

3 Churches News

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THOMAS AND THE SACRED HEART

The apostle Thomas went from doubting Jesus' resurrection to professing his faith in Jesus and declaring Jesus' divinity, "My Lord and my God." What happened?

He encountered the love of Jesus. We could say he encountered the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Jesus said, "...bring your hand and put it into my side..." In the Gospel of John life flows out of the side of Christ, flows out of his heart. Earlier in the Gospel, during the Feast of Tabernacles, Jesus said rivers of water would flow out of him to anyone who believes, and this life-giving water is the Holy Spirit. When the soldier pierced Jesus' side on the cross, blood and water flowed out, which the Church has always seen as signifying the sacraments especially Baptism and the Eucharist.

Now when Thomas sees the wound in Christ's side he is overcome. The physical wound which Thomas saw was only the gateway to the love of Jesus' Sacred Heart. What Thomas really saw was the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for him, a heart that is wounded out of love for humanity, the Sacred Heart that took the sin of humanity upon itself. That is what love does, love suffers for the other and Thomas now sees this suffering wounded love before his eyes. He sees Divine Mercy in physical form... Divine Mercy forgives, heals and restores. Jesus invites Thomas, "...bring your hand and put it into my side..." Thomas is invited, as it were, to touch the Sacred Heart of Jesus. As Thomas encounters the Sacred Heart of Jesus he is forgiven, healed and restored. His heart is also changed into a heart of love. He can only respond, "My Lord and my God."

Christ's Sacred Heart which raised up Thomas from despair to faith is ready to raise up each of us from any despair we may have to Christian hope. Christ invites each of us, "...bring your hand and put it into my side..." Christ invites each of us to touch his Sacred Heart, to allow our hearts to become hearts of love. As we look on Christ's Sacred Heart we too see that Christ's love forgives us, heals us and restores us. In Christ's Sacred Heart we too see the love of Jesus for us and with Thomas we respond, "My Lord and my God."

Adapted from a 2013 homily by Fr Tommy Lane



~~~~ Divine Mercy Sunday (Sunday 23 April 2017) ~~~~



Response to Psalm **Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.**  
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Acts 2: 42-47 **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 St Peter 1: 3-9 **Gospel:** John 20: 19-21

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### Father's News

#### DIVINE MERCY

This Second Sunday of Easter was given the alternative name of Divine Mercy Sunday by Pope St John Paul. The full Devotions will take place at St Alban's, including Confessions at 2pm, and Mass at 4pm. There will be a much simpler service at our Sunday Praise evening at St Brigid's at 7.30pm

#### CWL

The next CWL monthly meeting will take place on Monday 24 April 2pm at St Paul's. This will include our Section AGM

#### The Quiet Garden

The Quiet Garden begin their 2017 reflections with the Spring Reflection this Wednesday (26 April) at 2.30pm with coffee and tea being served from 2pm for those who wish. The speaker in April will be Frank Callus.

Please join us at Llanishen Methodist Church. We look forward to seeing our regular participants and look forward to meeting new ones.

#### 'Celebrate'

Celebrate Wales will take place at St David's College next weekend (29 - 30 April). There are some very special talks and inspiring worship lined up. Families are especially welcome as there are children's streams for all ages. You can book your tickets at [wales@celebrateconference.org](mailto:wales@celebrateconference.org)  
Find out more at [www.celebrateconference.org/wales](http://www.celebrateconference.org/wales)



#### Centenary Year of Fatima Apparitions

This is the Centenary year of the Fatima apparitions, and the World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) England and Wales National Pilgrim Virgin statue, and relics of Blessed Jacinta and Francisco Marto, will be visiting numerous Cathedrals and churches this summer, including St David's Cathedral in Cardiff from 6 - 7 May 2017.

This Visitation will include Holy Mass presided over by Archbishop Stack, and an Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as well as enthronement and crowning of the Statue. After Mass there will be veneration of the Relics of Blessed Jacinta and Francisco, and the opportunity to be enrolled in the Brown Scapular and participate in Fatima devotions including the Rosary, as well as Fatima talks/ DVDs.

For more details about the work of the World Apostolate of Fatima England and Wales, please see: [www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk](http://www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk)

#### Centenary Celebration of the Apparitions at Fatima

Torchlight procession in honour of Our Lady at Belmont Abbey, Hereford on Wednesday 10 May at 9pm.

#### Advance Notice:

##### Christian Aid Week 14 - 20 May

\* Saturday 13 May 9am - 12pm  
Christian Aid Week Plant etc sale at Llanishen Baptist Church

\* Sunday 14 May 6pm Christian Aid Week United Service at St Faith's Church, Morris Avenue.



**Bethel Church Community Centre**  
**Llangrannog Road, Llanishen**  
**Are holding a Coffee Morning on**  
**Saturday 29 April 11am**  
**Bacon 'Butties' from 12 (ish)**  
**Home-made cakes etc.**  
**Proceeds in aid of Church funds.**  
**Pop in for a coffee & chat**

#### Discernment weekend for men aged over 30

The Beda College in Rome together with St Beuno's Spirituality Centre in north Wales are running a discernment weekend for men between the ages of 30 and 55 from Friday 15 - Sunday 17 September 2017. The primary focus of the weekend is the possibility of priestly vocation in later life so it is limited to men between the ages of 30 and 55. However, it is also suitable for men not specifically considering priesthood as it is not presumed that any major choice or commitment will be made during the weekend. Please promote this weekend to anyone you think might be interested. Further information and booking at:

<http://www.pathwaystogod.org/course-events-retreats>

#### SPUC Pro-Life Chain

The Annual Kerbside Pro-Life Chain will take place on Sunday 29 April 11am - 1pm at the traffic lights, Manor Way, Cardiff, near Whitchurch High School. To date over 8.5 million unborn children have perished under the UK Abortion Act; in 2015, according to government figures, 1264 innocents perished in Cardiff alone. It's a matter of life or death.

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### Prayer for Peace

Tintern Abbey

on Saturday 13 May at 12 noon.  
Free entry to the Abbey for the service. Organised by the Friends of Our Lady of Tintern. Please bring a folding chair.

### ***Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love***

The Challenge of Amoris Laetitia in the Home, Parish and School. Fr Chris Thomas will offer an introduction to Amoris Laetitia Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on marriage and the family as an aid to reflection, dialogue and pastoral practice through the lens of the home, parish, school partnership. Fr Chris Thomas has been a full-time youth chaplain, university chaplain, parish priest and is now director of the Irenaeus Project. Fr Chris has spoken at conferences in England, Ireland and mainland Europe and is a member of the National Service Team for Charismatic Renewal and a regular contributor to Good News magazine.

Entry: £10 for FAMILIAS Members, Associates and Friends; £20 for all others. Booking is essential.

This event runs from 10am - 3pm at the Cornerstone, Charles Street, Cardiff. Lunch is provided. To register please use the registration form which you can download from: <http://rcadc.org/event/amoris-laetitia-joy-love/>



St Faith's Church  
Morris Ave, Llanishen

### **Table Top Sale**

Saturday 13 May

10.30am - 12pm

Variety of Stalls

Refreshments available

Disabled access at rear

Tel: 2062 0838 for  
further information

## Other events

### **Organ Recital**

The next recital at St Peter's Church, Roath will be performed by Dennis Pollard of Parkminster URC this Thursday 27 April at 7pm. All are welcome

### Sine Nomine Singers

An evening of British Choral Music  
Through the Ages

Conductors: Richard Jenkins &  
Julia Silezin

Organist: John Cheer

Saturday 6 May 7pm at St Teilo's

Parish Church, Cathays, Cardiff

Admission free; there will be a  
collection to support Marie Curie -  
Holme Tower

### ***A popular programme of music from swing to classical***

In concert - Women in Harmony and  
Voicemail with the Julian Martin

Jazz Ensemble

Sunday 14 May at St Isan Church,  
Llanishen.

£6 on the door, to include a glass of  
wine.

### **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.**

### **Cardiff Arms Park Male Choir**

Wednesday 24 May 7.30pm

All Saint's Church, Cyncoed Road,  
Cardiff

An evening of musical  
entertainment. Programme to  
include - Traditional Welsh hymns  
and songs, songs from the shows  
and novelty numbers.

Tickets £5; all profits to The Forget  
Me Not Chorus (supporting people  
with dementia and their families  
through song) and Autism Puzzles.  
Donations welcomed.

## St Brigid's & St Pauls

### **Parish Advisory Council Meeting**

The next PAC meeting will be this  
Tuesday 25 April. 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.

## Christ the King

### Petition Book

Letters for parishioners who have  
agreed to pray for those in the  
petition book are available at the  
back of the church.

### ***Eucharistic Adoration - Christ the King***

Eucharistic Adoration will resume  
this Tuesday 25 April.

### **Christ the King Toddler Group**

The Toddler group re-opens this  
Monday 24 April 9.30am - 11.15am.  
£1 includes tea/coffee and squash,  
please bring a piece of fruit to share  
at snack time. All are welcome.

**Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup> Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)**

|        |                    |                                              |                                        |
|--------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
|        | 6pm C the K        | <b>Thanksgiving (F)</b>                      |                                        |
| Sun.   | 9am St Paul's      | <b>Holy Father's Ints</b>                    | Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) |
|        | 9am C the K        | <b>John Foley (A Rees)</b>                   |                                        |
|        | 11am St Brigid's   | <b>People of the Parish</b>                  |                                        |
|        | 6pm St Brigid's    | <b>James Kimmins' Int</b>                    |                                        |
| Mon.   | 9.30am St Brigid's | <b>Charles McDevitt</b>                      | St Fidelis                             |
| Tues.  | 9.30am C the K     | <b>Andrew Morris (N &amp; R Flynn)</b>       | St Mark Evangelist                     |
| Wed.   | 9.30am St Paul's   | <b>Holy Souls</b>                            |                                        |
| Thurs. | 9.30am C the K     | <b>Intention of Family &amp; Friends (F)</b> |                                        |
|        | 7.30pm St Brigid's | <b>Len Perry</b>                             |                                        |
| Fri.   | 9.30am St Paul's   | <b>Available</b>                             | St Peter Chanel                        |
| Sat.   | 9.30am St Brigid's | <b>Available</b>                             | St Catherine of Siena                  |

**Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday of Easter**

|      |                    |                                                                                                |                        |
|------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Sat. | 6pm C the K        | <b>James Corbett (M &amp; L Halloran) &amp; Intention of Bailey Family (C Bailey)</b>          |                        |
| Sun. | 9am St Paul's      | <b>People of the Parish</b>                                                                    | Third Sunday of Easter |
|      | 9am C the K        | <b>Intention of our Friends in the 3 Churches (with thanks from Charles McDevitt's Family)</b> |                        |
|      | 11am St Brigid's   | <b>Sabah Aris</b>                                                                              |                        |
|      | 6pm St Brigid's    | <b>Available</b>                                                                               |                        |
|      | 7.30pm St Brigid's | <b>Sunday Praise</b>                                                                           |                        |

Praying for our Neighbours  
 Please remember in your prayers this week our neighbours in  
**Tintagel Close**  
**Edward Nicholl Court**  
**Ashbourne Way**  
 who have received prayer cards in the last few days.

**3 Churches Parish Council Chairs**

**Sts Brigid & Paul**

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**Christ the King**

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chris.stevens01@btopenworld.com

**Christ the King Primary School**

Mrs R Woodward  
2075 4787

**Corpus Christi High School**

Acting Headteacher  
Mrs A Thomas  
2076 1893

**St David's College**

Principal  
Mark Leighfield  
2049 8555

**Safeguarding Representatives**

**Sts Brigid & Paul**  
Pat Williams (St B)  
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Carl French (St P)  
2075 4418

**Christ the King**

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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 £ 319.17  
Non Gift Aid £ 1244.23  
S/O weekly av. £ 306.79  
Total £ 1870.19

**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, 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, Bev Tumelty, Emma Warlow, Dorothy Warren & Pat Watkins.