

3 Churches News

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PRAYING FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS

One day this week I had two phone calls just 15 minutes apart from the same street in our 3 Churches area. No, it wasn't to complain about parishioners' parking, or burst water mains, or enquiring about Baptism or Catholic schools! It was to thank me - and all of us - for our prayers. The callers had just had our **prayer cards** dropped through their letterbox, another way in which we are reaching out in love.

One woman - neither was Catholic and I have never met either of them - went on to chat with me about her life and the problems she had been facing recently which she found difficult to handle. She said it was wonderful to think that somewhere nearby whole churches were praying for her. The other person also not a Catholic also wanted to show her appreciation of our thoughts and prayers when, like so many others, she was alone - an 'aloneness' which often turned to loneliness. You see, it might sometimes feel that we are getting nowhere in projects like this, as with various aspects of our lives - as individuals, families or parishes. I have had quite a few similar phone calls and emails - you just never know the effect of the smallest gestures!

It's now a while since our 3 Churches Proclaim group, which reflects on how we can bring Good News to our neighbourhood and world, launched this prayer card project. We have now covered a large proportion of our area, which stretches from Caerphilly Mountain to Colchester Avenue - and that is thanks to all you **helpers**, fantastic people who week by week take turns to drop the cards in people's letterboxes. There is no obligation to engage with the resident(s), no doorstep chatter - unless residents want to. Let us know if you would like to help...

The other part of this outreach is, of course, that we **all do in fact pray** for those who are receiving the cards in a particular week. Each week the names of the relevant streets in the area of our three churches are on the back page of this newsletter. Please do **not** let your eyes just wash over those street names.

Pause, and think of those two ladies who phoned me this week, and how much it meant to them, and to many, many like them. Indeed, perhaps you could make them part of your daily prayers at some point.

Fr Matthew



~~~~ 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday 16 July 2017) ~~~~



Response to Psalm **Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.**  
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;**  
**You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 55: 10-11 **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 8: 18-23 **Gospel:** Matthew 13: 1-23

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## 3 Churches

### Father's News

#### ORDINATION AND 3 CHURCHES MASS

This weekend there will be a **retiring collection for a gift to Deacon Daniel**. He will be ordained priest for the Archdiocese of Cardiff by Archbishop Stack this coming Saturday 22 July at 12 noon in St David's Cathedral. On the following Friday 28 July the then Father Daniel will return to us to celebrate a special Mass at 7pm in St Brigid's. This will be followed by a bring-and-share supper in the Hall. You are invite to bring along some finger food for this celebration. All parishioners and friends are welcome! Daniel will take up his priestly duties in his new parish soon after that.

#### Eucharistic Adoration

**St Brigid's** - Adoration will continue on Thursday 8/9pm during the summer.

Adoration will rest for the summer as follows:

**St Paul's** - close Wednesday 19 July; restart Wednesday 20 September

**CTK** - close Tuesday 18 July; restart Tuesday 12 September

#### **Baptism Preparation Courses**

The August Baptism Preparation Course, organised by Brigid Lee at Christ the King, will run on Tuesdays 15 & 22 August beginning at 7pm. Anyone wishing to attend should email Brigid at [andylee63@talktalk.net](mailto:andylee63@talktalk.net) for details of the venue

#### Volunteers wanted for taking food to the Food Bank

New rotas will start in September. One rota is for collecting the combined food left at Christ the King and St Brigid's and the other is for St Paul's. The food is then taken to the Cardiff Food Bank in Splott. Normally volunteers would do this only once every 6 - 8 weeks. The Food Bank is open several days of the week and volunteers can normally find a convenient time to take the food there. If anyone would like to help, please contact Terry Jermyn on 07939 263403 or [terryjermyn@gmail.com](mailto:terryjermyn@gmail.com)

#### **The Holywell and North Wales Pilgrimage 1 - 8 September 2017**

Due to a late withdrawal the Pilgrimage has a twin / double room vacancy. Anybody interested please ring Billy Gill ASAP - 2059 3555 for a detailed itinerary.

#### Safeguarding

With many changes in our three churches, parishioners have taken on extra roles for example Children's Liturgy. If you are now taking part, can you please get in touch with Fr Matthew or the Safeguarding Representative for your Church. Eucharistic ministers will only need DSB clearance if you intend to take Communion to the sick both at home or in the hospital.

**Send your newsletter items to: [luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk) and if you would like to be included on the mailing list to receive an e-version of this newsletter, please contact the same address.**

#### **Open Door Senior Citizens Club**

Open Door is going out for a summer lunch on Thursday 20 July so we won't be in the Parish Centre that afternoon. Back to normal on Thursday 17 August.

#### Holy Communion in the Heath Hospital

Each Sunday two or three extraordinary ministers from Cardiff parishes bring Holy Communion to the sick in the University Hospital of Wales. More ministers are urgently needed. If you could help please speak to your parish priest and then contact Bro Brian for further details on 2074 3230 (UHW) or 2041 1819 (home) or email [brianioc@ntlworld.com](mailto:brianioc@ntlworld.com)

## Other events

#### **Quiet Garden**

The Quiet Garden group invites you to their Summer Reflection, the second of a series on *Pilgrimage*. It will be led by Linda Halloran at Llanishen Methodist Church, Melbourne Road, Llanishen, this Tuesday 18 July at 2.30pm in the vestry.

You are welcome to join us for tea, coffee and biscuits which will be served from 2pm before the reflection. We look forward to welcoming our regular visitors but if you haven't joined us before, why not come along and share our half hour of prayer and reflection.



## Other events

### Day of Healing and Reconciliation

Saturday 2 September 9am - 5pm  
at Corpus Christi High School.  
All are welcome to this day of  
prayer, praise & worship,  
reconciliation, Holy Mass and  
healing.

It will be led by Damian Stayne, who  
has an international ministry of  
preaching and healing. Please bring  
a packed lunch.

Further information from Jossy  
Mathew (07916 334280)

### ***Dementia Café***

Support for carers and those living  
with dementia at St German's  
Church Hall from 2 - 4pm on the  
second Monday of each month.  
Contact 2025 2993 for more  
information.

### Coffee Morning

Saturday 29 July 11am at Bethel  
Church Community Centre  
Home made cakes etc.

Bacon 'butties' available from  
around 12 noon. Proceeds in aid of  
Church Funds. Pop in for coffee and  
chat!

### **Children's Holiday Club - "The Greatest Hero"**

Wednesday 26 - Friday 28 July  
10am - 12 noon at Park End  
Church, Rhydypenau Crossroads.  
Groups for all ages from 4 - 11  
Music, stories, crafts, games,  
refreshments and more.

Register on-line at  
[www.parkendholidayclub.org.uk](http://www.parkendholidayclub.org.uk) or  
call 07890 494317 for further  
information

### Exhibition to celebrate 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cardiff

#### Quilters

Saturday 29 July 10am - 4pm  
Park End Church  
Cardiff CF23 6EG  
Includes craft stall, raffle and  
refreshments  
All welcome.

### ***Sunday Vespers at Tintern Abbey - Sunday 3 September***

There is an ecumenical celebration  
of Evening Prayer from 3pm led by  
Rt. Revd. Dom Paul Stonham OSB,  
Abbot of Belmont. Entry to the  
Abbey is free for those attending the  
service.

Lunches & teas are available in the  
village. Please bring a folding chair.  
Further details - 01594 530612

### The Catholic Certificate of Religious Studies (CCRS)

This is designed for people who are  
engaged in the communication of  
their Catholic Faith, whether directly  
or indirectly. It is open to catechists,  
people involved in liturgical work  
and other interested adults. The  
CCRS can provide general  
theological knowledge and offer a  
better understanding of the Catholic  
faith. For more details contact Fr  
Bernard Sixtus or Madeline Page,  
The Pastoral Resources Centre,  
910 Newport Road, Cardiff CF3  
4LL, phone 2036 5965 or email  
[ccrs@rcadc.org](mailto:ccrs@rcadc.org)



### **Annual Pilgrimage to the Grave of St John Kemble**

This year's pilgrimage is on Sunday  
20 August, starting at 10.15am from  
St Mary's Church, Monmouth after  
the 9.15am Mass. Everybody  
welcome - bring a packed lunch. At  
3pm meet for Rosary, readings and  
prayers at St John Kemble's grave  
in the churchyard at Welsh Newton.  
Benediction is at 4.15pm in St  
Mary's Church and afterwards tea  
will be served in the garden and  
produce sold. People have prayed  
at St John Kemble's grave from the  
time of his martyrdom in 1679 to the  
present day. Any enquiries to Mrs M  
Walsh (01600 713316)

## Christ the King

### **RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the  
soul of Kevin Mecklenburgh whose  
funeral takes place at Christ the  
King this Wednesday 19 July at  
1.30pm. We remember his family  
and friends in our prayers.

### **Parish AGM**

The Parish AGM takes place in the  
Parish Centre this Tuesday 18 July  
at 7pm. All are very welcome.

### APF- Mill Hill

Geoff York will be giving a thank  
you on behalf of the Mill Hill  
Missionary Appeal at the Masses  
next weekend.

## St Brigid's & St Pauls

### **RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the  
soul of Joe Rigby whose Requiem  
will be at St Brigid's on Tuesday 25  
July at 1.30pm. We remember his  
family and friends in our prayers.

**Sunday July 16<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

|        |        |             |                                                             |                                          |
|--------|--------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Sat.   | 6pm    | C the K     | <b>Charles McDevitt (M Rundle)</b>                          |                                          |
| Sun.   | 9am    | St Paul's   | <b>John &amp; Norma Pathy</b>                               | 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |
|        | 9am    | C the K     | <b>Elizabeth Kidley (M &amp; C Johnson)</b>                 |                                          |
|        | 11am   | St Brigid's | <b>John &amp; Mary Kingston</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>Joe Rigby</b>                                            |                                          |
| Tues.  | 9.30am | C the K     | <b>Garel Rhys (L Barry) &amp; Brian Callaghan (T Evans)</b> |                                          |
| Wed.   | 9.30am | St Paul's   | <b>John Robson</b>                                          |                                          |
|        | 1.30pm | C the K     | <b>Requiem Mass: Kevin Mecklenburgh</b>                     |                                          |
| Thurs. | 9.30am | C the K     | <b>Anthony Foster (L Foster)</b>                            | St Apollinaris                           |
|        | 7.30pm | St Brigid's | <b>Rita Purcell</b>                                         |                                          |
| Fri.   | 9.30am | St Paul's   | <b>The Sick of the Parishes</b>                             | St Lawrence of Brindisi                  |
| Sat.   | 9.30am | St Brigid's | <b>Holy Father's Ints</b>                                   | St Mary Magdalen                         |

**Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

|      |        |             |                                                           |                                          |
|------|--------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Sat. | 6pm    | C the K     | <b>Rachel Day (Friends from Llanishen Leisure Centre)</b> |                                          |
| Sun. | 9am    | St Paul's   | <b>Brian Callaghan (Daley)</b>                            | 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |
|      | 9am    | C the K     | <b>Charles McDevitt (L Barry)</b>                         |                                          |
|      | 11am   | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parish</b>                               |                                          |
|      | 6pm    | St Brigid's | <b>Available</b>                                          |                                          |
|      | 7.30pm | St Brigid's | <b>Sunday Praise</b>                                      |                                          |

**Praying for our Neighbours**  
 Please remember in your prayers this week  
 our neighbours in  
**Bryn Glas**  
**The Tudors and Melrose Gardens**  
**Park End Lane & Llandennis Road**  
 who have received prayer cards in  
 the last few days.

**3 Churches  
Parish Council Chairs**

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High School**

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2076 1893

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Mark Leighfield  
2049 8555

**Safeguarding  
Representatives**

**Sts Brigid & Paul**  
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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** £ 574.35  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 502.91  
**Total** £ 1077.26  
**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the King**

**Gift Aid** £ 402.90  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 310.31  
**S/O weekly av.** £ 312.54  
**Total** £ 1025.75

**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, Mary Clarke, Terry Culbertson, Agnes Davies, Emily, Anna Forrest, Anthony Foster, 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, Bev Tumelty, Emma Warlow, Dorothy Warren & Pat Watkins.