

3 Churches News

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REMEMBERING AND LEARNING

This week the 27th January marks **Holocaust Memorial Day**, a special one as it is 75 years since the liberation of Auschwitz on this day in 1945. It is probably the last major anniversary in which survivors will be able to be involved. There are various events marking this anniversary.

I visited Auschwitz with the September Pilgrims ten years ago in 2010. We were based in nearby Krakow, and decided that we would offer the visit to those who were with us. I think everybody came. We visited the original Auschwitz camp and then the much larger Auschwitz-Birkenau camp. The weather was grey and overcast and rained off and on, somehow suitable for the day.

At the end of the first part of the visit our guide quietly motioned us without words towards a smallish nondescript building looking a bit like a school from the 30s or 40s. But this was the surviving gas-chamber. I went in and found myself in this soul-destroying gloomy room. I observed the candles and the hole in the roof for the gas cylinder. But a few moments was enough - I had to get out of that hell. But in order to get out you had to pass by some of the (in)famous furnaces for the disposal of the bodies. Without any doubt I believe this was the worst place I have ever been. It haunted me for quite a time, and, looking back, its effect went deep.

Some people do not want to go to places like Auschwitz, and some who have been say it was terrible but that they are glad they went. I belong to the second group. For sometimes I wonder if we need to have our faces rubbed in it, as it were. Like most people, I find that the vast majority of the human race are good and kind. But I think that it's good to be reminded how bad we can be - if we can take it...

If we are to be the Church as the 21st century unfolds, if we are to offer the Good News to what seems to be a world that couldn't care less, one way of getting some fire in our bellies is by experiencing or coming close to the Bad News that our human race can inflict, and that so many in our world have had to endure, and still are.

"So where was your God at Auschwitz?" some ask, faced with this utter emptiness, a vacuum of humanity. And the nearest to an answer maybe is that our crucified humiliated God, Jesus, the Lamb, was there with them.

Fr Matthew



~~~~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday 26 January 2020) ~~~~



Response to Psalm **The Lord is my light and my help.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom  
And cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 8: 23 - 9:3 **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Corinthians 1: 10 - 13.17 **Gospel:** Matthew 4: 12-23

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### Father's News

#### NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday being 2<sup>nd</sup> February, it is celebrated as the Feast of the **Presentation of the Lord**, also known as **Candlemas**. Readers, Bidding Prayer writers etc. please note.

#### Quiz & Curry Night

St Brigid's Hall  
Friday 21 February 7.30pm  
Teams of 8 or come along and make up a team with others  
Licensed Bar  
Tickets (£8) are available after Masses or phone 2076 6318

**The Monday Group will meet on Monday 27 January 2pm at St Paul's. Tricia will speak to us about her South American trip last year**

#### The Acts of the Apostles

On Friday 31 January at 6.30pm in **St Brigid's Presbytery**. Come and join a group of friends as we pray through the Acts with the assistance of Canon Matthew. The next extract is Acts 4: 1 - 22. Everyone is welcome.

#### **Nursery Applications 2020 - 2021**

The application process for Nursery children born between 01/09/16 and 31/08/17 is now open. Applications need to be returned to the school by Monday 24 February. Applications are available on the School website and from the School Office. Contact [christthekingprm@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:christthekingprm@cardiff.gov.uk) or 2075 4787

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

### UPCOMING BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES

\* **St Teilo's (parish hall - upstairs, access at rear of church)**  
**Thursdays 6 & 13 February 7pm.**  
Please email Cathy & Mel if attending -  
[cathyhopkins@sky.com](mailto:cathyhopkins@sky.com)

### **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 10 - 12 weeks. The Food Bank is normally open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings and volunteers can normally find a convenient time to take the food there. If anyone would like to help, please contact Terry Jermyn (07939 263403 or [terryjermyn@gmail.com](mailto:terryjermyn@gmail.com))

Llanishen Baptist Church

Revelations present

their production of

The Little Mermaid

The YMCA Theatre

The Walk, Cardiff

Thursday 13 February 7.15pm

Friday 14 February 7.15pm

Saturday 15 February 3.15pm

All tickets £10

Enquiries - phone 2075 3033 or phone / text 07551 991100

### **The Year of the Word 2020**

The next Scripture Study Day at the Cornerstone, Cardiff is on Saturday 15 February 10am - 12 noon. The topic is "How the Old Testament helps us to understand the New Testament" by Fr Nick James. All are welcome.

### Christian Aid Week

**10 - 16 May**

The Christian Aid Week United Service will take place on Sunday 10 May 6pm at Christ the King.

### **Cardiff Churches Nightshelter for the Homeless**

\* Mondays: Grangetown Baptist Church, Clive Road (near Ikea)  
\* Tuesdays: Capel Salem, Market Road, Canton (near Chapter)  
\* Wednesdays: St Mary of the Angels RC Church Hall, Talbot Street (just off Kings Road, Canton)  
\* Thursdays: Calvary Baptist Church, 134 Cowbridge Road East, Canton (opposite Happy Gathering restaurant)  
\* Fridays: St Peter's RC Community Hall, St Peter's Street (off City Road, Roath)  
\* Saturdays: St German's Church Hall, Star Street, Adamsdown (off Newport Road)  
\* Sundays: 7th Day Adventist Church, 71 Cowbridge Road East Canton (close to Cathedral Road)  
To make a referral please contact Pastor Dave Pritchard (07976 515627). If you would be interested in helping please contact Fr Phelim O'Hare on [phelimohare@gmail.com](mailto:phelimohare@gmail.com) or 2241 1229

## Other events

### Table Top Sale

Saturday 22 February  
10.30am - 12 noon  
St Faith's Church, Morris Avenue  
Variety of stalls. Refreshments available. Disabled access at rear of Church.

## Other events

### **Board Games Evening**

Monday 3 February 7pm  
Monday 2 March 7pm  
St Faith's Church, Morris Avenue  
For more information call 2062 0838

### **National Justice & Peace Network**

The next open meeting of the National Justice & Peace Network is taking place in Bristol on Saturday 8 February 10.30am - 4pm at St Nicholas of Tolentino Parish Hall, Lawford's Gate, Bristol BS5 0RE. The theme will be 'Our Common Home'. Everyone is welcome. Tea and coffee is provided but please bring your own lunch.

### **Welsh National Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2020**

#### **July 19 – July 24**

Join the annual Welsh National Pilgrimage to Lourdes as we journey to the place with Our Lady under the title the Immaculate Conception appeared to St. Bernadette Soubirous. At the foot of the French Pyrenees, Lourdes has become a town synonymous with the apparition and with miraculous healings. Pilgrims from all round the world journey to this special place to seek the intercession of Our Blessed Mother. The Pilgrimage departs from Cardiff Airport by chartered flight. Transfers to and from Lourdes airport as well as full board accommodation are included in the price of the pilgrimage. Able bodied, sick, young people invited to join the pilgrimage. Young people can volunteer as part of the Welsh Youth to Lourdes to help care for sick pilgrims. For more information contact the pilgrimage director, Fran Mainwaring by emailing [welshnationalpilgrimage@gmail.com](mailto:welshnationalpilgrimage@gmail.com)

### My Life in the Lords

Tuesday 18 February 7.30pm at Llanishen Methodist Church. Baroness Anita Gale of Blaenrhondda is a Labour Party member of the House of Lords. She is the Shadow Minister for Women and Equalities and will be giving a short talk on her life in the Lords. There will be the opportunity to ask questions and tea & coffee will be served.

### **Spring Reflection**

Thursday 26 March 2.30pm  
Quiet Garden, Llanishen Methodist Church, Melbourne Road.

## Christ the King

### **Junior Club**

The Junior Club will return on Friday 31 January.

### **Petition Letters**

Letters for parishioners who have agreed to pray for those in the petition book are available on the table at the back of the church. Please take yours. Thank you.

### **LINK Christmas Greetings charity donation**

Thank you to all parishioners who included greetings in the Christmas edition of the LINK magazine and for your kind donations to our chosen charity this year, Friends of Velindre. Thanks to your generosity we were able to send off £225 to the charity.

### **Family Mass**

This Sunday 26 January is a Family Mass. If you would like your child to take part in a future Family Mass please contact Kath Liddington ([liddingtonk@talktalk.net](mailto:liddingtonk@talktalk.net)) or Elizabeth Taylor ([tayleat@gmail.com](mailto:tayleat@gmail.com))

***This Thursday (30 January) there will be no LIFT***

***Class. The next Tai Chi Class will be next Thursday 6 February 10.30 - 11.30am in Christ the King Parish Centre.***

### **Help for Flower Arrangers**

The "outgoing" flower group are once again appealing for someone to take over the leadership of the group to continue what has been a wonderfully successful... now retired small group of flower arrangers. We would reassure a new leader that we would continue to be of assistance when or indeed if we were needed. Please give this serious consideration.

## St Brigid's & St Pauls

### **Parish Advisory Council**

We have vacancies for three new members to join the PAC. Terms have been served, and we now seek replacements. The PAC meets on a Tuesday evening 7.30 - 9pm bi monthly in St Brigid's Hall. Discussed, are matters arising, ensuring the smooth running of St Brigid's & St Paul's. **YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!** Please consider becoming part of a team of like minded parishioners, serving God's house. Do you hear His call, please listen. Pick up a form to be found at the back of both churches, or speak to any member of the PAC. **The next PAC meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 January.** 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

**Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

|                         |                                                   |                                         |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Sat. 6pm C the K        | <b>Charles and Hannah Brice (Maria Al Haddad)</b> |                                         |
| Sun. 9am St Paul's      | <b>Brian Evans (Eileen)</b>                       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 9am C the K             | <b>Alun Dukes (B Dukes)</b>                       |                                         |
| 11am St Brigid's        | <b>Lorna Watermeyer</b>                           |                                         |
| 6pm St Brigid's         | <b>People of the Parish</b>                       |                                         |
| Mon. 9.30am St Brigid's | <b>Private Int</b>                                | St Angela Merici                        |
| Tues. 9.30am C the K    | <b>Maura Fox (Friends)</b>                        | St Thomas Aquinas                       |
| Wed. 9.30am St Paul's   | <b>Paula &amp; Rob Tunnicliffe (Daley)</b>        |                                         |
| Thurs. 9.30am C the K   | <b>Priscilla Quinn (L Barry)</b>                  |                                         |
| 7.30pm St Brigid's      | <b>Lorna Watermeyer</b>                           |                                         |
| Fri. 9.30am St Paul's   | <b>Jean Daley (Slowikowska)</b>                   | St John Bosco                           |
| Sat. 9.30am St Brigid's | <b>R.C.</b>                                       | St Brigid                               |

**Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup> Presentation of the Lord**

|                     |                                           |                          |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sat. 6pm C the K    | <b>Kathleen Rice (S Peat)</b>             |                          |
| Sun. 9am St Paul's  | <b>Lorna Watermeyer (Petersen)</b>        | Presentation of the Lord |
| 9am C the K         | <b>Matt and Mary Timmons (J Dartnell)</b> |                          |
| 11am St Brigid's    | <b>Thanksgiving (Daw)</b>                 |                          |
| 12.30pm St Brigid's | <b>Baptisms</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  
**Fairview Court**  
**Westminster Crescent**  
 who have received prayer cards in the last few days.

**Cycle of Prayer**

We continue to pray for the parishes and communities of our diocese.  
 This week for Blessed Sacrament, Rumney, parish priest Fr Brian Gray and  
 Sisters Marie de Monfort and Sister Maureen Davies SSJ, Parish Sisters.

**3 Churches  
 Parish Council Chairs**

**Sts Brigid & Paul**

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 mariathompson1@hotmail.co.uk

**Christ the King**

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*Mrs R Woodward*  
 2075 4787

**Corpus Christi High School**

*Headteacher*  
 Mr Patrick Brunnock  
 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*  
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 jimwin@hotmail.co.uk  
**Bereavement Support Group**  
 07594 217098

**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Christ the King**  
 Tuesday 10am - 1pm  
**St. Brigid's**  
 Thursday 9 - 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** £ 655.00  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 517.58  
**Total** £ 1172.58  
**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the King**  
**Gift Aid** £ 197.70  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 297.11  
**S/O weekly av.** £ 451.00  
**Total** £ 945.81

**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, Ann Brown, John Campbell, Mary Clarke,  
 Corey-Jay Coles, Terry Culbertson, Agnes Davies, Claire Doherty,  
 Win Drury, Sheila Ferriter, Emily, Jean Hill, Maria Hill, Caitriona Lovell,  
 Michael Mathews, Dominic Morgan, Sarah Morris, Brendan Murphy, Peter Murphy,  
 Audrey Nelson, 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.