

3 Churches News

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SMALL THINGS... GREAT LOVE

We are into the season of awards - the Golden Globes ceremony took place last Sunday, the nominations for the BAFTAs were announced on Tuesday, and the Oscars can't be far away. These glittering occasions remind us of the achievements of our celebrities, those public people who inhabit our screens and magazines. But what about the achievements of those who are *not* celebrities - our next door neighbours, the good deeds done by members of our own family?

As a priest, one of my responsibilities is, of course, to conduct funerals. Although this is part of my "job", I count it as a great privilege. Before a funeral I'll always sit down with the family to plan the service, after which I ask if it's OK to talk about the deceased, so that I can make what happens in church more personal. They always agree, because they're often very relieved to do so.

What happens next is like an artist painting a portrait. As we chat, a picture emerges of the person's life, family, work and interests. Finally I ask them about *who* they were. It's at this point that I get the feel of the real person, and often it's now that the most remarkable aspects of their life comes out. Often I have to scribble fast as I learn about the wonderful achievements of ordinary people. Like the son who told me very recently how his mother couldn't understand why not everybody will travel miles and miles by bus to visit a sick acquaintance like she did, even in her advanced years.

Now there's nothing worse than a funeral which depicts someone as an impossibly perfect saint. But learning about people and their fascinating lives, and then being able to share that at a service, means that each funeral can become its own award ceremony. Mother Teresa of Calcutta said "*Not all of us can do great things. But we can all do small things with great love.*" So Golden Globes and Oscars are not for everyone, but the love and care we show in day-to-day life - small things done with great love - is so often heroic. And if we take a moment to think about people we know - it's happening all around us.

Fr Matthew, adapted from "Wednesday Word" 10th January BBC Radio Wales



~~~~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday 14 January 2018) ~~~~

Response to Psalm **Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will**  
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:**  
**You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**



**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Samuel 3: 3-10.19 **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Corinthians 6: 13-15. 17-20 **Gospel:** John 1: 35-42

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### Father's News

#### YEARBOOKS

The 2018 Yearbook for the Catholic Church in Wales is now available, priced £3 from the back of our Churches. Packed with info on all aspects of parish and diocesan life, including Mass times, phone numbers and email addresses for churches, schools etc, this is a must for all those with more than a passing interest in Catholic Wales.

#### THE GOSPEL OF ST MARK

Mark's Gospel is used on most Sundays in this liturgical year (B). What was it that Mark wanted to say in his telling of the story of Jesus? Who was Mark anyway? On Saturday 27 January David Beresford, Director of the Catholic Bible School, will be helping us to explore the message of Mark's Gospel, and why Mark's Gospel is helpful to us as modern Christians. St Helen's RC Church, Court Road, Barry CF63 4ET 10am - 3pm. All our Scripture Saturdays are free and there is no need to book, donations to help cover our costs gratefully received. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided but please bring your own packed lunch. Info:

[www.catholic-bible-school.org/south-wales-events/jan18](http://www.catholic-bible-school.org/south-wales-events/jan18) or email [catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com](mailto:catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com)

#### CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL

The school's Governors progress (again) this week to short-listing in the search for a new head teacher. Please remember the school, governors and candidates in your prayers.

The 3 Churches Bereavement Support Group will meet on Wednesday 17 January at 7pm in Christ the King Parish Centre. We are still very short of members. Anyone interested in joining the group or finding out more about it is welcome to come along or to contact Fr Matthew for further information.

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

New rotas will start in March. One rota is for collecting the combined food left at Christ the King and St Brigid's and the other is for that left at 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 - 07939 253403 or [terryjermyn@gmail.com](mailto:terryjermyn@gmail.com)

**Date for your Diary**  
**Quiz Night at St Brigid's**  
**Friday 16 February**  
**More information and tickets available next weekend**

**Diaries and Calendars** are much appreciated by the prisoners who attend weekly mass in Cardiff prison. There is a collection box in each church for donations of 2018 diaries and calendars. For further information contact Elizabeth Taylor (2075 1401)

#### New Year Resolutions?

Why not try something new this January? If Christmas was a special time when you felt closer to God or if Christmas made you feel that you wished you could be more aware of his presence, come and join us.

Our meetings are very informal. We look at one short passage at a time from the Gospel of St Luke with the help of Canon Matthew. What we are seeking is to get to know Jesus more and be changed by his truly transforming word. The passage for Friday 19 January (at 6.30pm in Christ the King) is Luke 19: 1 - 10. It will be lovely to see you.

#### **Celebrate Conference** **21 - 22 April, Mary Immaculate High School.**

A lively Catholic weekend conference for all ages. Early Bird prices (20% off) end 31 January. More information at [www.celebrateconference.org/weekends/wales](http://www.celebrateconference.org/weekends/wales)

We are in need of more helpers for our young children (ages 3 - 7) and youth (ages 11 - 13) at the Celebrate weekend - a fantastic, uplifting opportunity to engage with the next generation of our Church! Please speak to Clare Reay or email [clare.reay@hotmail.com](mailto:clare.reay@hotmail.com) if you would be interested in being part of this wonderful weekend.

#### **Touchstone Talk**

Sunday 21 January 3pm at St David's College. The subject for the talk is - The Bible & The Mass: The prototype of our Liturgy

**Llanishen & District  
Churches  
Together  
Week of Prayer for  
Christian Unity  
18 - 25 January 2018**

\* **The Fellowship Meal (the 'Agape')**: Thursday 18 January 7pm at St Isan's Church, Llanishen  
\* **The United Service**: Sunday 21 January 6pm at St Faith's Church, Morris Avenue, off Templeton Avenue. Preacher: Rev'd Alana Lawrence (Minister, Llanishen Methodist Church)  
Available to take away for daily prayer use at home will be copies of the booklet entitled: "*That All May Be Free*", on this year's theme, prepared in the Caribbean, of triumph over oppression (as per Exodus 15), such as often colonialism produced; unity through shared suffering, but liberation, salvation and reconciliation by God and through Christians. (Booklet also downloadable from [www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer/](http://www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer/))

## Other events

**St Mary's RC Primary School  
Queen's Hill, Newport are seeking  
to appoint a Deputy Head  
Teacher - required for April 2018**  
Visits to the school can be arranged by contacting Dawn Jones, School Administrator (01633 840490)  
Applications must be made using the CES application from the CES website - [www.cesew.org.uk](http://www.cesew.org.uk) and should be returned by post or email to: The Head Teacher, St Mary's RC Primary School, Queen's Hill, Newport NP20 5HJ / [stmarysrc.primary@newport.gov.uk](mailto:stmarysrc.primary@newport.gov.uk)  
Details can be found on advert on the notice board in church porch.

### Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies

Want to learn more about the Catholic faith? This course is useful for teachers in Catholic schools, catechists, and anyone seeking to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith. The course will be available in multiple locations via live video stream making it more accessible to the whole diocese. If you wish to take part in the course (which commences on 22 January) please send a registration form to Madeleine, the course administrator on [ccrs@rcadc.org](mailto:ccrs@rcadc.org) by 15 January. Registration forms and handbooks are available from [www.rcadc.org/ccrs](http://www.rcadc.org/ccrs)

### Looking ahead...

#### \*CAFOD Lent Fast Day

Friday 23 February  
[www.cafod.org.uk/news/events/lent-fast-day](http://www.cafod.org.uk/news/events/lent-fast-day)

#### \* Fairtrade Fortnight

Monday 26 February - Sunday 11 March  
<http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/Get-Involved/Current-campaigns/Fairtrade-Fortnight>

#### \* Christian Aid Week

13 - 19 May  
[www.christianaid.org.uk/christian-aid-week](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/christian-aid-week)



## Christ the King

### RIP

The Funeral Service for Mary Giordano will be at Christ the King this Monday 15 January at 12.30pm

### White Flower Appeal

This year's White Flower Appeal on behalf of SPUC will take place this weekend

### LIFT classes resume this

**Thursday 18 January 10 - 11am in CTK Parish Centre**

### Ring Found

A small ring has been found in the Church car park. If it is yours please contact the Parish Office.

**50 Club Subscriptions** are due - £12 payable in cash, by cheque (made out to Christ the King Parish) or by standing order. Subscriptions will be collected after weekend masses this weekend. New subscribers from the 3 churches welcome. Half of the amount collected is distributed in a monthly prize draw (currently £25/£15/£12) and half goes to charity. The charity in 2018 is Rainbow of Hope which supports homeless and disadvantaged people in Cardiff. For further information contact Sheila Drayton (2075 4879) or Elizabeth Taylor (2075 1401)

## St Brigid's & St Pauls

**The SPUC White Flower Appeal takes place this weekend**

### Welcomers

We are looking for extra Welcomers for 6pm Mass at St Brigid's Church. 1 week in 5 is required and we would be most grateful if you could contact Julia (2069 2878) if you are interested in joining us; this is a small service to Our Lord.

**Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Sat. 6pm C the K        | <b>Sebastiano Tomasulu (C Bailey)</b>                                                  |                                         |
| Sun. 9am St Paul's      | <b>Int. Jean Daley &amp; Family (Slowikowska)</b>                                      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 9am C the K             | <b>Deceased members of the Halloran &amp; Richardson Families (M &amp; L Halloran)</b> |                                         |
| 11am St Brigid's        | <b>World Peace</b>                                                                     |                                         |
| 6pm St Brigid's         | <b>People of the Parishes</b>                                                          |                                         |
| 7.30pm St Brigid's      | <b>Sunday Praise</b>                                                                   |                                         |
| Mon. 9.30am St Brigid's | <b>John Wusterman (Stone)</b>                                                          |                                         |
| 12.30pm C the K         | <b>Funeral Service: Maria Giordano</b>                                                 |                                         |
| Tues. 9.30am C the K    | <b>Alun Dukes (B Dukes)</b>                                                            |                                         |
| Wed. 9.30am St Paul's   | <b>David Wharry (Daley)</b>                                                            | St Anthony Abbot                        |
| Thurs. 9.30am C the K   | <b>John Lavery (A McDevitt)</b>                                                        |                                         |
| 7.30pm St Brigid's      | <b>Holy Souls</b>                                                                      |                                         |
| Fri. 9.30am St Paul's   | <b>Andrew Morris</b>                                                                   |                                         |
| Sat. 9.30am St Brigid's | <b>Claire Hawes (Daley)</b>                                                            | St Fabian; St Sebastian                 |

**Sunday January 21<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

|                    |                                   |                                         |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Sat. 6pm C the K   | <b>Doris Dacey (B Alexander)</b>  |                                         |
| Sun. 9am St Paul's | <b>Brian Evans</b>                | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 9am C the K        | <b>Dom Bryon (Adshead Family)</b> |                                         |
| 11am St Brigid's   | <b>Robert Robinson</b>            |                                         |
| 6pm St Brigid's    | <b>People of the Parish</b>       |                                         |
| 7.30pm St Brigid's | <b>Sunday Praise</b>              |                                         |

Praying for our Neighbours  
 Please remember in your prayers this week  
 our neighbours in  
**Hammond Way**  
**Shaftesbury Close & Kennington Close**  
**Windermere Avenue**  
 who have received prayer cards in  
 the last few days.

**3 Churches  
Parish Council Chairs**

**Sts Brigid & Paul**

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**Christ the King  
Primary School**

Mrs R Woodward  
2075 4787

**Corpus Christi  
High School**

Acting Headteacher  
Mrs Pat Pavlovic  
2076 1893

**St David's College**

Principal  
Mark Leighfield  
2049 8555

**Safeguarding  
Representatives**

**Sts Brigid & Paul**

Pat Williams (St B)  
2061 7374  
Carl French (St P)  
2075 4418

**Christ the King**

Jim Winterbottom  
2075 5121  
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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** £ 495.50  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 501.09  
**Total** £ 996.59  
**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the King**  
**Gift Aid** £ 348.19  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 271.52  
**S/O weekly av.** £ 335.54  
**Total** £ 955.25

**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, Edith Baker, John Campbell, Maureen Carroll, Mary Clarke, Terry Culbertson, Agnes Davies, Win Drury, Emily, Anthony Foster, Bobi Gower, Maria Hill, Caitriona Lovell, Sarah Morris, Peter Murphy, Maureen O'Driscoll, Kieran Ollin, Rona Perry, Valentino Rascon, John Reardon, Claire Richards, Adela Rogers, Shaun Stone, Bev Tumelty, Anne Wake, Gemma Ward, Emma Warlow, Dorothy Warren & Pat Watkins.