

# 3 Churches News

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**Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup> 2019**      **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent [Laetare] (YEAR C)**      **Issue 13/19**

## LENT RECONCILIATION

Our renewal, our conversion, our turning back to God, is a central part of our Lenten journeys. This Sunday and next we hear the wonderful Gospel episodes of the Prodigal Son and the Woman Taken in Adultery. Each speaks to us of a healing and forgiving encounter with the Lord. I have found them to be two of the most powerful passages in my ministry, capable of transforming people's lives in themselves.

To express and put into words the Lord's desire to make us whole, we have the wonderful sacrament of Reconciliation (also known of course as Confession or Penance), which flows from Our Lord's promise to Peter and the Church that whatever we bind is bound in heaven, whatever we free is freed from heaven.

As announced in recent weeks, the priests of the Cardiff deanery have arranged for local parishes to set aside in a special way 8 - 12 April for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Therefore each weekday there will be Confessions in one of the churches of our deanery in the afternoon 2 - 3pm and the evening 7 - 8pm. At each session there will be a minimum of 2 priests in the afternoon and three in the evening. The places are as in the table below. In some locations there will simply be private confessions, in others there may be a very brief liturgy to help us recollect ourselves, as at St Brigid's.

This is a very special opportunity. For some it may be quite a time since you celebrated this Sacrament. Is it a long time since you celebrated this Sacrament? Visit [aleteia.org/2017/08/12/how-to-go-to-confession-when-you-havent-gone-in-years](http://aleteia.org/2017/08/12/how-to-go-to-confession-when-you-havent-gone-in-years). Have no anxiety - the priest will be there to help you, and has already heard it all before!

	Afternoon 2 - 3pm	Evening 7 - 8pm
<b>Monday 8 April</b>	St Joseph's	St Philip Evans
<b>Tuesday 9 April</b>	St Peter's	St Mary's
<b>Wednesday 10 April</b>	St Teilo's	St Brigid's
<b>Thursday 11 April</b>	University Chaplaincy	St Cadoc's
<b>Friday 12 April</b>	St Patrick's	St Helen's Barry

*Fr Matthew*



~~~~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent [Laetare] (Sunday 31 March 2019) ~~~~



Response to Psalm Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Gospel Acclamation: **Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.' Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Joshua 5: 9-12 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Corinthians 5: 17-21 Gospel: Luke 15: 1-9. 11-32

St. Brigid's and Christ the King are parishes of the Archdiocese of Cardiff. A Registered Charity No. 242380.

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### Father's News

#### ACN

Dee Thomas from Aid to the Church in Need has written to thank us for our donations in her recent appeals. The retiring collections themselves amounted to just under £1400. Dee will send us a breakdown to also include sale of stock. Special mention must be made of Children's Liturgy at 11am Mass at St Brigid's. For several years now they have been saving up their own little collection that they take each week and bring in the Offertory. This too was now given to Dee who will forward it to a particular project in Iraq. Their collection had amounted to over £500 - well done!

#### JOURNEYING WITH JESUS

Our Lenten groups are underway. If you would like to join one, contact Marie York (2068 9253) Tania Walsh (2061 1494) or Fr Matthew (2075 2389)

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday and Saturday in Lent at 9am before Mass at St Paul's and St Brigid's respectively.

#### CATHOLIC DRINKS

**Catholic Young Adults** across Cardiff are invited to meet friends new and old who share our faith and to relax before Monday morning - all are welcome! Sunday 31 March, from 7.30pm onwards, at the Duke of Wellington on the Hayes.

**Mass at 9.30am on Tuesday 2 April at Christ the King** will be for deceased members of the 3 Churches, particularly those who died in January (Valentine Roscon and Gerard Dunleavy)

#### R.I.P.

Sadly the week of 8 April as well as being set aside for Reconciliation, will also contain 4 Requiem Masses in our churches.

**Julia Churchhouse** (Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 12 noon at Christ the King), **Domenico Beatrice** (Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 1.30pm at St Brigid's), **Ann Cronin** (Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 12.15pm at Christ the King) and **Catherine Williams** (Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 12 noon at St Brigid's)

Please pray for the repose of their souls and for their families and friends. *Also note that this will affect weekday Mass times that week.*

#### Food Bank Collection Update

New rotas for the next year have been sent out. We now have a total of 28 volunteers who collect the food from the 3 Churches and take it to the Food Bank. Thanks to all who have generously given their time for this worthy venture.

#### Seeds for the Future (Lesotho)

Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Goodwin will report back on their recent very encouraging visit to Lesotho on Sunday 7 April at 7.30pm in Christ the King Parish Centre.

Please come along if you would like to hear about the progress of the secondary school students from Ramabanta that the charity is sponsoring and about the families being supported with food parcels. There will also be news of the hostel project for the scholars. All are welcome

If anyone wishing to attend needs a lift please contact Elizabeth (2075 1401)

#### Don't forget!

**Clocks go forward 1 hour this Sunday morning (31 March)**

#### Good Neighbours in North Cardiff

Good neighbours in North Cardiff are collecting goods for their annual fundraising sale on Saturday morning - 6 April. If you are able to donate any of the following, please deliver these to their office at 4 Heol Hir Llanishen (adjacent to St Isan Parish Hall) any weekday morning (9 - 11am) or give them a call and they will collect the goods from you. They are seeking goods of a reasonably good quality including; general bric-a-brac, glassware, china, kitchenalia, jewellery, books, puzzles, games, craft items, toys, CDs, DVDs, vinyl and small furniture items (please note that they cannot accept mains electrical appliances, plants or clothes) They will also gladly accept offers of jams, chutneys, cakes to be cooked for sale on the day!

#### Lenten Retreat

St David's Catholic College, Ty-Gwyn Road, Cardiff CF23 5QD  
Next Saturday 6 April  
10.30am - 3pm

*"The Word of God is something alive and active"* (Hebrews 4:12)  
During this Lenten Retreat we shall focus on how we listen to God. Together we shall reflect on the power of God's Word to bring forth life just like at the time of Creation and we shall focus on three pathways into listening: Adoration, the Bible and the voice of the poor. The retreat is free of charge and open to people of all faiths and no faith.

Registration is at 10am for a 10.30am start.

Lunch will be provided. To allow us to adequately organise the event and provide a meal for all people attending, please contact Christian Mahoney (07764 515864) or email [christianmahoney2@gmail.com](mailto:christianmahoney2@gmail.com) to confirm your attendance.

### Taize Evening

St Peter's Church, Roath on Sunday  
14 April (Palm Sunday) 7pm

We welcome all who would like to spend an hour with us in peaceful prayer and reflection leading us into Holy Week.

### The Quiet Garden

The Quiet Garden is holding its first reflection of 2019 in a few weeks. It will be held in Llanishen Methodist Church, Melbourne Road, Llanishen on Tuesday 9 April at 2.30pm. For those who wish, please come along at 2pm for tea or coffee first. We look forward to seeing our regular visitors and welcome those who would like to come along for the first time to this Spring reflection.

### Monday Group

The Monday Group's Charity Coffee Morning will be held after 9.30 Mass at St Paul's this Friday 5 April.

Proceeds will be for our Charity of the Year: Children's Wales Air Ambulance.

The proceeds of the previous months this year are:

January for Children's Wales Air Ambulance: £77.20. February for Myeloma Research: £65. March for The City Hospice: £88.40

## Other events

### **City Hospice Volunteer Open Day**

City Hospice, Cardiff's local hospice, is opening the doors of its hospice centre in Whitchurch to the public. The first of the Volunteer Open Days will take place on Friday 12 April 10am - 12pm.

This event is a chance for those interested in the work of the hospice to find out more.

[www.cityhospice.org.uk/events/volunteer-open-day](http://www.cityhospice.org.uk/events/volunteer-open-day)

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

## Christ the King

**There will be a collection for Easter flowers after Mass on Saturday evening (30 March) and after 9am Mass on Sunday (31 March) Thank you**

### CAFOD

Our Parish raised £984 (plus approximately £153 in Gift Aid) for CAFOD's Family Fast Day. Your support will bring us closer to a world where no one is beyond the reach of the love and care they need to flourish.

**There will be a Tai Chi Class this Thursday 4 April 10 - 11am in Christ the King Parish Centre. Next week (Thursday 11 April there will be a LIFT Class. Hope to see you there!**

### Easter LINK - still waiting!

Still time to send your contributions in! Email Jane -

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

or Cherime -

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

or put in the basket in the porch!

**Easter cards are for sale in a box on the table at back of church.**

### *Poems and a Glass*

Sunday 7pm

Christ the King Parish Centre  
All bottles, books... and people  
Welcome!

## St Brigid's & St Pauls

### St Paul's Easter Flowers

Collection after 9am Mass this Sunday 31 March and the following Sunday 7 April. Thank you for your generous support.

### Parking at St Paul's

We are fortunate at St Paul's as we have a large parking area. We ask, that when parking your car, you show consideration for others. Please make certain you park in such a way that there is room for others. We also need to leave the ways in and out free in case we should need to call emergency vehicles. Please park safely so that we can all avail ourselves of a space in our ample car park.

### "I have called you by your name" (Isaiah 43:1)

To be able to do this, the parish is undertaking a census of all those who attend St Paul's and St Brigid's Churches to provide us with a full and comprehensive Parish Register. Parishioners, new and old like to feel they belong. It has been too many years since our records were amended and is now sadly out of date. Over the next few weeks blank cards will be available for you to complete. These cards require your: Name, date of birth, address, email, mobile, landline number, and your parish. On the reverse of the card we ask details of: -

Names and dates of birth of any other adults and young people (under 18) who live at your address. We would ask you to post your completed card in the box at the back of the Church, so that we can begin to formulate our New Parish Register. We will fully comply with the Data Protection Act and no information will be passed on. By giving us this information you are agreeing for us to store your details in a secure place. Alternatively, you can use the following email address giving the required information - [PAC3CHURCHES@gmail.com](mailto:PAC3CHURCHES@gmail.com)

### **St Brigid's Easter Flowers**

There will be a collection for Easter flowers in St Brigid's after both Masses next weekend. Thank you.

**Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Laetare)**

|        |        |             |                                           |                                          |
|--------|--------|-------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Sat.   | 6pm    | C the K     | <b>Mary Cunningham (Murphy Family)</b>    |                                          |
| Sun.   | 9am    | St Paul's   | <b>G.R</b>                                | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Laetare) |
|        | 9am    | C the K     | <b>Nich Pearson (A McDevitt)</b>          |                                          |
|        | 11am   | St Brigid's | <b>Daw Family Int</b>                     |                                          |
|        | 6pm    | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parish</b>               |                                          |
| Mon.   | 9.30am | St Brigid's | <b>Thanksgiving</b>                       |                                          |
| Tues.  | 9.30am | C the K     | <b>Deceased members of the 3 Churches</b> | St Francis of Paola                      |
| Wed.   | 9.30am | St Paul's   | <b>CN Family</b>                          |                                          |
| Thurs. | 9.30am | C the K     | <b>Private Intention (M Crowley)</b>      | St Isidore                               |
|        | 7.30pm | St Brigid's | <b>Domenico Beatrice</b>                  |                                          |
| Fri.   | 9am    | St Paul's   | <b>Stations of the Cross</b>              |                                          |
|        | 9.30am | St Paul's   | <b>Int Pauline Jones</b>                  |                                          |
| Sat.   | 9am    | St Brigid's | <b>Stations of the Cross</b>              |                                          |
|        | 9.30am | St Brigid's | <b>Catherine Williams</b>                 |                                          |

**Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

|      |      |             |                                                     |
|------|------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Sat. | 6pm  | C the K     | <b>Dom Bryon (M Bryon)</b>                          |
| Sun. | 9am  | St Paul's   | <b>Int Jean Daley</b>                               |
|      | 9am  | C the K     | <b>Helen Vickery (M &amp; L Halloran)</b>           |
|      | 11am | St Brigid's | <b>John &amp; Michael O' Hare;<br/>Eric Russell</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  
**Cyncoed Road**  
**Heol St Denys**  
**Lakeside Drive & Everard Way**  
 who have received prayer cards in the last few days.

**Cycle of Prayer**

Pray for St Mary's Canton & Holy Family Fairwater, for Mgr Canon  
 John Maguire, Frs Andrea Bord and Nicholas Williams, and  
 Deacon Maurice Scanlon; for St Mary's and Holy Family Primary  
 Schools, and for St David's and Rookwood Hospitals.

**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, Gloria Chapman, Mary Clarke,  
 Corey-Jay Coles, Terry Culbertson, Elizabeth Cunningham, Agnes Davies, Win Drury,  
 Sheila Ferriter, Emily, Patrick Harris, Jean Hill, Maria Hill, Caitriona Lovell, Michael Mathews,  
 Sarah Morris, Peter Murphy, Francis North, Kieran Ollin, Rona Perry, John Reardon,  
 Claire Richards, Anne Roach, Adela Rogers, Shaun Stone, Genoveva Urriaga,  
 Anne Wake, Gemma Ward, Emma Warlow, Dorothy Warren & Pat Watkins.

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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** £ 527.60  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 467.19  
**Total** £ 994.79  
**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the King**  
**Gift Aid** £ 295.30  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 474.71  
**S/O weekly av.** £ 435.50  
**Total** £ 1205.51