

# 3 CHURCHES NEWS

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*Corona Virus – Help a Parishioner If you are well and able to do so, please think about offering help to our older and more vulnerable parishioners who may need help and assistance during this uncertain time.*

## PARISH LIFE

In line with the instructions of the Bishops of England and Wales, and of our own Archbishop, the following will apply in our 3 Churches from March 20<sup>th</sup> until further notice:

- **Mass** - The last public Mass for the present will be at St Paul's 9.30 Friday 20 March. After that the public celebration of Mass will cease. The obligation to attend is removed until further notice. Fr Andy and I will celebrate Mass in private for intentions notified in our online newsletter.
- **Churches** - St Brigid's Church will remain open from approx. 8.15am until dusk for prayer and reflection. At present it is not possible for our other two churches to be open.
- **Baptisms** - are deferred until such time as public health advice that congregations may gather is received.
- **Confessions** - may be heard on request with distancing requirements observed.
- **First Confession and Communion** and **Confirmation** - These programmes and celebrations have been postponed until further notice.
- **Marriages** - for this year have already been postponed.
- **Funerals** - can only take place at the graveside or crematorium subject to the authorities' guidelines. Arrangements may be made for a Memorial Mass at a later date.

The Bishops' guidelines will be reviewed on 25<sup>th</sup> March.

- **Communications** - Like everyone else, Fr Andy and I will be at base most of the time. We hope to maintain the newsletter in some form. If you or someone you know would like to receive it by email, let editor Luke know at [luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk)
- **Christ the King Parish Office** - Over the coming weeks it is anticipated that the office will be open less regularly than usual. Phone messages will be checked, but whenever possible please can any messages or enquiries be sent via email – [llanishen@rcadc.org](mailto:llanishen@rcadc.org) Thank you.
- Check out also my **blog** at [thecanonsstall.blogspot.com](http://thecanonsstall.blogspot.com)
- **Finance** - If you do not already do so, please consider supporting the ongoing work and life of your parish with a bank standing order. More details to follow.

## **STREAMED MASSES**

There are a number of international resources for viewing the Mass online:

**Eternal Word Television Network** – broadcasts daily Mass at 12 noon

**Shalom World TV** – daily mass at 9.00am & 9.00pm

**ChurchServicesTV** – livestream from churches around the world

Locally within the Diocese the following parishes will be live streaming:

**St. Mary's, Canton** – stream is located on their homepage, along with a daily schedule

[All Saints Parish, Newport](#) – stream is located on their homepage, along with a daily schedule

**Our Lady & St. Illtyd, Llantwit Major** – [see website for Mass schedule](#). Stream will be via Facebook .. [click here for stream](#)

## **PRAYER RESOURCES**

To help us benefit from Spiritual Communion at home, go to this site of the Bishops and if possible print the leaflet. [www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/03/No-Mass-A4.pdf](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/03/No-Mass-A4.pdf)

*The Archbishop has offered the following resources for our prayer and reflection*

## **POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER TO MARY DURING THE PANDEMIC**

O Mary, you shine continuously along our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you.

Health of the Sick, who at the Cross were near to the pain of Jesus, Keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need. We trust that you will provide for those needs so that, as at Cana of Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial.

Help us. Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us, He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and took up our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas. We who are put to the test

And deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

*Pope Francis*

## **A CORONAVIRUS PRAYER**

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." Come to our aid now, that we may experience your healing love.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us.

## 3 Churches

### **Richard Rohr: Love Alone Overcomes Fear**

It is shocking to think how much the world has changed in such a brief time... I'm trying to take in psychologically, spiritually, and personally, what is God trying to say? When I use that phrase, I'm not saying that God causes suffering to teach us good things. But God does use everything, and if God wanted us to experience global solidarity, I can't think of a better way. We all have access to this suffering, and it bypasses race, gender, religion, and nation.

We are in the midst of a highly teachable moment. There's no doubt that this period will be referred to for the rest of our lifetimes. We have a chance to go deep, and to go broad. Globally, we're in this together. Depth is being forced on us by great suffering, which as I like to say, always leads to great love.

But for God to reach us, we have to allow suffering to wound us. Now is no time for an academic solidarity with the world. Real solidarity needs to be felt and suffered. That's the real meaning of the word "suffer" - to allow someone else's pain to influence us in a real way. We need to move beyond our own personal feelings and take in the whole. This I must say is one of the gifts of television: we can turn it on and see how people in countries other than our own are hurting. What is going to happen to those living in isolated places or those who don't have health care? Imagine the fragility of the most marginalised, of people in prisons, the homeless, or even the people in necessary services, such as ambulance drivers, nurses, and doctors, risking their lives to keep society together? Our feelings of urgency and devastation are not exaggeration: they are responding to the real human situation.

We're not pushing the panic button - we are the panic button. And we have to allow these feelings, and invite God's presence to hold and sustain us in times of collective prayer and lament.

I hope this experience will force our attention outwards to the suffering of the most vulnerable. Love always means going beyond yourself to otherness. It takes two. There has to be a lover and the beloved. We must be stretched to an encounter with otherness, and only then do we know it's love. Love alone overcomes fear and is the true foundation that lasts (*1 Corinthians 13:13*).

### Prayer for our Community

O Great Love, thank you for living and loving in us and through us.  
May all that we do flow from our deep connection with you and all beings.  
Help us become a community that vulnerably shares other's burdens and the weight of glory.  
Listen to our heart's longings for the healing of our world  
[Please add your own intentions] ...  
Knowing you are hearing us better than we are speaking,  
we offer these prayers in all the Holy Name of God, Amen.

### **R.I.P.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Ryan Moore** (29), son of Julie and Steve Crothers. Remember all family and friends in your prayers. His funeral will take place in private, with a possible Memorial Mass later. Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord.

### **EASTER LINK**

In light of the health emergency we are all facing we have taken the decision to not go ahead with producing LINK for Easter. We hope that you will agree with us that it is the sensible thing to do in these very uncertain times.

**St Brigid's &  
St Pauls**

### CAFOD

Please put any outstanding CAFOD family fast day envelopes in the post direct to CAFOD using the pre-paid envelopes.

**The Monday Group will not be meeting on 23 March at St Paul's**

### Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

- Sun. **People of the Parish**  
**Thomas Anthony Sherry: Ryan Moore** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent
- Mon. **John Sweetnam (Evans)**
- Tues. **Cath Broad (M & T Pinnell)**
- Wed. **Jim & Eileen Manley** The Annunciation
- Thurs. **William Margaret Lavery (A McDevitt);**  
**Bob Richards (Daw)**
- Fri. **Claire Hawes**
- Sat. **Michael Hanley (M Murphy)**

Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

Sun. **People of the Parish**  
**Lorna Watermeyer (L & M Halloran);**  
**Joan Cowley (Daw)**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent



**Praying for our Neighbours**

Please remember in your prayers this week our neighbours in  
**Cyncoed Road**

who have received prayer cards in the last few days.

*\* Note - prayer card delivery is being suspended until further notice*

**Cycle of Prayer**

We continue to pray for the parishes and communities of our diocese.

This week prayer is for St John Lloyd, Trowbridge, parish priest Fr Brian Gray and St John Lloyd Primary and St Illtyd's High School.

**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 Urriaga, Anne Wake, Gemma Ward,  
Emma Warlow, Dorothy Warren & Pat Watkins.