

# 3 Churches News

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**Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup> 2018**    **Fourth Sunday in Lent (YEAR B)**    **Issue 10/18**

## **DONKEY, WOOD, WOOD, STONE**

It's now just two weeks to Palm Sunday, and therefore three to Easter Sunday. The services of the Sacred Triduum or Three Days - of Maundy Thursday evening, Good Friday afternoon, Saturday evening and Easter Sunday are best seen as a single feast. These liturgies have a special and memorable character and deserve our best efforts for their celebration. They also deserve the best efforts of all of us to take part in them! But what about *where* they took place, these saving events that we celebrate in Holy Week? I mean where *specifically*...

If you think about it the answer is quite extraordinary. Where was Jesus on Palm Sunday? Yes, he was entering the great city of Jerusalem - but on the back of a **donkey**! Where did He institute the Eucharist and the Priesthood? Again, in an upper room in that city - but he left us the Sacrament of the new and everlasting covenant on a **wooden** table, probably bare and rough. Where was the final altar on which He offered himself for us, and for our salvation? A cross of even rougher **wood**... And finally where precisely did the Resurrection take place, where did the Eternal Father raise His Son from the dead in the power of the Holy Spirit? On a slab of **stone** in someone else's sepulchre, in darkness, on His own.

So, on a donkey, a humble wooden table, an even humbler Cross, and on the stony coldness of a grave slab. These are the places where these great moments took place, events which changed the world and brought us salvation. You couldn't get locations more simple, could you?

So we now have a couple of weeks to prepare for the opportunity to renew our faith at its very sources. What do these profound occasions mean to *you*? Perhaps remembering their simple locations will help you home in on the heart of Holy Week. This in turn will help you home in on the heart of our Faith. What do you make of a God who triumphs on a donkey, gives us the gift of himself on some wooden planks, dies on some others, and rises on cold, dark stone?

Familiarise yourself with the services beforehand, reflect on the readings, and make every effort to come to the churches where they take place. Most of all, watch Jesus in this holiest of weeks, because this - all of this - was done for you!

*Fr Matthew*



~~~~ Fourth Sunday in Lent (Sunday 11 March 2018) ~~~~



Response to Psalm **O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!**

Gospel Acclamation: **Glory and praise to you, O Christ! God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; Everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Chronicles 36: 14-16. 19-23 **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Ephesians 2: 4-10 **Gospel:** John 3: 14-21

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## 3 Churches

### Father's News

#### LENT

**Mass** Why not come to a weekday Mass?

**Confession** Lent is a great time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

#### Stations of the Cross

Before Mass: Tuesdays at Christ the King, Fridays at St Paul's, Saturdays at St Brigid's, all at about 9am

#### HOLY WEEK

**Monday** 26 March: North Cardiff Penitential Service at St Teilo's 7pm

**Tuesday:** Passover meal at St Brigid's (see its own item)

**Wednesday** (morning): Chrism Mass St David's Cathedral (time to be confirmed)

**Maundy Thursday:** Mass of the Lord's Supper 8pm at Christ the King followed by watching until midnight.

**Good Friday:** Commemoration of the Passion 3pm at St Paul's and Christ the King; note there will be children's liturgy at both of these.

**Holy Saturday:** Easter Vigil First Mass of Easter 8.30pm at St Brigid's.

#### GODSPELL

The musical "Godspell" is to be performed at Cornerstone, Charles Street 22 - 27 March (except Sunday 25) at 7.30pm.

Tickets are available online at [www.eventagiouslyonline.co.uk](http://www.eventagiouslyonline.co.uk) or from 2049 4425. A wonderful way to lead into the great celebration of Easter!

#### ADOREMUS

##### - PREPARATION DAY

An "Adoremus" Preparation Day at St David's College on 17 March 10.30am - 3pm will explore the Eucharist as meal, sacrifice and real presence through reflections, imaginative contemplation and Eucharistic adoration. No charge and open to all. 10am for 10.30am. Lunch provided.

To attend, please contact Christian Mahoney on 07764 515864 or email [christianmahoney2@gmail.com](mailto:christianmahoney2@gmail.com)

##### Alive in Christ - Keeping our faith alive in everyday life

What do the scriptures show us about how to be fully alive in the Lord? On Saturday 24 March at St Philip Evans, Llanedeyrn 10am - 3pm. Sarah Beresford will be exploring the scriptures with us to help us be truly alive in Christ. Scripture Saturdays are free with no need to book; donations gratefully received. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided, but please bring your own packed lunch.

For more information visit [www.catholic-bible-school.org/south-wales-events/Mar18](http://www.catholic-bible-school.org/south-wales-events/Mar18) or email [catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com](mailto:catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com)

##### Fr Jimmy Thomas

Fr Jimmy, known to many, died recently. His body will be received into Nazareth House Chapel on Tuesday 20 March at 5pm. The Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 21 March in Nazareth House at 9.30am and afterwards at Thornhill Crematorium.

##### HCPT Lourdes

28 September - 5 October

Places available for any adults, staying at Hosanna House.

Further details: -

[maureen.greening@btinternet.com](mailto:maureen.greening@btinternet.com)

#### A Time to Remember

An opportunity during Lent for those who have experienced bereavement - whether recent or sometime ago - to drop in for a time of quiet reflection, a tea or coffee and for those who wish, a chance to talk.

All are welcome

**Saturday 17 March 10.30am - 3pm**  
**Christ the King Parish Hall,**  
**Newborough Avenue**

For further information contact a member of the 3 Churches Bereavement Support Group - 2075 1401 / [tayleat@gmail.com](mailto:tayleat@gmail.com)

#### Upcoming Baptism Courses

**St Philip Evans, Llanedeyrn**  
**(Small Hall, behind Church)**

**Saturday 10 March 6.30pm**

Completion of the course will be negotiated at the end of the session for participants who were unable to attend on 3 March due to the weather.

Please email Ose Aneni if attending: [oseaneni1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:oseaneni1@yahoo.co.uk)  
**Christ the King Course hosted by**  
**Brigid Lee. Thursdays 12 & 19**  
**April 7.30pm**

Anyone wishing to attend should email Brigid for details of the venue - [andylee63@talktalk.net](mailto:andylee63@talktalk.net)

**St Brigid's, Crystal Glen**

**(Sacristy, accessed beyond alter**  
**in Church) Tuesdays 8 & 15 May**  
**7pm**

Please email Ann Martin if attending - [stevemartincardiff@gmail.com](mailto:stevemartincardiff@gmail.com)

**It's Mothering Sunday this**  
**Sunday - so why not buy some**  
**Fairtrade treats?**

**... Fairtrade Fortnight finishes**  
**this Sunday (11 March)**

## Music for Easter

Music rehearsals will take place as follows, to practice for the Easter Triduum. We welcome everyone from our 3 Churches to come along and support the music, either as a musician or as a singer:

Saturday 17 March 9.30am CTK

Wednesday 21 March 7.45pm CTK

Saturday 24 March 9.30 - 10.15am CTK

### Items surplus to requirements

A small(ish) ironing board

3 advent candle stands - one freestanding, 2 table top

If anyone is interested in having any of these items please contact the Christ the King parish office.

## **PALM SUNDAY FILM NIGHT at ST BRIGID'S**

'RISEN' starring Joseph Fiennes  
(*The first forty days after the Resurrection of Jesus told through the eyes of an agnostic Roman Centurion*)

Sunday 25 March 7.30pm

No tickets - just come along with your family and friends and see this film as a lead into Holy Week

## **St Brigid's & St Paul's Passover Meal**

This will be held on Tuesday 27 March (Tuesday of Holy Week) at 7.30pm in St Brigid's Hall. The evening begins with symbolic food and prayers followed by a 3 Course Dinner (catering by Spiro) Tickets are now available (£20 - which includes your wine or soft drinks) after Masses or please call 2076 6318

## **TOUCHSTONE TALKS**

On Sunday 18 March in the TICS Lecture Theatre, St. David's Catholic College, the subject will be "The Desert of the Soul and the Image of Heaven: Lent, Life and the Afterlife". Call 2043 1842 for more information

## **TAIZÉ EVENING**

A Taizé evening with Confessions will be held at St Peter's Church, Roath on Thursday 22 March 7pm.

## **"CELEBRATE" WALES CONFERENCE 2018"**

This year 'Celebrate' will be held on 21 - 22 April at Mary Immaculate High School, Caerau Lane, Wenvoe, Cardiff, CF5 5QZ.

For more information visit their website -

[www.celebrateconference.org/wales](http://www.celebrateconference.org/wales), phone 01952 417233 or email

[wales@celebrateconference.org](mailto:wales@celebrateconference.org)

## **Christ the King**

### **RIP**

Please continue to pray for the repose of the souls of the recently deceased people. Details of their funerals are as follows:

**Maurice Ferriter** Christ the King  
Wednesday 14 March 11.15am

(postponed from last week)

**Maureen O'Driscoll** Christ the King  
Thursday 15 March 1.15pm

**Molly Powell** Christ the King  
Wednesday 21 March 12.30pm

**Anthony Foster** husband of Luan.  
Wenallt Chapel Thornhill

Thursday 22 March 12.30pm

Please remember them and their families and friends in your prayers.  
*Eternal rest grant to them, Lord*

### **Lost & Found**

A memory stick was found recently at Christ the King Church. Contact Fr Matthew

### **Lost Property**

Please take a look at the items in the church porch and take anything belonging to you. Anything not claimed by this Monday will go to charity.

## **CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY**

Thank you so much for supporting CAFOD Family Fast Day. The parish raised £1270 to help end hunger and poverty throughout the world. This has been doubled by the UK government, meaning a total of £2540 has been raised, plus approximately £110 in Gift Aid. A wonderful result!

### **Easter Cards**

There are beautiful Easter cards and envelopes, also Lent prayer cards in a marked box on the table at the back of the church.

These are a gift from the Prayer Trust who would be delighted if you would take what you need and send them to friends or family.

### **LINK**

**Deadline for items to be included in the Easter edition is this**

**Monday.** You don't have to email, just contact Cherime or Jane and we'll arrange to type it up!

Cherime (2075 3740) or

[mark.cherime@talktalk.net](mailto:mark.cherime@talktalk.net)

Jane (2075 9440)

[j.v.rendle@talk21.com](mailto:j.v.rendle@talk21.com)

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

### **St Brigid's Easter Flower Collection**

There will be a collection next Sunday 18 March at both Masses in St Brigid's for Easter flowers. We thank you very much for your usual generosity.

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

**Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup> Fourth Sunday in Lent**

|        |         |             |                                            |                       |
|--------|---------|-------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Sat.   | 6pm     | C the K     | <b>Mike Morris (Morris Family)</b>         |                       |
| Sun.   | 9am     | St Paul's   | <b>Michael &amp; Ann Dowling (Withey)</b>  | Fourth Sunday in Lent |
|        | 9am     | C the K     | <b>Mike Corcoran (D Morgan)</b>            |                       |
|        | 11am    | St Brigid's | <b>Graham Minski (Sullivan)</b>            |                       |
|        | 6pm     | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parish</b>                |                       |
| Mon.   | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>Frank Callaghan</b>                     |                       |
| Tues.  | 9am     | C the K     | <b>Stations of the Cross</b>               |                       |
|        | 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Dom Bryon (A Rees)</b>                  |                       |
| Wed.   | 9.30am  | St Paul's   | <b>Brian Mark (Byard)</b>                  |                       |
|        | 11.15am | C the K     | <b>Requiem Mass: Maurice Ferriter</b>      |                       |
| Thurs. | 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Cathy Miles (Forrest Family)</b>        |                       |
|        | 1.15pm  | C the K     | <b>Funeral Service: Maureen O'Driscoll</b> |                       |
|        | 7.30pm  | St Brigid's | <b>Holy Souls</b>                          |                       |
| Fri    | 9am     | St Paul's   | <b>Stations of the Cross</b>               |                       |
|        | 9.30am  | St Paul's   | <b>Ann Ockleston</b>                       |                       |
|        | 7.30pm  | St Brigid's | <b>Friday Praise</b>                       |                       |
| Sat.   | 9am     | St Brigid's | <b>Stations of the Cross</b>               | St Patrick            |
|        | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>John Mitchell (Sherry)</b>              |                       |

**Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup> Fifth Sunday in Lent**

|      |         |             |                                     |                      |
|------|---------|-------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Sat. | 6pm     | C the K     | <b>Alun Dukes (B Dukes)</b>         |                      |
| Sun. | 9am     | St Paul's   | <b>Maureen Carroll (Tunncliffe)</b> | Fifth Sunday in Lent |
|      | 9am     | C the K     | <b>Private Intention (F)</b>        |                      |
|      | 11am    | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parish</b>         |                      |
|      | 12.30pm | St Brigid's | <b>Baptisms</b>                     |                      |
|      | 6pm     | St Brigid's | <b>Steve Williams (Imperato)</b>    |                      |

**Praying for our Neighbours**  
 Please remember in your prayers this week  
 our neighbours in  
**Lake Road West, Keyes Avenue & Tyrwhitt Crescent**  
**Foster Drive**  
**Heol y Cadno**  
 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*  
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**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**

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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** £ 508.58  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 392.94  
**Total** £ 901.52  
**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the King**

**Gift Aid** £ 191.87  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 164.88  
**S/O weekly av.** £ 381.79  
**Total** £ 738.54

**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, Bobi Gower, Patrick Harris,  
 Maria Hill, Caitriona Lovell, Sarah Morris, Peter Murphy, 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.