

# 3 Churches News

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## A MEANINGFUL MESS

Trust me to get it the wrong way around! Normally you throw water to put out fire, but not me... On Wednesday, St Brigid's hosted a delightful Agape or Fellowship Meal, as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity this year. The evening was planned and prepared by our reps on Churches Together and members of St Brigid's/St Paul's Social Group.



On arriving, people were greeted by tea light candles burning on the tables which were laid out in one large rectangle. The simple meal - of soup, bread, cheese and fruit, and coffee or tea and biscuits – was interspersed with readings from scripture, and the writings of members of the Iona Community, and Antony de Mello. It was towards the end of the meal that I accidentally knocked over half a glass of water which duly soaked the surrounding cloths and serviettes. Not content with that, some minutes later my sheet of paper with the order for the evening strayed too close to a tea light and went up in flames. Red-faced, I ousted it with whatever was at hand – because there was no water left in my glass!

As you can imagine, wags made various comments –one of which was a question as to when the earth and air were going to show up... but I was wondering later whether the Lord was trying to tell me something about Christian Unity?! This is as far as I got...

What binds us together, as St Paul would say, is "One Lord, one faith, one Baptism". The great sacrament of Baptism is truly a unifying gift from God. Water is a universal symbol of life – you are dead without it, and we, like most creatures are mostly made of it – and of cleansing. So my tipped water could be a reminder of Baptism, in which case my fire would be, of course, Confirmation, with the fire of the Holy Spirit. But fire can also be destructive, as we Christians have indeed been so often to each other over the centuries. End result – a charred sodden mess!

So - 'Lord, pour out the life giving and cleansing waters of your love over your people in all the Churches, and fan into a flame the gift of your Holy Spirit within us all. May our zeal be turned to the building of *your* Kingdom and not to the knocking down of other peoples'.

Amen



Response to Psalm(18) **Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life**



Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia! The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives. Alleluia!**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Nehemiah 8: 22-6. 8-10 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1<sup>st</sup> Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12: 12-30 Gospel: Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

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### UNITY WEEK

For Christians throughout the world 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> January is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Since



Vatican II in the 1960s the Catholic Church too has been committed to this annual focus of the ecumenical project. Here in Llanishen and district our 3 Churches are fully involved. The central event locally is the **Unity Service** this Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm at Llanishen. Parish reps note that the regular Churches Together meeting is also this Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January at Llanishen Baptist Church.

### PEACE CANDLE

Many thanks to the people of **St Paul's** who signed up to welcome our Peace Candle in your homes. The candle will pass to **St Brigid's** next weekend for three weeks, so we need 21 homes for it to visit on its pilgrimage of peace around our 3 Churches. Please sign up at the back of the Church. Light it for an hour – pray, think, read, discuss...

### FAITH MATTERS

At the end of last year we set up a 3 Churches task group to look at our outreach to inactive Catholics, and other groups. The **Christmas Day leaflet** was a first outcome, one which will be repeated at Easter. It has now been decided to explore a programme called "**Landings**" for the welcoming of returning Catholics. There will be an information evening on this in March - watch this space. Meanwhile the Group is fully supporting the forthcoming second **Faith Sharing** afternoon at St Brigid's Hall on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm.



### CHURCHES ON THE WEB

Don't forget that you can find us on the web at [www.3churches.org](http://www.3churches.org) or <http://thecanonsstall.blogspot.com> Fr Matthew's blog is one year old this Sunday! 8-12% of visitors are from the USA...

### CAFOD HAITI EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

The Disasters Emergency Committee of which CAFOD is a member have launched an emergency appeal to relieve the suffering of the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. As we have seen on our television screens the situation in this country is desperate and people are in dire need of our assistance. **Consequently the 3 Churches United for Justice & Peace Group have organised a collection after all Masses in the 3 churches this weekend for this Cafod appeal. Your gift can make a difference of life or death to many victims. Please give generously.** If you are a taxpayer please use the Gift Aid envelopes which will be available for your donation since CAFOD will then be able to claim the additional tax.

*Admission to Christ the King Catholic Primary School -September 2010*

Parents of children **born between Sept.2005-August 2006**, who would like them to attend Christ the King Catholic Primary School in Reception Class next year, are advised that all application forms must be returned by January 31<sup>st</sup> 2010.

### CWL

The next C.W.L. monthly meeting will take place on Wednesday, 27 January at St. Paul's at 7.30pm. Sue will be telling us about the National Conference and A.G.M in

Torquay last November. If you haven't paid your subs., please do so at this meeting.

*Heath Hospital Lourdes Group*

### COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 30 JANUARY 2010

Barcelo Angel Hotel

10.00am till 12.00 noon

COFFEE & SLICE OF CAKE

Stalls - demonstrations - Raffle

Tickets £5.00p

(AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR)

Contact: Dr Liz Edwards

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### Music for a Winter's Evening

An evening of popular vocal and instrumental music including songs from the shows, opera extracts, and instrumental solos. The concert takes place on Saturday 30 January at St Mark's Church, Gabalfa, Cardiff, 7:30pm. Tickets are £7.50 and are available from *Books Plus* (University Hospital of Wales concourse) or by calling (029) 2074 6294.

### St. Brigid's Eve Celebration

This celebration will take place at Ty Croeso Centre on 31 January from 7-9pm. There will be a service to commemorate Brigid– a woman of peace, hospitality and of the earth; it will include some of the celtic rituals associated with St. Brigid: ie making of St. Brigid's cross; and the placing of the healing cloth etc. This service heralds the coming of Spring and the first signs of new life. Booking form not necessary but if you would like to attend please phone 01633 867 317 by 25 January 2010. For more information visit:

[www.tycroesocentre.co.uk](http://www.tycroesocentre.co.uk)





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### **Charismatic Praise Mass**

The diocesan service team will be organising their next Catholic Charismatic Praise Mass on Thursday 4 February at 7pm in St Mary's RC Church, Chepstow. For more information please visit: [www.stmarysrchepstow.org.uk](http://www.stmarysrchepstow.org.uk)

### **Curry Night**

A curry night with a fun quiz will be held on Saturday 13 February in St Brigid's Hall. More details and tickets available next weekend.

### **The Preferential Option for the Poor-**

#### **What does this mean in practice?**

With talks from:

Father Rob Esdaile

Christine Allen-

Executive Director of Progressio

*Plus workshops*

@ Llantarnam Abbey

Cwmbran

13 March 2010 | 10am-4pm

Suggested Donation £5

Please bring own sandwiches

For more information:

Call (029) 2045 3360

Email: [southwales@cafod.org.uk](mailto:southwales@cafod.org.uk)

## Christ the King

### **Church Cleaning:**

Group 6

### **Altar Linen**

January- Valerie Graham

### **Next week-end:**

Traidcraft and Quidenham Cards on sale after all Masses in the new venue, the Presbytery. Please pop over and have a browse, you will be most welcome.

### **PAC AGM**

Sunday 31 January at 3pm.  
Reports from Parish groups needed by this Sunday 24 January to be included in AGM Report booklet.

### **Parish Centre Refurbishment Underway**

Preparatory work for the Parish Centre refurbishment will commence during this week with the erection of site fencing etc. All Parishioners are reminded that whilst the construction site will be totally separated from the church there will still be a common access point from the road and care should be taken when entering the car-park particularly on weekdays when the Contractor will be working. The Parish Centre is now totally out of bounds as will be the construction site when the fencing has been erected. The number of car-parking spaces will be severely reduced whilst the building work is underway. The planned programme for the work is 6 months and it is anticipated it will be finished by the end of July. As before, any questions to Bernard Adshead (2076 2189)

## St Brigid's & St Paul's

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

Nominations are invited to serve on *St Brigid's & St Paul's PAC*

Currently there are 4 vacancies to be filled.

### **Closing date for nominations**

**TODAY, SUNDAY 24 January**

Meetings are held approximately 6 times per year and involve consideration of all aspects of parish life.

Membership is open to all members of the parish community.

***Nomination forms available at the back of both churches***

### **ST BRIGID**

1<sup>st</sup> February is the feast of St Brigid. To mark the feast, Mass will be at 7.30pm, and include prayers and blessing at her statue in the Church.



### **Liturgy Group**

The next meeting is on Wednesday, 27 January at 7.30pm in the Hall. Please come along if you have an interest in Liturgy and would like to contribute in any way especially with regards to Lent and Holy Week.

### **Charismatic Prayer Group**

Just to let you know, St. Brigid's runs a Catholic Charismatic Prayer group with praise and worship at 7:15 pm every Sunday.

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

We would like to thank those parishioners who have agreed to offer services as catechists. We are now progressing with planning and preparation for the season of Lent and Mother's Day and the additional help is very welcome.

In order to formalise our records and obtain consent for children's church activities, use of photographs for church news and display purposes, we are issuing children attending liturgy with a form which requires completion by a parent or guardian. We would be grateful if these could be returned as soon as possible to one of the catechists.



**Send your newsletter items to:**  
**luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk** and if you would like to be included on the mailing list to receive an e-version of this newsletter, please contact the same address.

**Sunday January 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat. 6pm	St Paul's	<b>Len Perry</b>	
6.30pm	C the K	<b>Special Intention- K (Tess Evans)</b>	
Sun. 8.30am	C the K	<b>John Browne RIP (McDevitt Family)</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
9am	St Paul's	<b>Brian Evans (Eileen)</b>	
10.30am	St Brigid's	<b>Ruth and Tony Fox</b>	
10.30am	C the K	<b>Pat Thomas RIP (D &amp; P Donovan)</b>	
6pm	St Brigid's	<b>People of the Parish</b>	
Mon. 9.30am	St Brigid's	<b>Michael John Carey; Caryl Harrison</b>	Conversion of St Paul
9.30am	C the K	<b>Pat Thomas (Terry Thomas)</b>	
Tues. 9.30am	St Brigid's	<b>Ellen Walsh (Byard)</b>	Sts Timothy & Titus
9.30am	C the K	<b>Peter Murphy (Murphy Family)</b>	
Wed. 9.30am	St Paul's	<b>Maisie &amp; Tom Martin</b>	St Angela Merici
7.30pm	C the K	<b>Pat Brown (Tess Evans)</b>	
Thurs. 9.30am	C the K	<b>Joe Brooks (Brooks/Street Families)</b>	St Thomas Aquinas
7.30pm	St Brigid's	<b>Bevan Family Int.</b>	
Fri. 9.30am	St Paul's	<b>Timothy Collins</b>	
9:30am	C the K	<b>Nick Jones RIP (Tess Evans)</b>	
Sat. 9.30am	St Brigid's	<b>Sarah Tierney</b>	

**Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup> 2010 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat. 6pm	St Paul's	<b>Margaret McDowell</b>	
6.30pm	C the K	<b>Pat Thomas (P &amp; J Minto)</b>	
Sun. 8.30am	C the K	<b>Raye Evans (Friends)</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
9am	St Paul's	<b>Holy Souls</b>	
10.30am	St Brigid's	<b>Selsig Davies (B Donovan)</b>	
10.30am	C the K	<b>Baptism: Ellen Amanda O'Brien Int. Norah &amp; Ray Kennedy (Friends)</b>	
6pm	St Brigid's	<b>People of the Parish</b>	

Please send your newsletter items to: [luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk) by Wednesday afternoon.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

At Christ the King Morning and Evening Prayer are celebrated 15 minutes before weekday Masses.

**ROSARY**

The Rosary is prayed at St Brigid and St Paul before all weekday Masses.

**PRAYERS**

*Please remember the following in your prayers, who are unwell at this time:*

Joan and Keith Allen, Mary Amugan, Pearl Barry, Judy Castro, Bernadette Charles, Sian Clark, Mrs. Crock, Terry Culbertson, Peggy Dunne, Brenda Dunphy, Emily, Ann Evans, Kathleen Harvey, Angela Jackson, Joan Jansen, Canon Ieuan Wyn Jones, Caitriona Lovell, Katrina Meades, Maureen O'Driscoll, Robert Morgan, Kieran Ollin, Christine Ranaldo, Pat Rayson, Agnes Richardson, Ron Smith, Regina Vickery, Helen W & Liz Ward.



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**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Christ the King**  
Tuesday 10am-3pm  
Wednesday 8-9pm  
**St. Paul's**  
Wednesday 10am-3pm  
**St. Brigid's**  
Thursday 10am-3pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**St Brigid's**  
Saturday 10-10.30  
**St Paul's**  
Saturday 5.30pm.  
**Christ the King**  
Saturday 5.45-6.15pm

**Last Week's Collection**

**Sts. Brigid & Paul**  
**Gift Aid** £ 540.50  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 684.86  
**Total** £ 1225.36

**Christ the King**  
**Gift Aid** £ 403.91  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 479.33  
**Total** £ 883.24