

3 Churches News

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THE POWER OF IMAGES

"And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus"

I have spent some moments this week looking at a hundred year old photo. My sister has recently moved house and she was casually looking through a folder of photos she had from our dad, thinking they were all of staff and pupils of various schools where he taught. Then, among them she found two family photos. One was of my father's father's father, my great grandfather, David Jones and the other of his son Lewis Jones.

I was absolutely over the moon, because David Jones has probably consumed more of my time than any other individual on my family tree, especially in finding who his parents were - John and Mary Jones - and where they lived etc. Born in Carmarthenshire, he became one of the first policemen in Cardiff, then trained to be a Welsh Baptist Minister which he remained for the rest of his life, while also later opening a bookshop first in Bridgend then in the new Cardiff Market in the 1890s, and being a father to six. But I had never seen a picture of him, and suddenly there he was. I had felt that I know more *about* him than almost anyone else on my tree, but did not have a clue what he looked like. Now my eyes were opened.

In the Gospel today at the Transfiguration the eyes of the poor old Apostles were opened and they were given an almighty nudge - a nudge forward from the Almighty - in their ongoing discovery of who Jesus was and is, from them and for us. Not a photo, of course, but a blinding image of a light-filled Jesus, conversing with Moses and Elijah and affirmed by a voice from the clouds. They were to learn that the Person they were getting to know was, to put it mildly, rather more than they could have imagined.

Most of us probably have photos of loved ones around in our homes, especially if they are deceased. A picture somehow has the ability to convey so much of who a person is or was, and to trigger off our memories. Back in the early 80s, when I was at St Cuthbert's in the Docks - sorry, the Bay - a little elderly lady to whom I took Communion told me one day that the little fading black and white photo on the mantelpiece of her late husband was her most precious possession. Indeed, the silver frame was almost worn away from her polishing. Let's take care of *our* images of those close or important to us. They have the power to transport us, as the Apostles were transported that day on the mountain to the realms of the Almighty.

Fr Matthew



~~~~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent (Sunday 8 March 2020) ~~~~



Response to Psalm **May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**  
Gospel Acclamation: **Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:  
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 12: 1-4 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Timothy 1: 8-10 Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9  
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### Father's News

#### **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE**

Since last week most churches have increased guidelines regarding the situation.

So please accept the following precautions while it lasts:

- \* Remember to clean your hands as is being urged - especially if possible Eucharistic Ministers before Communion
- \* There will be no holy water at the church entrance
- \* We will suspend the sign of peace - a smile is good!
- \* Holy Communion will be under one kind only, not from the chalice. Please receive the sacred Host in your hand. Remember Holy Communion is completely valid under one kind only. Many thanks for your cooperation.

#### **LENTEN LANDMARKS**

##### **1. HEARTS ON FIRE**

If you wish to join a Lenten group, please get in touch with the contact direct as indicated in the list below. If you would like to attend at a time not covered, please contact Marie York, again as below:

- \* Mondays 7.30pm Tania Walsh (2061 1494 [tania.walsh@rocketmail.com](mailto:tania.walsh@rocketmail.com))
- \* Tuesdays 2pm Elizabeth Taylor (2075 1401 [tayleat@gmail.com](mailto:tayleat@gmail.com))
- \* Tuesdays 7.30pm Marie York (2068 9253 [gmy7@btinternet.com](mailto:gmy7@btinternet.com))
- \* Wednesdays 1.30pm Sheila Roberts (2065 7546 [sheila.m.roberts@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sheila.m.roberts@hotmail.co.uk))
- \* Thursdays 3.30pm David McLees (2075 9040 [mcleesfamily@btinternet.com](mailto:mcleesfamily@btinternet.com))

##### **2. STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

The Way of the Cross will precede Mass through Lent on Fridays at St Paul's & on Saturdays at St Brigid's

#### **3. DEANERY RECONCILIATION WEEK**

Details of the times and locations of Confessions in the deanery will follow.

#### **4. CHRISM MASS**

This will take place at 11am on Wednesday 8 April at the Cathedral.

#### **5. PUBLICATIONS**

A free leaflet entitled "Prayer and Almsgiving" is from the Archdiocese.

#### **ARCHBISHOP PETER SMITH**

Please remember our former Archbishop, Peter Smith, in your prayers as he is now suffering from terminal cancer. Present Archbishop of Southwark John Wilson writes "Please keep Archbishop Peter, and his family and friends, in your prayers at this time. Please also sustain the prayers in your parishes and ask members of your community to pray for him. In himself, Archbishop Peter is completely at peace and very grateful for all the messages of prayer and support."

#### **Circle of Friends**

The next Circle of Friends meeting will be held on Monday 9 March at the usual venue - The Three Arches at 7.30pm. New members are very welcome. If you're interested speak with Sue Peat or Celia Bailey.

#### **The next baptism preparation course:**

St Philip Evans, Llanedeyrn (Small Hall behind Church) - Mondays 16 & 23 March 7.30pm  
Please email Caroline if attending - [caroline.grennan@ntlworld.com](mailto:caroline.grennan@ntlworld.com)

#### **Easter Music Practice**

Music practice for Easter will start shortly. For queries, contact Elizabeth Taylor on [tayleat@gmail.com](mailto:tayleat@gmail.com) or Kath Liddington on [liddingtonk@talktalk.net](mailto:liddingtonk@talktalk.net). We would love to see as many as possible from all three Churches joining the singing group for the Easter Masses. The rehearsals will be held in Christ the King Parish Centre (moving to CTK Church once the renovations are complete.)

Times and dates are:

- Saturday 14 March 10am
- Saturday 21 March 10am
- Saturday 28 March 10am
- Saturday 4 April 10am

#### **Holy Week Passover Meal**

This will be held on the Tuesday of Holy Week (7 April) at 7.30pm in St Brigid's Hall. The evening begins with a short service incorporating symbolic food and prayers followed by a 3 Course Dinner (catering by Spiro, vegetarian option available). Tickets, with payment please (£20 - which includes wine or soft drinks) are available after Masses or from 2076 6318. For catering purposes tickets need to be purchased by Sunday 29 March and, unfortunately, we will be unable to give a refund on any cancellation received after that date.

#### **UCM News**

Members of the UCM will be selling tickets after Mass for their Welsh Lunch which will take place next Saturday 14 March. The tickets cost £6 with £2 for children to be paid on the door.

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

## YOUR invitation to a 'Tale of Two Stories'

Friday 20 March, 7:15 - 9pm,  
St Brigid's Hall

Calling people of all ages and of any faith or none...

If you are curious about initiating or enhancing your relationship with God then you are welcome to attend this first of four seasonal events, each with a difference. Two people from inside and outside the Parishes. One young (Emelyne). One middle-aged (Chris). Ex-St.David's College and ex-MOD. From Ffald y Brenin to Africa - discover their faith journey and a reflective tool to potentially inspire yours.

**RSVP: 18 March**

[philburkhard@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:philburkhard@hotmail.co.uk) /  
07816 756 509.

### ***The Quiet Garden***

There will be an Easter Garden, made by children from Coed Glas Primary School, from 5 April and during Holy Week.

Also, a Spring Reflection will take place on the theme of 'Awareness' on Thursday 26 March 2 for 2.30pm. A half hour of prayer and silence. Tea and coffee served from 2pm. The Quiet Garden is located by Llanishen Methodist Church.

### Wales & The Marches Catholic History Society

Sunday 15 March 2.45pm at the Cardiff University Catholic Chaplaincy, rear of Nazareth House.

"Neath Abbey in the World of Western Monasticism" by Bill Zajac (Swansea Branch of The Historical Association)  
All are welcome

## **Other events**

### **Jesus Christ Superstar**

The events of Holy Week are told entirely through song in this iconic 1970s rock musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice. Kinetic School of Performing Arts invites you to their production during Holy Week, 7 - 9 April 2.30 / 7.30pm at The Atrium Theatre, University of South Wales. Tickets: £14/12 available at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/kinetictheatrearts](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/kinetictheatrearts) or email [Kinetictheatrearts@live.co.uk](mailto:Kinetictheatrearts@live.co.uk) to reserve tickets.

## **Christ the King**

### **Church Renovations Update**

After some technical difficulties which have extended the contract period, the renovation works are approaching completion. It is programmed for the works to be completed towards the end of next week. There will be some additional works such as the audio works and the refinishing of the Sanctuary floor which will follow on, ready for us to reoccupy the church for the weekend of 21/22 March. The cleaning groups intend to have a special cleaning session on Wednesday 18 March, after which the church fittings can be brought back in from the container to get everything ready for the weekend services. A further update with firm dates for the cleaning and refitting the Church will be given next weekend, when volunteers will be needed.

### **CAFOD**

Please return your CAFOD Family Fast Day envelopes to Church this weekend or ASAP. Thank you

***This Thursday (12 March) there will be a LIFT Class.***

***The next Tai Chi Class will be on Thursday 19 March 10.30 - 11.30am in CTK Parish Centre.***

**This year's Walk With Me For Lent prayer booklets are available in the porch priced £1.**

### **Easter LINK**

Please send any contributions for this next edition of LINK to Cherime [mark.cherime@talktalk.net](mailto:mark.cherime@talktalk.net) or Jane [j.v.rendle@talk21.com](mailto:j.v.rendle@talk21.com) as soon as possible. Items with an Easter theme are especially welcome!

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

### **CAFOD Family Fast Day - St Brigid's**

Please return your CAFOD Family Fast Day envelopes this weekend. If you did not get an envelope last weekend they are available at services this weekend. Parishioners are also asked to complete the gift aid slip on the envelopes.

### **Red Box Holders St Paul's Parish**

The Spring magazines are now available for collection at the back of the Church. Thank you for your continued support - Karen

**Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

|        |        |             |                                                                       |                                |
|--------|--------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sat.   | 6pm    | C the K     | <b>Hannah &amp; Jim McShane Golden Wedding Anniversary (M Murphy)</b> |                                |
| Sun.   | 9am    | St Paul's   | <b>Adele Pancera</b>                                                  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent |
|        | 9am    | C the K     | <b>Harry and Ann Norris (K Liddington)</b>                            |                                |
|        | 11am   | St Brigid's | <b>David Norris</b>                                                   |                                |
|        | 6pm    | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parishes</b>                                         |                                |
| Mon.   | 9.30am | St Brigid's | <b>Christine Joseph (Daley)</b>                                       | St Frances of Rome             |
| Tues.  | 9.30am | C the K     | <b>Deceased members of Dancey Family</b>                              |                                |
| Wed.   | 9.30am | St Paul's   | <b>Holy Father's Intentions</b>                                       |                                |
| Thurs. | 9.30am | C the K     | <b>William &amp; Charles Skinner (M &amp; T Pinnell)</b>              |                                |
|        | 7.30pm | St Brigid's | <b>Rod &amp; Anna Forrest (Sadka)</b>                                 |                                |
| Fri.   | 9am    | St Paul's   | <b>Stations of the Cross</b>                                          |                                |
|        | 9.30am | St Paul's   | <b>Private Int (Martin)</b>                                           |                                |
| Sat.   | 9am    | St Brigid's | <b>Stations of the Cross</b>                                          |                                |
|        | 9.30am | St Brigid's | <b>Available</b>                                                      |                                |

**Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

|      |         |             |                                                                               |                                |
|------|---------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sat. | 6pm     | C the K     | <b>Mary Taylor (Taylor Family)</b>                                            |                                |
| Sun. | 9am     | St Paul's   | <b>People of the Parish</b>                                                   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent |
|      | 9am     | C the K     | <b>Deceased members of the Harrington and Graham Families (Graham Family)</b> |                                |
|      | 11am    | St Brigid's | <b>Ann Ockleston</b>                                                          |                                |
|      | 12.30pm | St Brigid's | <b>Baptism</b>                                                                |                                |
|      | 6pm     | St Brigid's | <b>Available</b>                                                              |                                |

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**Praying for our Neighbours**

Please remember in your prayers this week our neighbours in  
**St Edeyrn's Road & St Edeyrn's Close**  
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 the diocese is praying for St Cadoc's parish, Llanrumney, parish priest Fr Brian Gray, St Cadoc's Primary School and St John's College.

**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

**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, Michael Porter, John Reardon, Claire Richards,  
Anne Roach, Adela Rogers, Shaun Stone, Genoveva Urtiaga, Anne Wake, Gemma Ward,  
Emma Warlow, Dorothy Warren & Pat Watkins.

**Last Week's Collection**

**Sts. Brigid & Paul**  
**Gift Aid** £ 793.20  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 543.40  
**Total** £ 1336.60  
**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the King**  
**Gift Aid** £ 189.95  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 322.42  
**S/O weekly av.** £ 439.75  
**Total** £ 952.12