

# 3 Churches News

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## **LENT: PAUSE, SEE, RETURN**

"Lent is the time for allowing one's heart to be touched..." **Pope Francis** said at Mass on Ash Wednesday. "God does not tire, nor will he tire, of holding out his hand." He encouraged us to **pause, see, and return** to the Father.

He offered suggestions of how to **pause**, including refraining from showing off, or from an attitude which gives rise to unproductive thoughts and self-pity. These lead us to forget our call to encounter others and share in their burdens. He urged an end to the desire "to control everything, know everything, destroy everything," which stems from a lack of gratitude for our life and what we've been given. Lent is a good time for the "creative power of silence" in order to "leave behind the unrest and commotion that fill the soul with bitter feelings which never get us anywhere... Pause from this compulsion to a fast-paced life that scatters, divides and ultimately destroys time with family, with friends, with children, with grandparents, and time as a gift... time with God." Francis warned about "haughty looks" and "fleeting and pejorative comments," words stemming from a lack of "tenderness, compassion and reverence for the encounter with others, particularly those who are vulnerable, hurt and even immersed in sin and error."

Francis urged us instead to **see** - to reflect on those actions which promote faith, hope and charity - to look upon the faces of the vulnerable and in need, like families who, despite hardship, still strive to make their homes "a school of love." May we see the faces of children and youth, yearning for a future, the faces of the elderly reflecting "God's wisdom at work," and the faces of sick people and their carers, whose vulnerability reminds us of the value of every person. "See the remorseful faces of so many who try to repair their errors and mistakes, and who from their misfortune and suffering fight to transform their situations and move forward." Finally, the Pope encouraged everyone to make time during Lent to "see and contemplate the face of Crucified Love... To see his face is an invitation filled with hope for this Lenten time, in order to defeat the demons of distrust, apathy and resignation."

Pope Francis invited all to "**return** without fear to those outstretched, eager arms of your Father, who is rich in mercy, who awaits you. Return without fear, for this is the favorable time to come home."

Full text at [press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2018/02/14/180214e.html](http://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2018/02/14/180214e.html)

~~~~ First Sunday in Lent (Sunday 18 February 2018) ~~~~



Response to Psalm **Your ways, Lord are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.**  
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, But on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**



**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Genesis 9: 8-15 **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Peter 3: 18-22 **Gospel:** Mark 1: 12-15

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### Father's News

#### LENT

**Mass** Prepare at home, look at the readings, greet people, especially strangers, attend a weekday Mass?

**Deanery Mass** Wednesday 28 February at 7pm. This year St Brigid's hosts the Cardiff Deanery Mass. Join people from all over the city with the priests and Archbishop. Confessions available for the hour before Mass.

**Confession** Lent is a great time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation; special North Cardiff Penitential Service at St Teilo's Monday 26 March.

#### Stations of the Cross

Before Mass: Tuesday at Christ the King, Friday at St Paul's, Saturday at St Brigid's, all at about 9am

**Walk With Me** Reflections for each day - available in each church.

**Holy Week** Maundy Thursday at Christ the King; Good Friday at St Paul's and Christ the King; Easter Vigil at St Brigid's. More details later.

#### Taking something up for Lent?

Instead of giving something up for Lent, why not take something up? Join us as we read through the Gospel of St Luke on Friday 23 February 6.30pm at Christ the King. The passage on which we will focus with the help of Canon Matthew is Luke 19, 29 - 48. Hope to see you.

#### Women's World Day of Prayer Service

Park End Church  
Rhydpennau Crossroads  
Friday 2 March 2pm  
All welcome

#### ADOREMUS

#### - PREPARATION DAY

There is a **National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress** entitled "Adoremus" in Liverpool this September. The Archdiocese invites everyone to a

**Preparation Day of Reflection at St David's Catholic College on 17 March** from 10.30am - 3pm. The day will explore the Sacrament of the Eucharist as meal, as sacrifice and as real presence. The day will offer reflections, an opportunity for imaginative contemplation and time for adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

The day is free of charge and open to all people. Registration 10am for 10.30am. Lunch provided.

To attend, please contact Christian Mahoney on 07764 515864 or email [christianmahoney2@gmail.com](mailto:christianmahoney2@gmail.com)

#### **2018 Lenten Talks: "Healing through the Penitents Path"**

St Peter's RC Church, Roath, Cardiff. Every Tuesday throughout Lent. 7.30pm start in St David's Chapel. A potentially life changing Spiritual Development Program for Lent; includes talks, prayers, sharing, testimonies, and prayer ministry. Please see the poster on the notice board for more information. Come along and bring your friends & family too!

**South East Wales Organists Association will be visiting St Paul's on Tuesday 20 February at 7.30pm. Come along even if you can't play!**

#### DEANERY STATION MASS

This year the **Deanery Lent Station Mass** will be held at St Brigid's Church at 7pm on **Wednesday 28 February**. We would love to make this a success and to offer our visiting friends of the Deanery a Lenten Mass to remember. This is an appeal to anyone from our three Churches, *of any age*, who can play an instrument and / or sing, to come forward and help create a wonderful music group for this Mass. We also need volunteers for Readers, Welcomers, Eucharistic Ministers and a family or group to undertake the offering of the gifts. Please think about participating in one of the above functions. Most importantly, it would be wonderful if as many parishioners as possible *turn up on the evening* - it sends out such a positive message to the other Churches of the Deanery if our own parishioners are supportive. Contact Kath Liddington with any offer of help (2062 7794 / [liddingtonke@talktalk.net](mailto:liddingtonke@talktalk.net)) or let Fr Matthew or Elizabeth Taylor know (2075 1401)

#### Tea Party

Huggard Centre for the Homeless (CASH) will be holding a Tea Party with entertainment by the Rock Choir to raise funds for the Centre on Thursday 8 March at 2.30pm in the Lisvane Memorial Hall, Heol-y-Delyn, Lisvane. Tickets are £8 and are available from Celia Bailey (2075 2413) or Sue Peat (2076 2358) Please come along and support the event.

### Items surplus to requirements

- \* A small(ish) ironing board
- \* 3 Advent candle stands - one freestanding, 2 table-top
- \* 4 small pewter chalices (too small for parish use)

If anyone is interested in having any of these items please contact Christ the King Parish Office.

### **FAIRTADE FORTNIGHT: COME ON IN**

26 February - 11 March

The theme for 2018 is 'Come on In' inviting people to join in the Fair Trade movement, and learn more about how Fairtrade impacts the lives of producer communities across the world.

## Other events

### "Leading to the Passion"

#### A Day's Reflection for Lent

On Saturday 24 February, Fr Tim McGrath will take us through the biblical events that lead up to the passion of Jesus and help us to be more passionately inspired by the life of Christ.

We will meet in St Mary's RC Church, Ewenny Road, Bridgend, CF31 3HS at 10am - 3pm.

All our Scripture Saturdays are free and there is no need to book, if you are able to make a donation to help cover our costs it will be gratefully received. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided but please bring your own packed lunch.

### **Quiz Night**

**Nazareth House**

**Thursday 22 February 7.30pm**

### Welsh National Pilgrimage

The dates for this year's pilgrimage are Sunday 22 - Friday 27 July, flying from Cardiff. Bookings should be made through Joe Walsh Tours (Cardiff 029 2000 3865 / London 0203 468 0617)

You are welcome to join us for our February Mass and social gathering in St Joachim's and St Anne's Church, Dunvant, Swansea at 3pm on Sunday 18 February.

### **Organ Recital season resumes,**

first one starts on Thursday 22 February 7pm, St Peter's Church, Cardiff. Organist Peter Clark will play some music by JS Bach, Carlotta Ferrari, Keith Bernard, and other composers with some Lenten flavour. Free admission, retiring collection appreciated. All are welcome.

### ***Touchstone Talks***

The next in the series, held in the TICS Lecture Theatre at St David's Catholic College, will be this Sunday 18 February at 3pm entitled "The Crown of the Church: The Beauty of the Faith and the Splendour of Theology". Admission is free, although there is a retiring collection. For more information call 2043 1842, or email [institute@tics.org.uk](mailto:institute@tics.org.uk)

### **Rite of Election**

**This** Sunday 18 February at 3pm, St David's Cathedral. Please support our RCIA candidates at this important step in their journey with Christ.



## Christ the King

### CAFOD Family Fast Day

Family Fast Day is Friday 23 February. Envelopes will be distributed this week. Please bring them back next week and pop them into the purple drum at the back of the church. Your donations this year will make double the difference because for every pound you give, the UK government will also donate a pound.

**Members of the UCM will be selling tickets after Masses this weekend for their Welsh Lunch which will take place on Saturday 3 March. Tickets cost £5, and £2 for children.**

### **LINK**

We are starting to put together the Easter edition. If you have any comments, interesting articles, funny stories, book reviews... please send to: [mark.cherime@talktalk.net](mailto:mark.cherime@talktalk.net) [j.v.rendle@talk21.com](mailto:j.v.rendle@talk21.com)

## St Brigid's & St Pauls

### **Eucharistic Ministers and Readers at St Paul's**

Please note - provisional schedules for March to September 2018 will be on the Notice Board. Please give a written note to John O'Connell if specific date/s are not convenient **before** Palm Sunday when a final schedule will be published.

**Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup> First Sunday in Lent**

|                         |                                              |                      |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Sat. 6pm C the K        | <b>Barbara Nicholson (G Chapman)</b>         |                      |
| Sun. 9am St Paul's      | <b>Brian Mark (Slowikowska)</b>              | First Sunday in Lent |
| 9am C the K             | <b>Jimmy Graham (Donovan Family)</b>         |                      |
| 11am St Brigid's        | <b>Bill Campbell</b>                         |                      |
| 6pm St Brigid's         | <b>People of the Parish</b>                  |                      |
| Mon. 9.30am St Brigid's | <b>Doreen Dermody &amp; Family (Jenkins)</b> |                      |
| Tues. 9am C the K       | <b>Stations of the Cross</b>                 |                      |
| 9.30am C the K          | <b>Charles McDevitt (A McDevitt)</b>         |                      |
| Wed. 9.30am St Paul's   | <b>Maureen Carroll (Cora)</b>                | St Peter Damian      |
| Thurs. 9.30am C the K   | <b>Sister Kathleen Brown (B Brown)</b>       | Chair of St Peter    |
| 7.30pm St Brigid's      | <b>Int Christine Ring (Daley)</b>            |                      |
| Fri 9am St Paul's       | <b>Stations of the Cross</b>                 | St Polycarp          |
| 9.30am St Paul's        | <b>Brian Mark (John)</b>                     |                      |
| 7.30pm St Brigid's      | <b>Friday Praise</b>                         |                      |
| Sat. 9am St Brigid's    | <b>Stations of the Cross</b>                 |                      |
| 9.30am St Brigid's      | <b>Beth Richards &amp; Family (Jenkins)</b>  |                      |

**Sunday February 25<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday in Lent**

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| Sat. 6pm C the K   | <b>Christoforo Scalzo, Ave Scalzo &amp; Stella Ryan (S North)</b> |                       |
| Sun. 9am St Paul's | <b>Doreen &amp; John Smits</b>                                    | Second Sunday in Lent |
| 9am C the K        | <b>Dom Bryon &amp; Katrina Meades (G Chapman)</b>                 |                       |
| 11am St Brigid's   | <b>Maureen Carroll (Stone)</b>                                    |                       |
| 6pm St Brigid's    | <b>People of the Parish</b>                                       |                       |

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**Praying for our Neighbours**  
Please remember in your prayers this week  
our neighbours in  
**Crawley Close, Mayfair Drive, Belgrave Close & The Acorns  
Hammond Way & Howardian Close  
Beatty Avenue**  
who have received prayer cards in  
the last few days.

**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** £ 572.60  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 507.68  
**Total** £ 1080.23  
**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the King**

**Gift Aid** £ 362.90  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 337.16  
**S/O weekly av.** £ 381.79  
**Total** £ 1081.85

**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, Edith Baker, John Campbell, Mary Clarke,  
Terry Culbertson, Agnes Davies, Win Drury, Emily, Anthony Foster, Bobi Gower, Patrick Harris,  
Maria Hill, Caitriona Lovell, Sarah Morris, Peter Murphy, Maureen O'Driscoll,  
Kieran Ollin, Rona Perry, Valentino Rascon, John Reardon,  
Claire Richards, Adela Rogers, Shaun Stone, Bev Tumelty, Anne Wake, Gemma Ward,  
Emma Warlow, Dorothy Warren & Pat Watkins.