

3 Churches News

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A CHANGE OF HEART

The call of Lent is the call to change, to repent, to let go – a change of heart or “metanoia”. It is a time to prepare for our celebration of the saving events that we call the Paschal Mystery – the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Saviour. At the heart, then of Lent must be a serious reflection on where we are on our Christian journey.

The priest's prayer of absolution in Reconciliation begins “God the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son, has reconciled the world to himself, and has sent the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins.” The second half continues: “Through the ministry of the Church, may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”.

All of us should try to celebrate this great Sacrament of forgiveness during Lent. This week our 3 Churches **Reconciliation or Penitential Service on Wednesday 2 April** takes place during the weekly “Light Is On” time, 7-8pm at Christ the King.

Note there just for this one week in Lent, will be **no Confessions at St Brigid's** Wednesday evening and **Wednesday Mass at Christ the King** will be at 9.30am.

Here is a prayer for use at Mass and elsewhere on this the Fourth Sunday of Lent

Lord Jesus,

you came to open the eyes of the blind.

*Open our eyes to all that you seek to show us,
and open our hearts and minds to understand God's will.*

*Heal us of our own greyness and melancholy
and everything that gets in the way of the joy of the Gospel.*

*Kindle anew the light of your love within us
so that we may joyfully live out your message in our everyday lives -
humbly and generously loving our neighbour;
and seeking justice for all God's people.*

Amen



Response to Psalm **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want**
Gospel Acclamation: **Glory to you, O Christ, you are the word of God! I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
Anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the word of God**



1st Reading: Samuel 16: 1. 6-7. 10-13 2nd Reading: Ephesians 5: 8-14 Gospel: John 9: 1-41

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Father's News

LENT

Confession This week "The Light is On" is at our Penitential Service Christ the King Wednesday 7pm (see front page).

Mass Why not attend one more Mass each week?

Stations of the Cross The Way of the Cross will be followed each Friday at St Paul's and Saturday at St Brigid's, both at 9.00am before Mass. There will be a special Stations of Palm Sunday afternoon at Christ the King. Come, and follow Jesus with us?

LOURDES

The Welsh national Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year takes place 27 July – 1 August. Enquiries Joe Walsh Tours tel. 029 2000 3865 or email info@joewalstours.co.uk Sick/disabled please contact Ros Welsh 01639 793142 or Rosalind.welsh@ntlworld.com Volunteers to help with the sick please contact Fr Kevin Paine 01495 243304 or catholicchurch@btinternet.com

CELEBRATE WALES

...will be at Corpus Christi School Saturday-Sunday 3-4 May. Put it in your diary now. More info to follow.

The next Baptism Preparation course starts on Tuesday 1 April at 7.30pm. If you would like to attend, contact Brigid Lee andylee63@talktalk.net



Stations of the Cross Procession

Through the streets of Cardiff on Saturday 12 April at 11am– meet at the front steps of the Cornerstone, opposite St David's Cathedral CF10 2SF. Followed by refreshments in the Cornerstone.

Advance Notice

The 2014 Holy Land Pilgrimage Final Meeting will be held at 7.30pm in St Brigid's Hall on Monday 28 April. All pilgrims are asked to attend to receive their Pilgrimage, Flight and Travel Information. Any queries ring Billy (2059 3555)

PALM SUNDAY FILM

Mel Gibson's 'The Passion of the Christ' will be shown at St Brigid's Hall on Palm Sunday (13 April) at 7.30pm. Please come along to see this film (no tickets) as a lead into Holy Week.

Passover Meal

Our Passover Meal will be held on Tuesday 15 April (Tuesday of Holy Week) at 7.30 in St Brigid's Hall. The evening begins with symbolic food and prayers followed by a 3 course dinner (*catering by Spiro*) including wine. Tickets are now available (£17.50) after Mass or please telephone 2076 6318. Please see poster for further details.

GOOD FRIDAY LENTEN LUNCH

A Lenten Lunch (bread & soup) will be held between 12.30pm and 1.30pm in St Brigid's Hall. All are invited to come along at any time during the hour and have a simple lunch with others. Adults £1.50 and children 50p - proceeds for Fr Tim Greenway's Mission in India.

Deceased Members of the 3 Churches

The 9.30 mass at Christ the King on Tuesday (1 April) will be offered for deceased members of the 3 churches. This month we remember particularly those who died in January and their families and friends.

CWL

The next C.W.L. meeting will take place on Monday 31 March at St. Paul's. Before the meeting we will meet in the church for Stations of the Cross which will begin at 2pm. The monthly charity coffee morning will take place after the 09.30 mass at St. Paul's on Friday, 4 April. Proceeds will be for our local Charity-of-the-year: The Cornerstone at St. David's.

Paradise Run

The Christ the King and St. Faith's Paradise Run Team, who go out monthly for the Rainbow of Hope with food and hot drinks, would be very grateful for donations of men's or women's trainers - used but in reasonable condition. Please contact Sheila Drayton or Frances Ballin to collect or deliver your donations. Many thanks. Sheila: 2075 4879 Frances: 2076 5077

Wales and the Marches Catholic History Society

Spring Talks
What: 'Plant Mair; Welsh Devotion to Mary – an Historical Survey
Speaker: Peter Hourahane
When: Sunday 6 April at 3pm
Where St David's Sixth Form College, Tygwyn Rd., Cardiff
All are welcome to this free event

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Huggard Centre for the Homeless (formerly CASH)

A big thank you to those who supported the 'Afternoon Tea with Fair Trade' on Thursday 20 March. A total of £1112.20 was raised and has been passed on to the Centre to help with their work with the homeless.

Many thanks again for your support. For further information please contact Celia Bailey 2075 2413.

Christ the King

Altar Linen

March: Valerie Graham

Mass Changes & Penitential Service

Please note that Mass on Wednesday will take place at 9.30am as the Penitential Service takes place at Christ the King at 7pm. Refreshments will be served in the hall following the service. Everyone is very welcome.

Phone a Friend

The Christ the King 'Phone a Friend' links a small team, based at the Parish Centre, with parishioners who might be rather tied to the house, be lonely or just enjoy a good chat. The service operates every Tuesday morning between 10.30am and 12.30. Interested? Want to find out more? Then please phone us on Tuesday or at any time to the answer phone service on 2075 2674

STAPLING FOR LINK

Stapling for the LINK will take place on Friday 11 April after morning Mass.

Stations of the Cross, Christ the King | Sunday 13 April at 3.30 pm

On this final Sunday before Easter, a special Stations of the Cross will be held, to be led by the children and young people. The children and youth will undertake the readings. Other activities are planned for the children. We hope to make this a very special Stations of the Cross, with the involvement of whole families. If any children or young people would like to take part, please put your name on the list on the table at the back of the church or contact Ami or Kath Liddington at: liddingtonk@talktalk.net (telephone 2062 7794) or Esther Mahoney at: esther.milardi@btinternet.com. All are very welcome from our 3 Churches.

EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION

There will be a collection for Easter flowers after all Masses on the weekend of the 5/6 April. Thank you for your generosity

EASTER SUNDAY FAMILY MASS

The 10.30am Mass on Easter Sunday will be a Family Mass. If any children or young people would like to take part contact Marie O'Brien 2075 3771, email marie.peter@btinternet.com or leave your name and contact details on the list at the back of the church

Poems and a Glass

Poems and a glass takes place this Sunday 30 March in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm.

Sandwich making for the homeless

Sandwich making for the homeless will take place at Christ the King Parish Centre on Monday 31 March at 1.15pm. Volunteers always welcome.

CAFOD Lent Collection

Thank you so much for your generosity – we raised £914 (plus approximately £100 as a result of gift aiding). Our donations and prayers are helping to ensure that thousands more people worldwide are able to eat healthy, nutritious food today and face the future with greater hope and security.

St Brigid's & St Pauls

R.I.P.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Ann Ockleston Requiem Mass Monday 31 March at St Brigid's 9.45am

Des Curran (son of late Mary of Miterdale Close) Funeral Service at St Paul's Friday 4 April 1.30pm We remember their families and friends in our prayers, and offer them our condolences. *Eternal rest grant to them, Lord.*

Christian Aid Week

11 – 17 May

Show love in action, join our collecting team! Last year 20,000 churches across the UK helped to raise £12m for Christian Aid Week. Just a few hours of your time will bring lasting change for communities living in conflict, fear and poverty

(www.christianaid.org.uk/getinvolved/christianaidweek) Could you help with the following? Either deliver, collect or deliver and collect envelopes door to door locally during Christian Aid Week? If you can, contact Brigid Brown (2031 7091). Many thanks.

Parish Advisory Council Meeting

The next PAC meeting is on Monday 7 April. Any parishioner with an item they would like on the Agenda, please see Stephen Jones (Chair) or any member of the PAC.

Sunday March 30th 4th Sunday of Lent

6pm	St Paul's	Mary O'Brien (Slowikowska)	
6.30pm	C the K	Mass of Election Confirmation Candidates	
Sun. 8.30am	C the K	Jim Horgan (A & C McDevitt)	4 th Sunday of Lent
9am	St Paul's	Johanna Regan (John)	
10.30am	St Brigid's	Ann Ockleston (Jermyn)	
10.30am	C the K	Mass	
6pm	St Brigid's	People of the Parish	
7.30pm	St Brigid's	Sunday Praise	
Mon. 9.30am	C the K	Private Intention (F)	
9.45am	St Brigid's	Requiem: Ann Ockleston	
Tues. 9.30am	C the K	Deceased members of the 3 Churches	
9.30am	St Brigid's	KV John (Vineetha & Jaison)	
Wed. 9.30am	St Paul's	Tony James	St Francis of Paolo
9.30am	C the K	The Rees Family (M Moore)	
7pm	C the K	Penitential Service	
Thurs. 9.30am	C the K	Irene Hunt (C Bailey)	
7.30pm	St Brigid's	Elwyn Helyar	
Fri. 9am	St Paul's	Stations of the Cross	St Isidore
9.30am	St Paul's	Mary O'Brien (Scripture Group)	
9.30am	C the K	Alice Nichols (T Evans)	
1.30pm	St Paul's	Funeral Service: Des Curran	
Sat. 9am	St Brigid's	Stations of the Cross	St Vincent Ferrer
9.30am	St Brigid's	Mary & Vince	

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Sunday April 6th 5th Sunday of Lent

6pm	St Paul's	Dot Woodman	
6.30pm	C the K	James & Margaret Harley (C Bailey)	
Sun. 8.30am	C the K	Vivian Owen & Alberta Hartley (H Owen)	
9am	St Paul's	Brenda Stather-Dunn	
10.30am	St Brigid's	Eric Russell	
10.30am	C the K	Joe Dolan (E & C Taylor)	
12pm	C the K	Baptism of Harrison & Paige Andrews	
6pm	St Brigid's	People of the Parish	
7.30pm	St Brigid's	Sunday Praise	

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
Saturday 5.30pm.
Christ the King
Saturday 5.45-6.15pm

Last Week's Collection

Sts. Brigid & Paul
Gift Aid £ 760.50
Non Gift Aid £ 576.78
Total £ 1307.28
S/O month av. £ 807.50

Christ the King
Gift Aid £ 596.55
Non Gift Aid £ 426.52
S/O weekly av. £ 389.45
Total £ 1412.52

Please send items to 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:

Keith Allen, Mary Amugan, Maureen Carroll, Sian Clark, Mary Clarke, Win Collins, Terry Culbertson, Agnes Davies, Jennifer Ellis, Emily, Anna Forrest, Rod Forrest, Jane Goldsworthy, Maria Hill, Tony Hutchings, Caitriona Lovell, Joseph (Benny) Lynch, Dean Maguire, Dolores Meehan, Vernon Morgan, Niamh Murphy, Maureen O'Driscoll, Kieran Ollin, Alan Paines, Rona Perry, Sue Power, Cath Rees, Claire Richards, Pat Roberts, Peter Scott, Dewi Thomas, Emma Warlow, Dorothy Warren & Pat Worthington.