

3 Churches News

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MOTHERING SUNDAY OR MOTHER'S DAY?

Not everything is as it seems. For example, did you realize that "Mother's Day" and the much older "Mothering Sunday" have separate origins?

Mothering Sunday During the sixteenth century, people would return to their "mother church", the main church of the area, for a service to be held on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday. This was either the church where you were baptized, or the local parish church, or the cathedral. Anyone who did this was commonly said to have gone "a-mothering".

In later times, Mothering Sunday became a day when domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother church, usually with their own mothers and other family members. It was often the *only* time that whole families of ordinary folks could gather together, since on other days they were prevented by conflicting working hours. Children and young people who were "in service" (as household servants) were given a day off so they could visit their families (or, originally, to return to their "mother" church). The children would pick wild flowers along the way to place in the church or give to their mothers. Eventually, the religious tradition evolved into the Mothering Sunday secular tradition of giving gifts to mothers.

Mother's Day This modern version really began in the United States. In 1914, inspired by Anna Jarvis's efforts there, Constance Penwick-Smith, a vicar's daughter from Nottinghamshire, created the Mothering Sunday Movement here in Britain, and in 1921 she wrote a book asking for the revival of the day. The success of this revival was through the influence of American and Canadian soldiers serving abroad during World War II.

Merged or confused? In Britain the traditions of Mothering Sunday were merged with the newly imported Mother's Day customs, and came to be celebrated in secular society, and often now in churches. UK merchants, of course, saw the commercial opportunity in the special day, and have relentlessly promoted it. By the 1950s, it was celebrated across all the UK. The two celebrations of Mothering Sunday and Mother's Day have now been mixed up, and many people think they are the same thing, but now you know better...

Fr Matthew (with acknowledgements to Wikipedia!)



~~~~ Fourth Sunday of Lent (Sunday 26 March 2017) ~~~~



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!**

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

St. Brigid's and Christ the King are parishes of the Archdiocese of Cardiff. A Registered Charity No. 242380.

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## 3 Churches

### Father's News

#### LENT

This is **Mercy Week**. Groups of three priests will be available for Confession in different churches every afternoon and evening.

Our local times are -

**Tuesday 28 March** Cathedral

2 - 3pm & St Brigid's 7 - 8pm;

**Wednesday 29 March** St Teilo's

2 - 3pm & St Philip Evans 7 - 8pm;

**Thursday 30 March** St Peter's

2 - 3pm.

We are grateful to the priests of the deanery to ensure there is ample opportunity and choice for every Catholic in the city to celebrate Reconciliation this Lent.

**Cardiff Deanery Mass** Thursday 6 April at St David's College 7pm. Catholics from all over Cardiff gather with our priests and Archbishop to prepare for Holy Week. Please make every effort to attend this in our 3 Churches area (Note this Mass does not include Stations of the Cross).

**Walking with Jesus** People of our 3 Churches share thoughts, prayers and reflections. Visit [3churchescardiff.wordpress.com](http://3churchescardiff.wordpress.com) We'd love you to share something too! Send to Fr Matthew or Deacon Daniel (email addresses on front page) No more than 300 words

**Stations of the Cross** Every Friday at St Paul's 9am and St Brigid's Saturday 9am. At Christ the King Sunday afternoons as announced.

**Lenten Retreat Day** Christian and Esther Mahoney lead a retreat day at St David's College Saturday 1 April. Tel 07764 515864 or email [christianmahoney@gmail.com](mailto:christianmahoney@gmail.com)

**Fasting Lunch** The Cornerstone, Charles Street, each Friday of Lent 12.45 with a Reflection from Archbishop Stack.

#### LENTEN ALMS

We are encouraged to contribute Lenten Alms. This year Archbishop Stack asks us to support the diocesan project of welcoming a Syrian refugee family, and so there will be a retiring collection after all 3 Churches Masses next weekend.

#### HOLY WEEK

**Palm Sunday** 8/9 April Masses at normal Sunday times, with blessing of palms at all celebrations.

**Chrism Mass** Wednesday 12 April St David's Cathedral 11.30am

**Mass of the Lord's Supper** Maundy Thursday 13 April 8pm at St Brigid's. Mass is followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight.

#### Commemoration of the Passion

Good Friday 14 April 3pm at St Paul's and Christ the King. Please note that there will be *Children's Liturgy* at both of these Services.

**Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter** Saturday 15 April 8.30pm at Christ the King. The climax of Holy Week and Lent as a whole. Note no 6pm Mass.

**Easter Sunday** 16 April Normal Mass times.

Please note these dates, times and places in order to avoid confusion.

#### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The 3 Churches Group Bereavement Support Group will meet on Wednesday 29 March at 7.30pm in Christ the King Parish Centre. Anyone interested in the possibility of joining the group is welcome to come along to find out more.

#### CWL

The next CWL monthly meeting will take place this Monday 27 March at St Paul's. We will meet in Church at 2pm for Stations of the Cross.

#### Foodbank Supermarket

#### Collection - Saturday 22 April

As part of outreach to our community, we have undertaken to provide volunteers for the Foodbank collection at Morrison's, Ty Glas Rd, on Saturday 22 April 9am - 5pm. We need around 20 people to cover 2 hour slots. Under 16s can help but need to be with an adult. Volunteers give out information to shoppers and collect and sort donated food items. If you can help please contact Terry Jermyn on [terryjermyn@gmail.com](mailto:terryjermyn@gmail.com) or 07939 263403

#### Good Neighbours in North Cardiff Volunteers urgently needed

To offer help with transport or shopping. You choose what you want to do, when, and how often - you are always in charge of your own time. Please telephone us on 2075 0751 or email [admin@goodneighboursinnorthcardiff.co.uk](mailto:admin@goodneighboursinnorthcardiff.co.uk)

#### Risen - Film Showing

Friday 21 April 2.30 & 7pm at the Cornerstone, Charles Street, Cardiff.

Join us to witness the manhunt that changed the course of human history. *Risen* follows the epic Biblical story of the Resurrection, as told through the eyes of a non-believer. Calvius, a powerful Roman Military Tribune, and his aide Lucius, are tasked with solving the mystery of what happened to Jahshua in the weeks following the crucifixion, in order to disprove the rumours of a risen Messiah and prevent an uprising in Jerusalem.

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### **Confirmation Catechists wanted!**

We are in need of volunteers for this year. Any queries contact Charlotte Mathews on 07800 647515 or [charlotte.mathews@hotmail.com](mailto:charlotte.mathews@hotmail.com)

### **The Celebrate Conference**

A weekend in Cardiff for Christian families 29 - 30 April  
*Celebrate Wales* is a fantastic weekend for the whole family to grow in faith, with inspiring talks and worship, workshops, drama from Rise Theatre, and an opportunity to find inspiration and encounter God. Speakers include Rob Parsons from Care for the Family, Sue and Tim Eldridge from Presence Church Harrogate, and Pippa Baker, a young woman who speaks regularly at *Celebrate* events all over the UK. Worship is led by One Hope Project. The event runs 9am - 9pm Saturday 29 April and 9am - 4pm Sunday 30 April at St David's College. Please book early especially if you are bringing children - children's streams run activities for all age groups from 3 - 18 but fill up quickly. (*Celebrate* is managed by Catholic Charismatic Renewal) Online booking is now open at [www.celebrateconference.org/weekends/wales](http://www.celebrateconference.org/weekends/wales)

### **Friendship Hour**

This group meets on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month to listen to speakers on a variety of topics, interspersed with social events. It is an adult, all age group open to men and women.  
The venue is Llanishen Baptist Church Hall, starting at 7.45pm, and there are refreshments following the meeting. The fee is £2 per session. For further details contact Pam (2075 4528) or June (2075 4215) The next meeting is on 27 March.

### Table Top Sale

Saturday 8 April 10.30am—12 noon  
St Faith's Church, Morris Avenue, Llanishen. Variety of stalls. Refreshments available. Disabled access at rear of Church.

### **Fashion Revolution 2017**

Wednesday 29 March 7pm at Llanishen High School. Tickets £4 (£1 under 16s) from the school office, Good Neighbours in North Cardiff (2075 0751) or on the door.

## Other events

Cardiff Catholic Medical Association presents

### **Sr Roseann Reddy of the Sisters of the Gospel of life**

Symposium 8 April.  
Mass at 10am, followed by talk & discussion, finishing at 12.30pm  
Venue: Newman Hall, Colum Road, Cardiff CF10 3EF

**St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School Cardiff are seeking a new Deputy Head teacher. Further details can be found on the advert at the back of the church.**

## St Brigid's & St Pauls

### **DISABLED PARKING AT ST BRIGID'S**

We have improved and expanded the facilities for disabled parking at St Brigid's. Please note that the spaces are intended for the use of those who *need* them. Therefore would badge holders who are nevertheless mobile kindly leave them for the less mobile. Thank you.

### Easter Flower Collection

There will be a collection for Easter flowers next Sunday 2 April in St Brigid's after both masses. Thank you for your generosity.

## Christ the King

### **MUSIC AT 6PM MASS**

The response to Deacon Daniel's appeal for a music group for the 6pm Saturday Mass at Christ the King has been disappointing. Can you help start such a group, whether in playing the piano, organ, or another musical instrument, or through singing in a choir, to lead and maintain the singing? Please contact Deacon Daniel or Fr Matthew.

### **CHRIST THE KING TODDLER GROUP – NEW DAY**

The Toddler group is to re-open on its new day Monday, this coming Monday 27 March 9.30am – 11.15am. £1 includes tea/coffee and squash, please bring a piece of fruit to share at snack time. All are welcome.

### ***Sandwich making for homeless***

Sandwich making for the homeless takes place at Christ the King on Monday 27 March at 1.15pm. All volunteers new and old are most welcome.

### Music practice for Palm Sunday

9am mass next Sunday (2 April) immediately after 9am mass. All singers welcome. There will be a further practice for the Good Friday music - details to follow.

### **Mission - Red Boxes**

Please expect your collector to call for your box over the following few weeks. If you do not have yours, there are still 3 boxes to be claimed on the table in the porch. Please check if yours is there.

**Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup> Fourth Sunday of Lent**

|        |                    |                                                           |                       |
|--------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
|        | 6pm C the K        | <b>The O'Brien Family (T Evans)</b>                       |                       |
| Sun.   | 9am St Paul's      | <b>Janina Stalmaska (Daley)</b>                           | Fourth Sunday of Lent |
|        | 9am C the K        | <b>Kathleen &amp; Charles Skinner (M &amp; T Pinnell)</b> |                       |
|        | 11am St Brigid's   | <b>Thomas Anthony Sherry &amp; Michael O'Hare</b>         |                       |
|        | 6pm St Brigid's    | <b>People of the Parish</b>                               |                       |
| Mon.   | 9.30am St Brigid's | <b>Holy Souls</b>                                         |                       |
| Tues.  | 9.30am C the K     | <b>Evelyn Lloyd (A Rees)</b>                              |                       |
|        | 7-8pm St Brigid's  | <b>Mercy Week Confessions</b>                             |                       |
| Wed.   | 9.30am St Paul's   | <b>John Walsh (Jackson)</b>                               |                       |
| Thurs. | 9.30am C the K     | <b>John Tobin (Friends at CTK)</b>                        |                       |
|        | 7.30pm St Brigid's | <b>Leighton Bater</b>                                     |                       |
| Fri.   | 9am St Paul's      | <b>Way of the Cross</b>                                   |                       |
|        | 9.30am St Paul's   | <b>Thanksgiving</b>                                       |                       |
| Sat.   | 9am St Brigid's    | <b>Way of the Cross</b>                                   |                       |
|        | 9.30am St Brigid's | <b>Tony James &amp; Dorothy Mitchell</b>                  |                       |

**Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> Fifth Sunday of Lent**

|      |                  |                                                                                            |                      |
|------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Sat. | 6pm C the K      | <b>Charlie &amp; Emily Wright &amp; All deceased members of the Wright Family (S Peat)</b> |                      |
| Sun. | 9am St Paul's    | <b>Int. Mrs Pewsley</b>                                                                    | Fifth Sunday of Lent |
|      | 9am C the K      | <b>Rita Gomes &amp; Charles McDevitt (B &amp; V Adshead)</b>                               |                      |
|      | 11am St Brigid's | <b>Marie Bonnan (Ryan)</b>                                                                 |                      |
|      | 6pm St Brigid's  | <b>People of the Parish</b>                                                                |                      |

Praying for our Neighbours  
 Please remember in your prayers this week our neighbours in  
**Lothian Crescent**  
**Ty Glas Road**  
**Launcelot Crescent**  
 who have received prayer cards in the last few days.

**3 Churches  
Parish Council Chairs**

**Sts Brigid & Paul**  
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**Corpus Christi High School**  
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**Safeguarding Representatives**  
**Sts Brigid & Paul**  
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Carl French (St P)  
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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** £ 568.70  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 447.83  
**Total** £ 1106.53  
**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the King**  
**Gift Aid** £ 557.53  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 286.93  
**S/O weekly av.** £ 354.29  
**Total** £ 1198.75

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