

3 Churches News

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Sunday February 4th 2018 **5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (YEAR B)** **Issue 05/18**

SLAVE AND SAINT

St Josephine Bakhita 8th February

Josephine Bakhita was born around 1869 in the Sudanese region of Darfur but at about 8, she was kidnapped by Arab slave traders. She was forced to walk barefoot for 600 miles, during which she was bought and sold twice. She was forcibly converted to Islam, and the trauma of her abduction caused her to forget her own name. Next she was bought by a rich Arab as a maid for his daughters, but his son attacked her, and her fourth owner was a Turkish general, whose mother-in-law and wife both were extremely cruel. A total of 114 scars were cut into her body.

Now she was sold to the Italian Vice Consul who treated her in a much better way, so when he returned to Italy, she begged to go with him. When they arrived, he gave her to Turina Michieli, wife of a friend, as a present, and she became a nanny. When the Michielis decided to move back to the Sudan, she was left in the temporary care of the Canossian Sisters in Venice, but when she was called for Bakhita refused to leave. A court ruled her slavery illegal, and for the first time Bakhita found herself free and in control of her own life.

She chose to remain with the sisters, and in January 1890 she was baptised. Soon she entered the novitiate and in 1896 took her vows. In 1902 she was assigned to the convent at Schio near Vicenza, where she spent most of the rest of her life. Her gentleness, calming voice, and ever-present smile became well known. Her special charisma and reputation for sanctity were noticed by her order and the first publication of her story in 1931, made her famous throughout Italy. When she died in 1947 thousands of people came to pay their respects.

In 2000 she was canonized as *Saint Josephine Bakhita*. She is venerated as a modern African saint, patron saint of Sudan, and a statement against the brutal history of the Arab, European, and American slave trade and its Christian endorsement, as well as Africa's own practice of slavery. In May 1992 in Khartoum Pope St John Paul declared: 'Rejoice, all of Africa! Bakhita has come back to you. The daughter of Sudan sold into slavery as a living piece of merchandise and yet still free. Free with the freedom of the saints.'

Fr Matthew



~~~~ 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday 4 February 2018) ~~~~



Response to Psalm **Praise the Lord who heals the broken hearted.**  
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world says the Lord,**  
**Anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Job 7: 1-4. 6-7 **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Corinthians 9: 16-19. 22-23 **Gospel:** Mark 1: 29-39

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### Father's News

#### CORPUS CHRISTI HIGH SCHOOL

The Governors of our Catholic High School have appointed Mr **Patrick Brunnock** as head teacher from September 2018. Born and bred in Newport, he was educated at St Joseph's High School there, and is currently a deputy head teacher in the Gwent valleys. Please remember him and the school over the next period of transition.

#### RIP

We pray for the repose of the souls of three well-known parishioners. The Requiem for **Brian Mark** will be at St Brigid's this Tuesday 6 February at 12 noon. The Requiem for **Maureen Carroll** will be at St Paul's Tuesday 13 February at 11.15am. We also heard of the recent death of **Paul Nicholls**, for many years organist at St Paul's. *Eternal rest grant to them, Lord.*

#### NEW DAY FOR PRAYER GROUP

After many years of meeting on Sunday evening, our Prayer & Praise group has moved to **Fridays at 7.30pm** still at St Brigid's. The format has also changed: lively praise, prayerful worship, Eucharistic Adoration, and maybe intercession and prayer ministry - why not come along?

#### INTERNET SAFETY

Corpus Christi High School is supporting Safer Internet Day 2018 on Tuesday 6 February. The theme this year is 'Create, Connect and Share Respect. A Better Internet Starts With You.' Please go to [www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018) for more information

#### CATHOLIC HISTORY

Wales and the Marches Catholic History Society next talk will be at St David's RC Sixth Form College, Cardiff this **Sunday 4 February at 3pm**. Dr Robert Matthews will speak on "Roman Catholicism in South Wales at a time of persecution 1559 - 1679". He lectures in Early Modern History specialising in 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> century religious history. All are welcome to attend. Further details from Tricia Coulthard (2059 5899 or [triciacoulthard@hotmail.com](mailto:triciacoulthard@hotmail.com))

#### Circle of Friends

The next Circle of Friends meeting will take place on Monday 12 February at 7.30pm in the Three Arches Pub at Rhydyppennau. If you would like to come along please call Celia Bailey (2075 2413) for more information

**Mass at 9.30 on Tuesday 6 February at Christ the King** will be for deceased members of the 3 churches, particularly those who died in November (Josephine Pugsley & Lynn Latham)

#### Confirmation

Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday 21 April, if you or your child (year 8 and above) would like to be confirmed, please come along to our first session on Sunday 11 February 6 - 7.30pm at Christ the King Parish Centre.

#### Confirmation Catechists Wanted!

We are in need of volunteers for this year to help guide our young people through their Confirmation. If you would like to get involved please contact Charlotte Mathews (07800 647515 or [charlotte.mathews@hotmail.com](mailto:charlotte.mathews@hotmail.com))

#### CAFOD Family Fast Day

Family Fast Day is on Friday 23 February. You can watch a short (two-minute) Fast Day film at <https://vimeo.com/250751553> This year, CAFOD have been awarded match funding for the appeal so all donations made between 13 February (Shrove Tuesday) and 12 May will be matched by the UK Government. On Family Fast Day itself (23 February 7pm) there is the opportunity to hear directly from one of CAFOD's project leaders in Zimbabwe through an on-line talk. You can register at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8462582946392198913> to listen live or for a link to listen later at a time of your choice.

**St Brigid's & St Paul's  
Quiz & Curry Night  
Friday 16 February 7.30pm  
St Brigid's Hall  
Tickets £8 (available after Masses  
or from 2076 6318)  
Teams of 8 - or come along and  
make up a team with others  
Licensed Bar  
Proceeds to BOBATH**

**Please remember the deceased members of the 3 churches whose anniversaries occur in February including:** Geoffrey Rice, David Kavanagh, Gertrude Patricia Skrines, George Gordon Robinson, Johanna Regan, Gerard Nunan, Helen Lawrence, Olga Mecklenburgh, Dale Oxlade, Robert Forbes, Maurice Murphy and Charles McDevitt.

## **"CELEBRATE" Wales Conference 2018**

This year 'Celebrate' will be held 21 - 22 April at Mary Immaculate High School, Caerau Lane, Wenvoe, Cardiff. For more information visit [www.celebrateconference.org/wales](http://www.celebrateconference.org/wales)

### **Other events**

#### **Where are our young people?**

Working with young people can be daunting for many but with the aging population of our parishes, we are forced to focus our attention to the future of the Church.

Ben Aldridge, Youth Chaplain at St Mary's in Hereford, in conjunction with the Evangelisation department will be speaking in Cardiff to address these issues! How can we help young people on their journey with Christ? How do we engage with the young people in our parish? What are young people searching for?

Ben will be sharing his experiences as a young person, a youth worker and a school Chaplain and hopes to answer any questions you may have about working with young people. Ben invites you to an open dialogue to share trials and ideas with each other - together we can work to shape the future of the Church. Come to the Pastoral Resources Centre (in St Illtyd's High School, CF3 1XQ) on 12 February 7.30 - 9pm to find out more about how to reach out to our young people!

Llanishen Baptist Church  
Youth Drama Group 'Revelations'  
Peter Pan: The Pantomime  
At The YMCA Theatre,  
The Walk, Cardiff  
Thursday 15 February 7.15pm  
Friday 16 February 7.15pm  
Saturday 17 February 3.15pm  
Tickets £7.50 from  
2075 3033 or  
07551 991100

#### **Young Men needed!**

Godspell is St Peter's Players latest production and it needs men! Two males aged 19 - 30ish who can sing, move and dance. Performances will take place at The Cornerstone from 22 - 27 March (with Sunday 25 March off) Rehearsals will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays leading up to the performances. Further details from Pat Lloyd (07961 021145)

#### **ACTA A Call To Action**

ACTA is an organisation that brings together clergy, religious and laity to discuss issues of common interest and concern. The next meeting of the Cardiff group of ACTA will be in St David's Sixth Form College on Wednesday 7 February at 7pm. All are welcome. Further information is available from Frank Callus (07956 005459)

#### **Catholic Bible School**

A day of reflection, worship and study of the Bible to help us apply it in our everyday lives. Saturday 24 February 10am - 3pm at St Mary's RC Church, Bridgend CF31 3HS. The subject is 'Leading to the Passion', led by Fr Tim McGrath. Please bring a packed lunch tea and coffee provided. This event is free but a donation towards costs is appreciated.

#### **Touchstone Talks**

The next in the series, held in the TICS Lecture Theatre at St David's College, Ty Gwyn Road, Cardiff will be on Sunday 18 February at 3pm. 'The Crown of the Church: The Beauty of the Faith and the Splendour of Theology.' Admission is free, although there is a retiring collection. For more information call 2043 1842 or email [institute@tics.org.uk](mailto:institute@tics.org.uk)

#### **40 Days for Life**

A vigil will be held every day 11am - 4pm from Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday (15 February - 25 March) opposite Elgin House on St Mary Street, to pray for an end to abortion and to help those seeking abortion. Contact Janet Thomas (07901 1713077) or [jelthomas@btinternet.com](mailto:jelthomas@btinternet.com) for more details.

### **Christ the King**

#### **"50 Club" Winners**

##### **January 2018**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize £25**

**Cath Lush**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £15**

**Sheila Drayton**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £12**

**Jo Taylor**

#### **50 Club Thank You**

Thank you to everyone who has joined for 2018. £708 has been raised for the Rainbow of Hope charity.

**There is no LIFT class this Thursday. The next LIFT class is Thursday 15 February 10 - 11am in CTK Parish Centre**

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

#### **Parish Advisory Council Meeting**

The next PAC meeting will be on Monday 12 February. If any parishioner has an item they would like discussed at the meeting, please see or email Maria Thompson (Chair) - [mariathompson1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mariathompson1@hotmail.co.uk) or any member of the PAC.

#### **Tea at St Brigid's**

All are welcome to tea and coffee after the 11am Mass at St Brigid's. All monies raised go to the City Hospice (formerly called the George Thomas Hospice)

**Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

|        |         |             |                                             |                                             |
|--------|---------|-------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Sat.   | 6pm     | C the K     | <b>Dom Bryon (F &amp; M Callus)</b>         |                                             |
| Sun.   | 9am     | St Paul's   | <b>Maureen Carroll (Slowikowska)</b>        | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time     |
|        | 9am     | C the K     | <b>Kevin Mecklenburgh (N &amp; R Flynn)</b> |                                             |
|        | 11am    | St Brigid's | <b>Joe Rigby</b>                            |                                             |
|        | 12.30pm | C the K     | <b>Baptism: Millie Stock</b>                |                                             |
|        | 6pm     | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parish</b>                 |                                             |
| Mon.   | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>Mair &amp; Norman Griffiths (Daley)</b>  | St Agatha                                   |
| Tues.  | 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Deceased members of the 3 Churches</b>   | Martyrs of Japan                            |
|        | 12 noon | St Brigid's | <b>Requiem: Brian Mark</b>                  |                                             |
| Wed.   | 9.30am  | St Paul's   | <b>Robert Forbes</b>                        |                                             |
| Thurs. | 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Barbara Nicholson (G Chapman)</b>        | St Jedrfome Emilliani; St Josephine Bakhita |
|        | 7.30pm  | St Brigid's | <b>Tess Stamp</b>                           |                                             |
| Fri.   | 9.30am  | St Paul's   | <b>Maureen Carroll (Byard)</b>              | St Teilo                                    |
|        | 7.30pm  | St Brigid's | <b>Friday Praise</b>                        |                                             |
| Sat.   | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>Michael Camilleri</b>                    | St Scholastica                              |

**Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

|      |      |             |                                           |                                         |
|------|------|-------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Sat. | 6pm  | C the K     | <b>Intentions of John Roman (B Rayer)</b> |                                         |
| Sun. | 9am  | St Paul's   | <b>Paul Nicholls</b>                      | 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |
|      | 9am  | C the K     | <b>Dom Bryon (L Barry)</b>                |                                         |
|      | 11am | St Brigid's | <b>Anne &amp; Brian Bermingham</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  
**Reigate Close & Carlton Close**  
**Lanedeyrn Road**  
**Mountbatten Close**  
 who have received prayer cards in  
 the last few days.

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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** £ 678.90  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 407.68  
**Total** £ 1086.58  
**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the King**  
**Gift Aid** £ 294.00  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 361.21  
**S/O weekly av.** £ 303.04  
**Total** £ 958.25

**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, Mary Clarke,  
 Terry Culbertson, Agnes Davies, Win Drury, Emily, Anthony Foster, Bobi Gower, Patrick Harris,  
 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.