

# 3 Churches News

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## **SERVING JESUS IN THE POOR AND THE NEEDY**

This 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday, the Church enjoins us to reflect on our attitude towards money, material things and our relationship with the poor and marginalized. If there is anything that has perpetuated poverty all over the world, it is injustice and inequality in the social class. Hence, Amos in today's first reading decries the injustices meted out against the poor of the land. He wrote at a time when the rich took all the land, enslaved the poor in their farm lands, and exported food that could have been used to feed the entire citizens because of their gains in foreign currencies. The same situation menaces us today. If we look around we see poverty and the poor all around us. Sometimes the excuse we give to exonerate ourselves from the injustice they suffer is that, "*they are lazy and not hard working!*" I do not buy this opinion in-toto. Rather, a majority of them are where they are because of our greed and selfishness.

This is why Paul implores us to pray for everyone especially, Kings, Rulers, Leaders and all those in-charge. This prayer is necessary to pray for conversion because, once we are converted we eschew corruption, injustice, greed and oppression of the poor from our system. Once we understand this then, selfishness and egocentrism will disappear. We shall no longer think of ourselves alone to the detriment of others. We shall begin to consider the common interest and good of all. In the gospel, Jesus brings to light the fact that money and material things do not last forever, and therefore advises us on how to make use of them without losing our salvation. "*The best way to invest,*" a saying goes, "*is to invest in human beings, especially the poor*". We should therefore learn from St Lawrence the martyr, patron of the poor and cooks, who presented to the Prefect of Rome fifteen hundred poor people he maintained as the Church's treasure, instead of silver and gold. Therefore, we are not to manipulate the poor and needy for economic gains. Jesus Christ who is their defender will surely fight their course because of the injustices meted out on them. He has sacrificed himself for humanity, the poor inclusive, and therefore any form of injustice or oppression of the poor or weak as Amos decries will cry out to Jesus for vengeance as the blood of Abel did from the earth against Cain.

*Fr Alex Shukau*



~~~~ 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday 18 September 2016) ~~~~



Response to Psalm **Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.**  
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord,  
To accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!**  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Amos 8: 4-7 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Timothy 2: 1-8 Gospel: Luke 16: 1-13

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### “LIKE THE FATHER” – THE WORKS OF MERCY

We conclude our series of features on the Works of Mercy, written by members of our 3 Churches Evangelization Group.

#### 6. Bury the Dead

This is a work of mercy we perhaps do without thinking: when someone we know dies, we want to pay our respects. But it also challenges us to reflect on the *Christian* understanding of death. The Catechism says: “The bodies of the dead must be treated with respect and charity, in faith and hope of the Resurrection. The burial of the dead... honours the children of God, who are temples of the Holy Spirit” (CCC 2300)

Our Catholic funeral rites are powerful and consoling, speaking of the pain of loss, faith in the Resurrection, and the hope of eternal life. So one suggestion could be to read over the Church’s **funeral liturgy**, and meditate on the beauty of our faith enshrined there. We can arrange to have **Masses celebrated** for the repose of the souls of those who have died, and perhaps occasionally **attend funerals** even when the person is not known to us.

In our 3 Churches we have a **Bereavement Support Group**. It assists the families at bereavement, organizes monthly Masses for those bereaved 3 months previously, and an annual Mass of Memories in November, and offers opportunities to gather. They are always looking for more members - contact Fr Matthew for more info. The final act of kindness towards Jesus was a decent burial. So this work, too, can be an occasion when what we do for others, we do for him.

#### Father’s News

##### YR OFFEREN YN GYMRAEG

Mass is now celebrated in Welsh every Sunday at 4.30pm in St Teilo’s Church, Old Church Road, Whitchurch. This is a regular opportunity for those learning Welsh and children in Welsh medium education to hear Mass in Welsh. Croeso cynnes i bawb. Parking available at the church.

##### 3CY

The Three Churches Youth (3CY) starts back on Sunday 25 September and is open to years 7-9.

##### Note change of venue - now at Christ the King Parish Centre

We are currently looking for volunteers to help with the sessions. If you are able to help in any way please contact Kate Congdon on 2068 9965 or email [kate@1tca.co.uk](mailto:kate@1tca.co.uk)

##### Baptism Preparation

Baptism Preparation Courses, for parents wishing to have a child baptised, will be held at:

**St Brigid’s, Crystal Glen**, on Tuesdays 27 September and 4 October commencing at 7pm.

^^ The above talks will be led by Ann Martin and Catherine Wieser. Please contact Ann or Cath should you have any queries at [martins2007@btinternet.com](mailto:martins2007@btinternet.com) or [c.wiser@btinternet.com](mailto:c.wiser@btinternet.com).

Ann Martin (2075 6300)

Cath Wieser (2075 5085)

**St Teilos’ Whitchurch** on

Wednesdays 12 & 19 October at 7pm in the hall.



##### School volunteers needed!

Could you spare some time to volunteer with CAFOD and help children learn about global poverty and motivate them to take action? We are looking for volunteers in this area to visit Catholic schools and parish groups. Training in Swansea at the end of September. Info. CAFOD South Wales on 2034 4882, [southwales@cafod.org.uk](mailto:southwales@cafod.org.uk) or visit [www.cafodsouthwales.wordpress.com](http://www.cafodsouthwales.wordpress.com)

##### Year of Mercy:

##### Day of Evangelization - Extend an Invitation

The diocesan evangelization team has arranged for events to be celebrated at each of the Holy Doors across the Archdiocese during the third week of September. The final event will be at St David’s Cathedral, Cardiff on Friday 23 September. There will be three opportunities for engagement during the day—1.30, 5 & 7.30pm. At each of these times there will be a meal and guided conversation.

### Praying for our Neighbours

Please remember in your prayers this week our neighbours in **Field Way / Heathway Birchwood Rd / Brandreth Rd** Windmill Close, Wigmore Close / Lyric Way who have received prayer cards in the last few days.

### Male Voice Choir Concert

#### **The Tredegar Orpheus Male**

**Voice Choir** are making a welcome return visit to St Brigid's on **Saturday 8 October at 7pm** to give a concert in aid of Seeds for the Future (Lesotho), a local charity supporting the community of Ramabanta in Lesotho. Tickets priced £8 (£4 for children) on sale after masses on the weekends of 24th/25th Sept & 1st/2nd October. For further information about the concert or the work of Seeds for the Future please contact Elizabeth Taylor 2075 1401 email [tayleat@gmail.com](mailto:tayleat@gmail.com)

### Bobath Welly Walk

**Bobath** provides specialist therapy to children throughout Wales who have cerebral palsy, to maximise their potential and so improve their quality of life. Paul & Brigid Brown, along with their grandchildren Noah & Jacob (aged 2 & 3 years) are taking part in the sponsored **'Bobath Welly Walk'** around Roath Park Lake on **Saturday 8 October**. Anyone wishing to support Bobath can go to the Just Giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/BrownBrigid> or place an envelope in the church collection, clearly marked **'Brown Family Bobath Welly Walk'**. Many thanks.

### **Llanishen & District Churches Together** **Autumn Programme Quiet Garden**

Autumn Reflection will be held on Thursday 29 September at 11am. Tea and coffee will be served from 10.30am. The leader is John Evans who is a member of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Order of St Francis. The theme of the reflection is 'Stones' Everybody welcome. Come and join us at Llanishen Methodist Church, Melbourne Rd, Llanishen, on the 29th.

## Other events

### **Holy Family School Cardiff - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The School celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday this month. To mark this occasion Mass will be celebrated by Monsignor Maguire on **Thursday 29 September at 2pm** at the School. We would like to invite any past members of staff to the Mass. Please telephone **2056 5354** if you are able to attend.

### Table Top Sale

St Faith's Church, Llanishen  
Saturday 24 September  
10.30am - 12pm  
Variety of stalls.  
Refreshments available.

**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.

## Christ the King

### Junior Club

Christ the King Junior Club meets every Friday of term time, 6.30 – 7.45pm in the parish centre. All in years 3 – 6 are very welcome. If any parent would like to join our rota of volunteers, please contact Marie (07753 439567)

### **Mission - Red Box**

If you contribute to the Missions via a Red Box. Please expect your collector to call within the next few weeks.

## St Brigid's & St Pauls

### **Parish Advisory Council Meeting**

The next PAC meeting will be on Wednesday 28 September. 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.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will resume in St Paul's on Wednesday 28 September after morning Mass 10am - 3pm. We are in great need of more Adorers - can you commit to 30 minutes / 1 hour per week? Please contact Hugh Mc Manus (2075 6062)

Adoration continues in St Brigid's every Thursday evening 8 - 9pm, after the 7.30pm evening Mass.



**Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

|        |                    |                                                         |                                          |
|--------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
|        | 6pm C the K        | <b>Intentions of the Nash Family (C Bailey)</b>         |                                          |
| Sun.   | 9am St Paul's      | <b>Claire Hawes (Cole)</b>                              | 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |
|        | 9am C the K        | <b>Rina Caseroli (Purpuri Family)</b>                   |                                          |
|        | 11am St Brigid's   | <b>Ints Murphy Family (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)</b> |                                          |
|        | 6pm St Brigid's    | <b>People of the Parish</b>                             |                                          |
| Mon.   | 9.30am St Brigid's | <b>Available</b>                                        |                                          |
| Tues.  | 9.30am C the K     | <b>Augustine Rodrigues (I Rodrigues &amp; family)</b>   |                                          |
| Wed.   | 9.30am St Paul's   | <b>Alicia Long</b>                                      | St Matthew                               |
| Thurs. | 9.30am C the K     | <b>Private Intention (F)</b>                            |                                          |
|        | 7.30pm St Brigid's | <b>Len Perry</b>                                        |                                          |
| Fri.   | 9.30am St Paul's   | <b>Paul Williams (Bloom)</b>                            | Padre Pio                                |
| Sat.   | 9.30am St Brigid's | <b>Pilgrimage Thanksgiving</b>                          | (Our Lady of Walsingham)                 |

**Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

|      |                  |                                                         |                                          |
|------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Sat. | 6pm C the K      | <b>Sister Kathleen Brown (B Brown)</b>                  |                                          |
| Sun. | 9am St Paul's    | <b>Claire Hawes (Cole)</b>                              | 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |
|      | 9am C the K      | <b>Stuart &amp; Fraser Bates (Liddington)</b>           |                                          |
|      | 11am St Brigid's | <b>Ints Murphy Family (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)</b> |                                          |
|      | 6pm St Brigid's  | <b>People of the Parish</b>                             |                                          |



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**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**  
 Friday before/after  
 9.30am Mass  
**Christ the King**  
 Saturday 5.30pm

**Last Week's Collection**

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

**Christ the King**  
**Gift Aid** £ 511.17  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 354.29  
**S/O weekly av.** £ 335.54  
**Total** £ 1201.00

**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, Brian Bermingham, John Campbell, Maureen Carroll, Sian Clark, Mary Clarke, Terry Culbertson, Agnes Davies, Emily, Anna Forrest, Bobi Gower, Maria Hill, Caitriona Lovell, Joseph (Benny) Lynch, Dean Maguire, Charles McDevitt, Katrina Meades, Fr Modest, Vernon Morgan, Sarah Morris, Peter Murphy, Maureen O'Driscoll, Kieran Ollin, Alan Paines, Rona Perry, Rita Purcell, Valentino Rascon, John Reardon, Claire Richards, Adela Rogers, Tessie Stamp, Shaun Stone, Dewi Thomas, Bev Tumelty, Emma Warlow, Dorothy Warren & Pat Watkins.