

3 Churches News

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21st & 22nd Sundays in Ordinary Time (YEAR A) Issue 32/17

DEAR MRS FITZPATRICK...

These are the opening words of a letter to my great-great-grandmother sent 31 August 1917. Her first husband, and father of her three children, George Goodwin, had drowned in Cardiff's East Dock back in 1881 when baby George was 2 and my grandmother not yet 1 year old, and she had remarried a Thomas Fitzpatrick. The letter continues...

"It is with deep sympathy that I write to tell you of your son's death, G. Goodwin, 23232. A short time ago he gave up his three stripes at his own request. Just before he went into the Battle in which he was killed, he came to confession to me, and I gave him Holy Communion, so he went well prepared to meet Our Divine Lord, and I know this will be a great solace to you in your grief.

Always brave and regardless of danger when a stretcher was required to carry a wounded comrade, he immediately volunteered and started to cross to the Aid Post over the ground which was absolutely swept by machine gun bullets. Thus he was killed by a bullet, and so gave his life for a comrade.

I shall offer Holy Mass for him the first time I have a chance.

Yours in sincere sympathy

M. Mac Kenna C.F. [*Chaplain to the Forces*]"

And so the body of great-uncle George was lost in the mud of Passchendaele, the 3rd Battle of Ypres on 27 August 1917 - 100 years ago today. You may have seen on TV a few weeks ago events to remember this appalling battle which claimed about 500,000 lives from both sides.

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~~~~ 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday 27 August 2017) ~~~~



Response to Psalm **Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.**  
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, And he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 22: 19-23 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 11: 33-36 Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20

~~~~ 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday 3 September 2017) ~~~~



Response to Psalm **For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.**
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, So that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!**



1st Reading: Jeremiah 20: 7-9 2nd Reading: Romans 12: 1-2 Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27

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Some 35,000 bodies of British soldiers, including George, were never found, and are commemorated on a great wall monument at Tyne Cot Cemetery. These kind of numbers can be just that - figures that numb. George was just one - but he was my great-uncle, and like all those others he was not just 23232 but *somebody*, an individual with a loving mother and family back here in Cardiff. This Sunday I offer Mass for him, and remember all those lost in the mud of Flanders. If you have lost, family or friends in armed conflicts, stop to say a prayer for them now. World War I was hoped to be the last, yet 21 years later it all erupted again, and wars and conflicts continue. So let us pray for peace, justice and reconciliation in an increasingly fraught world.

Fr Matthew

Father's News

THE NEXT FEW WEEKS...

Please note that this **newsletter** covers two weeks. Note also that there are a few adjustments to times and locations of **weekday Masses**. Please remember that there are several other churches within easy reach. Over the next few weeks we will welcome various **visiting priests** to cover first Fr Gareth's holiday and then Fr Matthew's. Fr Richard Aziati from Africa, Canon Reardon, the Rosminians from St Peter's, Fr Ray O'Shea and the Archbishop will all help on weekends. Fr Alex from Nigeria may drop in just to visit (last year's supply!)

SEPTEMBER PILGRIMS

The September Pilgrims leave on Friday for this year's trip, to North Wales. If you wish any petitions to be prayed for on the pilgrimage please place them in an envelope and let Fr Matthew have them. We will particularly pray at Holywell, shrine of St Winefride, and the only shrine in Britain continually visited since ancient times. There will be Mass at St Brigid's at 9am - open to all of course, and pilgrims need to be outside St Brigid's by 9.45am for the journey to Llandudno, our base for the week.

A DAY OF GOD'S LOVE AND HEALING

A day to deepen our experience of God's love, mercy and healing takes place this coming Saturday 2 September 9am - 5pm at Corpus Christi High School. It will be led by **Damian Stayne**, who founded the Vatican endorsed *Cor et Lumen Christi Community*, twenty years ago. He has an international ministry of preaching God's love, and of physical healing. The day will provide an opportunity to experience God working either in the quietness of our hearts or in a visible way. Mass 10am, Healing service 2pm, including the opportunity for Reconciliation. All are welcome to this day - come for just a part if you wish. If you need transport please contact Jossy Matthew (07916 334280) or Elizabeth (07915 641946)

Please remember the deceased members of the 3 churches whose anniversaries occur in September including: Christopher Hallam, Jean Bale, Ina Carroll, Shelagh Powell, Keith Warner, Mary Tew, Alex Meldrum, Julia Kent, Steve Ridgeway, Patricia Cording and Teresa Black.

CALLING ALL CATECHISTS

How do we become more confident in sharing our faith with those we are catechising? Cardiff deanery is holding a Day for Catechists to offer support and formation. It is called "**Sharing our faith - an invitation to Catechists**", and will be a day of reflection and faith exploration by Madeline Page, diocesan Evangelisation and Education Officer. It will begin with a reflection, followed by a practical session on how we share our faith with others. In the afternoon we will reflect on our lives and where God has been present. Backed by all the clergy of Cardiff, the day will provide an opportunity to share experiences and fellowship with Catechists from all over the city. I urge all our catechists to consider giving up these hours just once, for the good of our 3 Churches. The day is at **St David's College on Saturday 30 September**. It starts at 10am with an optional Mass at 9.30am, and finishes by 4pm. Lunch provided. Please contact madeline.page@rcadc.org or tel 2036 5965 to book your place.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS FOR PARENTS

The September Baptism Preparation Sessions will take place in the sacristy of St Brigid's Church at 7pm on Tuesdays 5 & 12 September. Please contact Ann Martin should you have any queries - 2075 6300 email

stevemartincardiff@gmail.com

The October Baptism Preparation Sessions will be at St Teilos' Whitchurch on Wednesdays 12 & 19 October at 7pm, in the hall. The November Baptism Preparation Sessions will be at St Philip Evans on Saturdays 11 & 18 November at 6.30pm in the Small Hall.

Promise of Christmas

This annual concert at St David's Hall is on Saturday 2 December at 7.30pm. Rehearsals start on Tuesday 3 October at Albany Rd Baptist Church. Singers from the 3 Churches are involved in the choir which is drawn from churches across South East Wales. If any 3 Church members would like to join them or would like further information please contact Elizabeth Taylor (2075 1401)

Garden Party / BBQ for Lesotho

Sunday 10 September 1 - 4pm at 48 South Rise, Llanishen to raise funds for the Seeds for the Future (Lesotho) hostel project. Crafts, cakes and local produce for sale; chocolate raffle and auction of promises. Entry £5, children under 12 £2.50 (ticket price includes BBQ). For tickets please contact Elizabeth Taylor tel 20751401 or email seedsstff@gmail.com. Tickets also available after weekend masses on 2/3 September. Donations of garden produce, preserves and cakes would be very welcome: as would loans of garden or camping tables for use on the day.

CWL

The next CWL charity coffee morning will take place on Friday 1 September after 9.30 Mass at St Pauls. Proceeds will be for our local charity of the year: Dementia Care

Mass on Tuesday 5 September at 9.30 at Christ the King

will be offered for the deceased members of the 3 churches, particularly those who died in June (Mary Scholey, Joe Rigby, Kevin Mecklenburgh)

St Brigid's & St Pauls

Tea at St Brigid's

All are welcome to tea and coffee after the 11am Mass at St Brigid's on Sunday 3 September. All monies raised go to the George Thomas Hospice.

Christ the King

RIP

The Requiem Mass for Frank Callaghan will take place at Christ the King on Thursday 31 August at 10am. Please remember Frank and all of his family in your prayers.

Poems & A Glass

Sunday 27 August 7pm
CTK Parish Centre
Come Along and join us with or without Poetry Book , with or Without A Bottle But most important - Bring yourself!

Mass Change

Please note that because of the funeral, there is no 9.30am Mass on Thursday 31 August.

Toddler Group

The Toddler Group is now on a break for summer and will meet again on Monday 4 September in the Parish Centre 9.30 - 11am

LIFT

There is a funeral on Thursday 31 August in Christ the King at 10am. In the circumstances we cannot therefore have a class that week. The following week I am away on Parish Pilgrimage.

Due to these circumstances the next LIFT class will be Thursday 14 September 10 - 11am. I would sincerely apologise for all these changes. I look forward to seeing everyone mid September.....14 September - Linda

Sunday August 27th 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Sat. | 6pm | C the K | Lorraine Cleyn (S & D Mitchell) | |
| Sun. | 9am | St Paul's | People of the Parish | 21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| | 9am | C the K | Maureen Brown (B Brown) | |
| | 11am | St Brigid's | George Goodwin (d. 27/08/1917) | |
| | 6pm | St Brigid's | Caddick Family | |
| Mon. | 9.30am | St Brigid's | Ints CN Family | St Augustine |
| Tues. | 9.30am | C the K | Eketi-Mulo & Chadrack Mulo (S Williams) | Passion of St John the Baptist |
| Wed. | 9.30am | St Paul's | Int Pat Morris (McDevitt) | |
| Thurs. | 100am | C the K | Requiem Mass: Frank Callaghan | |
| | 7.30pm | St Brigid's | Rita Purcell | |
| Fri. | 9am | St Brigid's | Int Fr Daniel Stanton | |
| Sat. | 10am | | At Corpus Christi High School | |

Sunday September 3rd 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Sat. 6pm C the K | Luke Early (S & D Mitchell) | |
| Sun. 9am St Paul's | Keith Lewis (Gina) | 22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 9am C the K | Thanksgiving (Tricia Daw) & Nancy Doherty (C Bailey) | |
| 11am St Brigid's | Ints Children of the Parishes | |
| 6pm St Brigid's | People of the Parish | |
| Tues. 9.30am C the K | Deceased members of the 3 Churches | |
| Wed. 9.30am St Paul's | Claire Hawes | |
| Thurs. 9.30am C the K | Friends Intentions (F) | |
| 7.30pm St Brigid's | Rita Purcell | |
| Fri. 9.30am St Paul's | Holy Souls | |
| Sat. 9.30am St Brigid's | Pilgrims' Thanksgiving | St Peter Claver;
Bl. Frederic Ozanam |

Sunday September 10th 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Sat. 6pm C the K | Nascimento Rodrigues (I Rodrigues) | |
| Sun. 9am St Paul's | Catherine Mohamed (Nicholls) | 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 9am C the K | Elvira Alleva (Falsini Family) | |
| 11am St Brigid's | Sheila Burgess | |
| 6pm St Brigid's | People of the Parish | |

Praying for our Neighbours
Please remember in your prayers this week
our neighbours in
Baron's Court Road & Earl's Court Road
Rhydypenau Road
who have received prayer cards in
the last few days.

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Eucharistic Adoration

Christ the King
Resumes 12 September
St. Paul's
Resumes 20 September
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 £ 556.90
Non Gift Aid £ 606.00
Total £ 1162.90
S/O month av. £ 846.77

Christ the King
Gift Aid £ 348.20
Non Gift Aid £ 303.00
S/O weekly av. £ 365.29
Total £ 1016.49

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:

Mary Amugan, Chris Babu, John Campbell, Maureen Carroll, Mary Clarke, Terry Culbertson, Agnes Davies, Emily, Anna Forrest, Anthony Foster, 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, Bob Pugsley, Josie Pugsley, Rita Purcell, Valentino Rascon, John Reardon, Claire Richards, Adela Rogers, Shaun Stone, Bev Tumelty, Emma Warlow, Dorothy Warren & Pat Watkins.