we will put a new posting. First - read them, and second, we want *you* to think and pray about doing one. All you have to do is write no more than 300 words and send or give it to Deacon Daniel or Fr Matthew (email addresses on front page) Several have done so already - thank you! Your piece can be published as anonymous if you wish, and the whole thing we are calling "**Walking With Jesus**", because we all make that wonderful walk... together.

#### **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

Our 3 Churches Group has been in existence for almost five years and during that time has supported many families at the time of bereavement and beyond. But the group has dwindled in numbers to the point where this important work may not be able to continue. Please think about whether this is something you could commit to. Training and support is available. Please contact Fr Matthew or one of the group members if you would like to know more or come along to the next meeting of the group on Wednesday 29 March at 7.30pm in Christ the King Parish Centre.

#### **NAZARETH HOUSE SPRING FAYRE**

There is a Spring Fayre at Nazareth House, on Saturday 18 March. Doors open at 1.30pm. Entry is £1

#### ALTAR SERVERS

Over recent years there has been a decline in servers to assist in some of our celebrations, particularly the 11am Mass at St Brigid's. If you have made your First Holy Communion, and would like to serve Mass, in any of the 3 Churches, please speak with Canon Matthew or Deacon Daniel after Mass. We hope to have a get-together for all our servers soon, something like a fish'n'chips supper!

#### YOUTH RETREAT

Youth 2000 host their fifth annual retreat at St David's College next weekend, 17 - 19 March. Building a relationship with Jesus is central to a weekend timetable that focuses on helping young people pray from the heart. Fantastic talks and workshops by speakers and an evening of reconciliation and healing, offer an opportunity to find faith for the first time, or dive deeper than ever before. A donation-only event, and booking forms are at [youth2000.org](http://youth2000.org) Join us for all, or any of the weekend, and extend this invitation to young people you know.

#### **PRAYER AND AWARENESS FOR DEMENTIA**

The Annual Archdiocesan Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick for people with dementia and their carers will be celebrated on Saturday 18 March at 2.30pm in Llantarnam Abbey, Cwmbran NP44 3YJ. Please consider bringing your loved one or come simply as a relative, carer, or friend of people with dementia, to pray for them. We also remember those who have died as a result of dementia over the past year. Refreshments after Mass.

**Jeannine and her family wish to thank all those who attended the Requiem Mass of Robert Forbes and to all those who offered so much warm support and comfort to us at this sad time. Thank you**

### **Foodbank summary for end of February**

We collected 198kgs for the Food Bank in February. In total since we started we have collected 2322kgs. Thanks to all who have contributed and please keep your contributions coming. Latest feedback from the Food Bank is that they are short of Tinned Rice Puddings, Tinned sponge puddings, Tinned tomatoes, Tinned Fruit, Long Life Fruit Juice. Other items are always welcome but they are short of these for the time being.

### **Confirmation**

Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday 10 June, if you or your child (year 8 and above) would like to be confirmed come along to our first session this Sunday 12 March 6 - 8pm in Christ the King Parish Centre.

### **Confirmation Catechists wanted!**

We are in need of volunteers for this year. Any queries contact Charlotte Mathews on 07800 647515 or [charlotte.mathews@hotmail.com](mailto:charlotte.mathews@hotmail.com)

### ***Open Door Club***

***A warm welcome awaits you at Christ the King Parish Centre on Thursday 16 March 2 - 4pm Please come, everyone welcome.***

### **3CY**

Thank you for supporting the 3CY Fairtrade International Lent bake last Sunday after Mass - over £50 was donated to our 3CY!

**There is no 3CY meeting until after Confirmation in June. Dates and themes TBC**

### **Friendship Hour**

This group meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month to listen to speakers on a variety of topics, interspersed with social events. It is an adult, all - age group open to men and women. The venue is Llanishen Baptist Church Hall, starting at 7.45pm, and there are refreshments following the meeting. The fee is £2 per session. Info: Pam (2075 4528) or June (2075 4215) We look forward to your company... why not bring a friend? The next meeting is this Monday 13 March

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

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

We're looking for new members of St Brigid's & St Paul's PAC. The PAC meets about 6 times a year to help & advise Fr Matthew regarding parish matters. If you know someone who could help the parish in this way please discuss it with them, complete a Nomination Form (which can be found at the back of both churches) and return it to Fr Matthew by Sunday 19 March. Info: Maria Thompson, PAC Chair, [mariathompson1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mariathompson1@hotmail.co.uk)

### **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, email or write a note of request to Fr Matthew.

**Please return your CAFOD Lent Fast Day envelopes distributed last week this Sunday. Apologies that the CAFOD 2016 envelopes were handed out due to an admin error - all monies returned will be submitted to CADOD for the 2017 appeal.**

## **Christ the King**

### **MUSIC AT 6PM MASS**

Deacon Daniel hopes to establish a music group for the 6pm Saturday Mass at Christ the King, and will assist in the setting up. Can you help start such a group, whether in playing the piano, organ, or another musical instrument, or through singing in a choir, to lead and maintain the singing? Please contact Deacon Daniel or Fr Matthew.

**TRAIDCRAFT on sale after each Mass, this weekend (11 & 12 March) in CTK Parish Centre. Tea, coffee, biscuits, chocolate etc. Come over and have a browse. Would love to see old and new customers**

***Beautiful prayerful Easter cards at 25p each for sale on the Quidenham table in the porch***

### **Walk With Me**

Walk With Me booklets are now available at the back of the church priced £1

### ***CAFOD Lent Fast Day Friday 10 March***

Please can you return your fast day envelopes ASAP and leave them in the purple drum at back of church.

### **Stations of the Cross**

Stations of the Cross will take place at Christ the King, this Sunday 12 March at 3.30pm. All welcome.

### **LINK**

It is time to think about the next issue which will be published on Palm Sunday weekend.

Contributions by email if possible to Cherime or Jane;

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**Deadline for articles: 20 March**

**Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Lent**

|        |                    |                                                                                |                       |
|--------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
|        | 6pm C the K        | <b>Peter O'Brien (J Dartnell)</b>                                              |                       |
| Sun.   | 9am St Paul's      | <b>Janina Stalmaska (Slowikowska)</b>                                          | Second Sunday of Lent |
|        | 9am C the K        | <b>Margherita Bini (C Bailey)<br/>&amp; Charles McDevitt (D &amp; M Bryon)</b> |                       |
|        | 11am St Brigid's   | <b>Teresa Stamp (Family)</b>                                                   |                       |
|        | 6pm St Brigid's    | <b>People of the Parish</b>                                                    |                       |
| Mon.   | 9.30am St Brigid's | <b>Maurice Murphy</b>                                                          |                       |
| Tues.  | 9.30am C the K     | <b>Peat Family (S Peat)</b>                                                    |                       |
| Wed.   | 9.30am St Paul's   | <b>Peter Jones (Jackson)</b>                                                   |                       |
| Thurs. | 2.15pm C the K     | <b>Private Intention (F)</b>                                                   |                       |
|        | 7.30pm St Brigid's | <b>Ann Ockleston</b>                                                           |                       |
| Fri.   | 9am St Paul's      | <b>Way of the Cross</b>                                                        | St Patrick            |
|        | 9.30am St Paul's   | <b>Holy Souls</b>                                                              |                       |
| Sat.   | 9am St Brigid's    | <b>Way of the Cross</b>                                                        | St Cyril of Jerusalem |
|        | 9.30am St Brigid's | <b>Teresa Stamp (Family)</b>                                                   |                       |

**Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday of Lent**

|      |                     |                                                                                               |                      |
|------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Sat. | 6pm C the K         | <b>Deceased Members of the Webber Family (P Webber)</b>                                       |                      |
| Sun. | 9am St Paul's       | <b>Evan Family Int</b>                                                                        | Third Sunday of Lent |
|      | 9am C the K         | <b>Intention of Family &amp; Friends (F)<br/>&amp; Intention of Brian Callaghan (T Evans)</b> |                      |
|      | 11am St Brigid's    | <b>Len Perry</b>                                                                              |                      |
|      | 12.30pm St Brigid's | <b>Baptism: Burgon</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  
**Grafton Close**  
**Usk Road**  
**Spring Grove**  
 who have received prayer cards in  
 the last few days.

**3 Churches  
Parish Council Chairs**

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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** £ 690.70  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 458.76  
**Total** £ 1149.46  
**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the King**  
**Gift Aid** £ 330.47  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 305.85  
**S/O weekly av.** £ 354.29  
**Total** £ 990.61

**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, John Campbell, Maureen Carroll, Sian Clark,  
 Mary Clarke, Terry Culbertson, Agnes Davies, Emily, Anna Forrest, Bobi Gower, Maria Hill,  
 Caitriona Lovell, Joseph (Benny) Lynch, Katrina Meades, Fr Modest, Vernon Morgan, Sarah Morris,  
 Peter Murphy, Maureen O'Driscoll, Kieran Ollin, Rona Perry, Lucia Pratali, Josie Pugsley,  
 Rita Purcell, Valentino Rascon, John Reardon, Claire Richards, Adela Rogers, Shaun Stone,  
 Dewi Thomas, Emma Warlow, Dorothy Warren & Pat Watkins.