

3 Churches News

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SNOW...IN AUGUST...IN ROME!

As I write on Thursday evening, snow is falling gently outside. Not too unusual in Britain, but what if snow fell during August? Tradition tells of a snowfall that seemed impossible, namely in Rome on 5th August in the year, 352, when snow fell during the night.

There lived in the Eternal City a nobleman, John and his childless wife, who had been blessed with much of this world's goods. They chose the Mother of God as the heir to their fortune, and at the suggestion of Pope Liberius, prayed that Our Lady might make known to them how to do this by a particular sign. In answer the Virgin Mother during the night of 5th August, appeared to John and his wife and also to the Holy Father, Pope Liberius, directing them to build a church in her honour on the crown of the Esquiline, one of the hills of Rome! And what would be the sign that John and his wife had requested? "Snow will cover the crest of the hill."

Snow rarely falls in Rome, and never in August, but the flakes fell silently during that night, blanketing the peak of the historic hill. In the morning the news quickly spread and crowds gathered to throng up the hill and behold the white splendor. The snow had fallen in a particular pattern, showing the outline of the future church. When it became known that the snow was a sign from Mary, the people spontaneously added another to her long list of titles, Our Lady of the Snows.

The church built by John and his wife in honour of Our Lady, restored and enlarged at various times has been known by different names: the Basilica of Liberius, Saint Mary of the Crib (because it is believed to enshrine relics of Christ's Crib). It is most familiar as Saint Mary Major, to distinguish it from the many other Roman churches dedicated to the Mother of God. Saint Mary Major is one of the four basilicas in which the pilgrims to Rome must pray in order to truly make the pilgrimage to Rome, along with St Peter's, St Paul's and St John Lateran. It is one of the most popular churches in the world. Crowds gather still on 5th August to celebrate a Mass of Our Lady of the Snows, when a shower of white rose petals falls from the ceiling, to commemorate the day that snow fell... in August... in Rome.

Fr Matthew (edited from www.roman-catholic-saints.com)



~~~~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday 3 February 2019) ~~~~



Response to Psalm **My lips will tell of your help .**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;  
No one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Jeremiah 1: 4-5. 17-19 **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Corinthians 12: 31-13:13 **Gospel:** Luke 4: 21-30

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### Father's News

#### CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY

Our next talk is "Secrets and Death in Abergavenny" Dr Gill Wakley, Chairman of Abergavenny Local History Society talks about the Gunter Mansion in Abergavenny, a house that played a central role in some of the most turbulent and divisive periods in British History. A Grade II listed building, it became a focal point in the religious struggles of the late 17<sup>th</sup> century following the Restoration of Charles II in 1660. Saints David Lewis and Philip Evans regularly said Mass in the Mansion Chapel. Sunday 17 February at 3pm at St David's College, Ty Gwyn Road. All are most welcome to this free talk. For further information please contact Tricia Coulthard ([triciacoulthard@outlook.com](mailto:triciacoulthard@outlook.com))

#### BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next Northern Arc preparation sessions are at:

\* **St Teilo's** (parish hall - upstairs, access at rear of church)  
Thursdays 14 & 21 February 7pm.  
Please email Cathy & Mel if attending at

[cathyhopkins@sky.com](mailto:cathyhopkins@sky.com)

\* **Christ the King** course hosted by Brigid Lee - Tuesdays 26 March & 2 April 7.30pm.

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

#### U.C.M. Dates for your Diary

- \* Saturday 2 March: Welsh Lunch
  - \* Tuesday 5 March: Pancakes (after 9.30am Mass)
  - \* Saturday 20 July - Strawberry Tea
- Further information to follow nearer the time.

#### Food Bank

The Food Bank have asked that as a lot of food was delivered over the Christmas period if over the next few weeks people could bring only jam, custard and tinned tomatoes.

#### Quiz & Curry Night in aid of BOBATH

Friday 15 February 7pm

St Brigid's Hall

Tickets £8 (available after Masses or please call 2076 6318)

Teams of 8 - or come along and make up a team with others  
Licensed Bar

#### Save the Date!

#### Celebrate Wales

29 - 30 June 2019

Mary Immaculate High School  
Caerau Lane, Cardiff CF5 5QZ  
The team at Celebrate Wales are so excited to welcome you all back for another exciting weekend together this year!

We will return to Mary Immaculate High School in June following overwhelming good feedback for this new venue.

We are hard at work planning and will soon have some positive announcements for you including who our main speakers will be.

Mass at 9.30am on Tuesday 5 February at Christ the King will be for deceased members of the 3 churches, particularly those who died in November (Theresa Thomas and Celia Campbell)

Llanishen Baptist Church

Revelations present

#### **Red Riding Hood**

at the YMCA Theatre, The Walk, Cardiff

Thursday 21 February at 7.15pm

Friday 22 February 7.15pm

Saturday 23 February 3.15pm

Tickets £7.50

For tickets or any queries call 2075 3033 or call / text

07551 991100

#### Forming Intentional Disciples

On Saturday 15 June, Sherry Weddell will be running a day of workshops for the Diocese drawing on her extensive research into the 'thresholds' or 'stages' that people go through when becoming disciples of Jesus Christ.

In preparation for her visit to the Diocese, parishes are starting to run 'Forming Intentional Disciples' or 'FID' groups in their parish or region.

The Cathedral is running a reading and discussing group, beginning on Friday 22 February from 11am - 12.15pm in the Cornerstone, opposite the Cathedral. This group will run for six weeks, ending on Friday 29 March. All are welcome to attend. Your own parish may be running its own group sessions, you are very welcome to come to the Cathedral's group. For more information, please contact [madeleine.walters@rcadc.org](mailto:madeleine.walters@rcadc.org) or [fbcallus@aol.com](mailto:fbcallus@aol.com)

**Please remember the deceased members of the 3 churches whose anniversaries occur in February including:** Gordon Robinson, Johanna Regan, Gerard Nunan, Helen Lawrence, Olga Mecklenburg, Dale Oxlade, Robert Forbes, Maurice Murphy, Charles McDevitt, Leonard Britton, Maureen O'Driscoll, Maurice Ferriter, Molly Powell and Anthony Foster.

## **The Seren Cornerstone Poetry Festival**

Featuring a host of local authors, with the highlight of a 'Tea with Archbishop George Stack' is taking place in Cardiff from 8 - 10 February at The Cornerstone, Charles Street, Cardiff.

Tickets are available from [www.cardiffpoetryfestival.com](http://www.cardiffpoetryfestival.com)

## Welsh National Pilgrimage to Lourdes Annual Mass and Social Gathering!

This will be held in Our Lady of Margam Church and Hall on Sunday 17 February at 3.30pm Further information about this year's pilgrimage (Sunday 28 July - Friday 2 August) will be shared during the Social gathering. All are welcome. This year, Lourdes celebrates the year of Bernadette as it is the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her birth and 140<sup>th</sup> of her death!

## **Other events**

*Two ladies need a cleaner for two hours every fortnight. If interested please phone 2048 3788*

## **Christ the King**

### Thursday Mass

On Thursday we will be joined by Year 5 of Christ the King Primary School for our 9.30am Mass.

**There will be a Tai Chi Class this Thursday 7 February 10 - 11am in Christ the King Parish Centre. Next week (Thursday 14 February) there will be a LIFT Class. Hope to see you there!**

CRUSE Bereavement Care Charity Apologies for the misspelling of the Cruse charity name in last week's newsletter. Modern technology is not always helpful when it 'corrects' spelling!

People have asked what the name stands for and in fact it's not an acronym but the name 'Cruse' is derived from a passage in the Old Testament about a widow's cruse, or jar of oil, which never ran out, thus signifying that support would be given as long as it was needed and there would always be a drop of comfort available.

Thanks to further donations received this week, the total of £300 from the parish has been sent to the Cardiff and Vale branch of Cruse to help support this important work.

**The Sacristy** needs a new member with immediate effect to take over the brass cleaning as Sharon Cunningham is stepping down. The cleaning takes about an hour every week or 2 weeks and can be done at a time to suit the individual. If you can help please contact Marie O'Brien in the Parish Office (2075 3945 or email [ckadmin@3churches.org](mailto:ckadmin@3churches.org))

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

### R.I.P.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gerald Dunleavy, whose Requiem is at St Brigid's on Tuesday 11 February at 12.30 followed by burial at Western Cemetery. We remember his family and friends in our prayers too. *Eternal rest grant to him, Lord*

## **St Paul's Children's Liturgy**

Children's Liturgy has restarted in St Paul's. We have a growing number of children but a dwindling number of catechists.

If anyone feels they would like to join the group and help, we would be so grateful. There is space for anyone to help. A board has to be prepared each week, things for the children to do in their liturgy and something to take home. Please consider assisting at the Liturgy, the children would be very grateful to you.

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

A position has become available for the PAC as a serving member has now completed their term of duty. If you are interested in becoming a member of the PAC or know of someone who you think would make a good representative please complete a nomination form, found at the back of the church. Nominations will need to be in by Sunday 17 February. We meet six times a year in the Church Hall 7.30 - 9pm with Fr Matthew and discuss all matters raised regarding the smooth running of our Parishes  
- Maria Thompson

**All are welcome to tea and coffee after 11am Mass at St Brigid's this Sunday. All monies raised goes to the City Hospice, formerly called the George Thomas Hospice.**

**New to the Parish?  
Pick up a leaflet**

**Sunday February 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

|                         |                                                           |                                         |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Sat. 6pm C the K        | <b>Bob Churchouse (R &amp; N Flynn)</b>                   |                                         |
| Sun. 9am St Paul's      | <b>Claire Hawes</b>                                       | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 9am C the K             | <b>Ugo Carpanini (R &amp; N Flynn)</b>                    |                                         |
| 11am St Brigid's        | <b>People of the Parish</b>                               |                                         |
| 6pm St Brigid's         | <b>Holy Souls</b>                                         |                                         |
| Mon. 9.30am St Brigid's | <b>Helen Vickery (Bryon)</b>                              |                                         |
| Tues. 9.30am C the K    | <b>Deceased Members of the 3 Churches</b>                 | St Agatha                               |
| Wed. 9.30am St Paul's   | <b>Fr O'Shea's Int</b>                                    | Martyrs of Japan                        |
| Thurs. 9.30am C the K   | <b>Dom Bryon &amp; Family (Bryon Family)</b>              |                                         |
|                         | <b>Joined by Year 5 of Christ the King Primary School</b> |                                         |
| 7.30pm St Brigid's      | <b>Tony Regan (Daw);<br/>Bob Forbes</b>                   |                                         |
| Fri. 9.30am St Paul's   | <b>The Sick of the Parishes</b>                           |                                         |
| Sat. 9.30am St Brigid's | <b>Available</b>                                          | St Josephine Bakhita                    |

**Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

|                    |                                      |                                         |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Sat. 6pm C the K   | <b>Mary Taylor (R &amp; N Flynn)</b> |                                         |
| Sun. 9am St Paul's | <b>People of the Parishes</b>        | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 9am C the K        | <b>Bernie Theeswaran (M Moore)</b>   |                                         |
| 11am St Brigid's   | <b>Bill &amp; Celia Campbell</b>     |                                         |
| 6pm St Brigid's    | <b>Brian Powell</b>                  |                                         |

**Praying for our Neighbours**

Please remember in your prayers this week  
our neighbours in  
**Clearwen Drivee  
Lake Road East  
Mill Road**  
who have received prayer cards in  
the last few days.

**Cycle of Prayer**

Pray for St Alban's Parish, Frs Philip Scanlan and Michael McCarthy, and St Alban's Primary School

**3 Churches  
Parish Council Chairs**

**Sts Brigid & Paul**

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**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Christ the King**  
Tuesday 10am - 3pm  
**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** £ 509.00  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 536.21  
**Total** £ 1045.21  
**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the King**  
**Gift Aid** £ 263.60  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 404.94  
**S/O weekly av.** £ 385.00  
**Total** £ 1053.54

**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, Clare Bell, John Campbell, Mary Clarke,  
Corey-Jay Coles, Terry Culbertson, Elizabeth Cunningham, Agnes Davies, Win Drury,  
Sheila Ferriter, Emily, Bobi Gower, John Hall, Patrick Harris, Maria Hill, Caitriona Lovell,  
Sarah Morris, Peter Murphy, Kieran Ollin, Rona Perry, John Reardon, Claire Richards,  
Anne Roach, Adela Rogers, Shaun Stone, Anne Wake, Gemma Ward, Emma Warlow,  
Dorothy Warren & Pat Watkins.