

3 Churches News

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JESUS AND WHICH LEPERS?

How would you feel if somebody who had been to prison came to live next door to you? What if someone who had been to prison applied for a job with you? We feel safer if we think that people who have been to prison are a long way away, unable to threaten us. That is very much how ordinary people felt about lepers in the time of Jesus. Leprosy was seen as a punishment from God for some great sin committed. Lepers were feared and side-lined by respectable people. Made to live on the edge of towns, they had to ring a bell in front of them, and the law said you could not be near a leper, still less talk to one. Once again, we see Jesus breaking down barriers, treating everyone equally, as beloved children of God. He approaches them, talks to them, has mercy on them. They are healed of this disease which cuts them off from the rest of society, and we are reminded that everyone, regardless of race or nationality, can be close to God.

In many ways, people who have been to prison are the lepers of our age. They are set apart, the lowest of the low, and in the popular media often not treated as human beings. Now, indeed it is true that for everyone who is in prison there is at least one victim outside. It is true that some people who are in prison have committed some very serious crimes and will need expert monitoring for all their lives, whether in prison or in the community. We must never forget those things. But we must also remember that the reasons people get involved in criminal activity are very complex and often involve poverty, abuse, drug issues and feelings of alienation. What we do know is that some people in prison are very thankful for what the Church does for them. In a report "Belief and Belonging" recently commissioned by the Church, this gratitude is made very clear indeed.

In this Year of Mercy, one of the works of mercy is the ministry to prisoners. It has been commanded by Jesus in the gospel (Matt 25). Many Catholics work or volunteer with chaplaincies, and our main Catholic prison charity, PACT plays an enormous and significant role in helping prisoners to resettle among us, and also helps the families of prisoners who are so often damaged by the imprisonment.

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~~~~ 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday 9 October 2016) ~~~~

Response to Psalm **The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.**  
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:  
You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Kings 5: 14-17 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Timothy 2: 8-13 Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19

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Please pray for those in prison, and especially for those coming out who look for a welcome in their local Catholic parish. Pray for prisoners' families in your parish affected by imprisonment. Pray for all whose lives have been damaged by crime and the actions of others. We should not be treating prisoners like lepers. We should follow the example of Jesus Christ and see in them human beings like ourselves.

*Mgr Roger Reader, Catholic Bishops' Prisons Adviser*

### Father's News

#### **RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Francesco Filice and Teresa Black, whose Requiems will be respectively at St Brigid's this Thursday 13 October at 1pm, and at St Paul's on Friday 21 October at 12 noon. We remember their families in our prayers.  
*Eternal rest grant to them, Lord.*

#### **Praying with the Word of God**

Using the Word of God as a starting point for prayer - A day led by Sister Marie de Montfort on Saturday 15 October. Open to all at the Pastoral Resource Centre (next to St Illtyd's) Cardiff 10.30am - 3pm.

#### ***MONTH OF THE ROSARY***

There will be a special Rosary Service at St Brigid's on Sunday 23 October at 3pm. All are welcome.

#### **"LIKE THE FATHER"**

*We conclude our Year of Mercy with a series on the Spiritual Works of Mercy.*

##### **1. Instruct the Ignorant**

This Work of Mercy comes directly from Jesus words to the apostles to "Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations... And teach them to observe all the commands I gave you." (Matthew 28: 19-20)

Jesus' instruction applies just as much to us today as it did to the apostles - each one of us must fulfill our baptismal responsibility of sharing the gift of faith that God has given to us with others who do not know Jesus. To do this we don't need to stand in Queen Street with a placard approaching strangers, but we should talk about our faith (when asked!) to our family and friends. Some of us may also feel able to become Parish Catechists. However, to be able to share our faith we have to know it! And so this Work of Mercy also demands that we attend to our own spiritual growth and formation. Opportunities to grow in faith are there for us - Scripture Groups, Prayer Groups (see the 3 Churches Growing in Prayer leaflet) parish talks, parish missions, days of retreat, and one that we all can easily take advantage of - listening to the homily at Mass.

To fulfill the first Spiritual Work of Mercy can be challenging: ask yourself - ***have I instructed the ignorant today?***

#### **Mass for Catholic Guiding Units**

Guiders and sections are invited to St Albans on 12 November at 2pm for a Special Mass. Share views on the updated promise which does not include God anymore. A group called Faith in Guiding, made up of Christians from all around the UK, are offering girls a choice of promise. After the Mass there will be activities for the girls and the leaders will all have a drink and a chat. Contact (by Saturday 8 October) Jane on [brownowl1960@live.co.uk](mailto:brownowl1960@live.co.uk) for more details.

#### **ALTAR SERVERS**

Parents' did your child receive their First Holy Communion in May? Would they like to now take part in the Mass in a special way by becoming a server? Or perhaps you are older and would like to help in this beautiful ministry. Young or not-so-young, male or female, contact Fr Matthew and we'll take it from there.

#### **3CY**

Sunday 9 October 6.30 - 8pm  
Open to any young person in years 7-9. Cost £1. **Please note venue will be Christ the King Parish Centre.** For further information contact Kate Congdon 07739 357087 or email [kate@1tca.co.uk](mailto:kate@1tca.co.uk)

#### ***Foodbank Summary for end of September***

We collected 147kgs for the Food Bank in September - there are collection boxes in all of the Churches. In total since we started we have collected 1197kgs. Thanks to all who have contributed and please keep your contributions coming. The FoodBank advise that they currently would like Tinned fruit, Tinned vegetables, long life fruit juice and Tinned tomatoes.

## 3 Churches

### Children's Liturgy

A number of helpers of Children's Liturgy at St Brigid's have recently moved on, leaving a great shortfall. We are appealing for new helpers, from the age of 16 upwards, to help with this wonderful liturgy, on a rota basis. Please think about assisting with this as, without you, the group may not be able to continue every Sunday. If you are able to volunteer contact Mr Hycinth Hettiarachchi ([hynilu@me.com](mailto:hynilu@me.com)) or Mr Marque Fernando ([drfernando2003@gmail.com](mailto:drfernando2003@gmail.com))

**Huggard Centre for the Homeless (CASH) Tea Party** to raise funds for the Centre on Thursday 13 October 2.30pm in Lisvane Memorial Hall, Heol-y-Delyn, Lisvane. Polly & Ken Davoes will be talking about the celebration of Thanksgiving in the USA together with free recipes and pumpkin pie. Tickets £8 from Celia Bailey (2075 2413)

### October Baptismal Course

at St. Teilo's Church, Old Church Rd., Whitchurch, Cardiff on Wednesdays 12 & 19 October 7pm. The talks will be led by Cathy & Mal Hopkins. For more info contact [melfyn.hopkins@sky.com](mailto:melfyn.hopkins@sky.com) or [cathyhoptins@sky.com](mailto:cathyhoptins@sky.com) (2062 6459)

### One World Week Events

#### **A United Service**

Sunday 23 October 6pm  
@ Llanishen Baptist Church  
with speakers from Friends & Neighbours, and Oasis Cardiff

#### **Praying for our Neighbours**

Please remember in your prayers this week our neighbours in

#### **St Tanwg / Heathway**

**Fairoak Court, Lady Mary Road  
Copperfield Drive**

who have received prayer cards in the last few days.

### Circle of Friends

The 'Circle of Friends' next monthly meeting will be held on Monday 10 October in the Three Arches Pub at 7.30pm. Although we are a group mainly made up of divorced, separated, single and widowed anyone can come along and join us - especially with the run up to Christmas we have a lot happening on our calendar.

### **Wales and the Marches Catholic History Society**

St David's R. C. 6th Form College, Tygwyn Rd., Cardiff. Sunday 16 October 3pm. Gareth Marsh will talk about Guto Nyth Bran, Llanwonno and the Nos Galan Road Races. All welcome - free event  
Further enquiries: Tricia Coulthard [triciacoulthard@outlook.com](mailto:triciacoulthard@outlook.com) or 2059 5899

## Christ the King

### "50 Club" Winners

#### **September 2016**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize £24**

**B Theeswaran**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £20**

**M Pinnell**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £10**

**S McLaughlin**

### **CAFOD Harvest Fast Day**

Please return your envelope to the purple drum at the back of the church ASAP. Thank you

### **LINK**

We shall be including the usual 'greetings' in the Advent issue, to contribute to the Chris Babu Fund. Please send them or articles or information to Cherime or Jane as soon as possible—

[i.v.rendle@talk21.com](mailto:i.v.rendle@talk21.com)

[mark.cherime@talktalk.net](mailto:mark.cherime@talktalk.net)

Thank you.

### Christmas Shoebox Appeal

We will be collecting shoeboxes again this year for deprived families in Eastern Europe. This will be through the usual charity, "Link to Hope". Please note that, as last year, there are two types of boxes which can be sent - "Family Shoeboxes" and "Elderly Shoeboxes". Each type of box requires a customs declaration form. The instruction leaflet and customs form is available at the back of church. The same leaflet is used for both types of boxes. Closing date for receipt of boxes: Sunday 13 November. Contact: Vickie Adshead [vickie@adshead.me.uk](mailto:vickie@adshead.me.uk)

## St Brigid's & St Pauls

### **New Gift Aid Envelopes**

The new Gift Aid Envelopes (green boxes) will be at back of St Brigid's and St Paul's weeks ending 9 & 16 October. They will then be available at the back of St Brigid's only

### **KEEPING THINGS GOING**

With retirements and house movings, our wonderful parishioners who help with the weekly money counting and/or banking are now fewer – too few! If you could join a rota to help this work for St Brigid's and St Paul's – hidden but vital – let Fr Matthew know asap. Thank you.

### **KEEPING THINGS CLEAN AND DIGNIFIED**

Time passes in the areas of cleaning and flower arranging too...St Paul's are looking for help in these two aspects of church life. Male or female – all are welcome!! Let us know.

**Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

|        |                    |                                                |                                          |
|--------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
|        | 6pm C the K        | <b>Bishop Edward Daly (M Murphy)</b>           |                                          |
| Sun.   | 9am St Paul's      | <b>Int Maureen Davies</b>                      | 28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |
|        | 9am C the K        | <b>David Minto (J &amp; P Minto)</b>           |                                          |
|        | 11am St Brigid's   | <b>Michael Nicholls;<br/>Eric Russell</b>      |                                          |
|        | 6pm St Brigid's    | <b>People of the Parish</b>                    |                                          |
| Mon.   | 9.30am St Brigid's | <b>Teresa Black (Maureen &amp; Cora)</b>       |                                          |
| Tues.  | 9.30am C the K     | <b>Special Intention (C)</b>                   | St John XXIII                            |
| Wed.   | 9.30am St Paul's   | <b>Int Clare &amp; David Jackson (Kodjani)</b> |                                          |
| Thurs. | 9.30am C the K     | <b>Private Intention (F)</b>                   |                                          |
|        | 1pm St Brigid's    | <b>Requiem: Francesco Filice</b>               |                                          |
|        | 7.30pm St Brigid's | <b>Holy Souls esp members FOSS</b>             |                                          |
| Fri.   | 9.30am St Paul's   | <b>Maria Alessio</b>                           | St Callistus                             |
| Sat.   | 9.30am St Brigid's | <b>Rita Daw</b>                                | St Teresa of Avila                       |

**Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

|      |                     |                                                                                         |                                          |
|------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Sat. | 6pm C the K         | <b>Thanksgiving for Jo &amp; Rob Lannon Diamond Wedding Anniversary (Lannon Family)</b> |                                          |
| Sun. | 9am St Paul's       | <b>Eileen Manley</b>                                                                    | 29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |
|      | 9am C the K         | <b>People of the Parish</b>                                                             |                                          |
|      | 11am St Brigid's    | <b>Rita Daw</b>                                                                         |                                          |
|      | 12.30pm St Brigid's | <b>Baptism</b>                                                                          |                                          |
|      | 6pm St Brigid's     | <b>People of the Parish</b>                                                             |                                          |



**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, Charles McDevitt, Katrina Meades, Fr Modest, Vernon Morgan, Sarah Morris, Peter Murphy, Maureen O'Driscoll, Kieran Ollin, 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.

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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** £ 528.91

**Non Gift Aid** £ 492.62

**Total** £ 1021.53

**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the King**

**Gift Aid** £ 523.38

**Non Gift Aid** £ 350.09

**S/O weekly av.** £ 339.29

**Total** £ 1212.76