

3 Churches News

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Fifth Sunday in Lent (YEAR B)

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WHOSE SHOES?

What on earth was Peter thinking? How did Our Lady cope? What did Simon of Cyrene think about being pulled out of the crowd?

Last week I offered some thoughts about where precisely the events of Holy Week happened - on a donkey, a wooden table, a wooden cross, a stony tomb. This week I'd like to suggest you use your imagination again and put yourself in the shoes of someone involved in Holy Week. Take it slowly. Imagine their background or "backstory" as we say nowadays! What did they feel as they experienced what happened that week in Jerusalem. Look up where they appear in the New Testament, compare the four gospels. Here are some suggestions of people...

The High Priest, one of the soldiers, Pontius Pilate, Herod
Peter, Judas, John the Apostle, Mary Magdalen.

Simon of Cyrene, Nicodemus, Joseph of Arimathea, Veronica (careful, she doesn't actually appear in the Bible!)
What about an average man or woman in the crowd.

And, of course, there is Our Lady.

Put yourself in their shoes and, having maybe read up a bit, let the Lord guide your imagination to help bring Holy Week alive for you. God can work through our imagination as well as any other way.

Maybe you will feel like writing down some of your thoughts. This would be for yourself, of course, though I would be very interested in reading such reflections. Let's really help our celebration of Holy Week and Easter this year of 2018 come alive.

And, most of all, make every effort to come to the central services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter, especially the Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter.

Fr Matthew



~~~~ Fifth Sunday in Lent (Sunday 18 March 2018) ~~~~



Response to Psalm **A pure heart create for me, O God**

Gospel Acclamation: **Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! If a man serves me, says the Lord, He must follow me; wherever I am, my servant will be there too. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Jeremiah 31: 31-34 **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Hebrews 5: 7-9 **Gospel:** John 12: 20-30

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### Father's News

#### LENT

**Mass** Why not come to a weekday Mass?

**Confession** Lent is a great time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

#### Stations of the Cross

Before Mass: Tuesdays at Christ the King, Fridays at St Paul's, Saturdays at St Brigid's, all at about 9am

#### HOLY WEEK

**Monday** 26 March: North Cardiff Penitential Service at St Teilo's 7pm

**Tuesday:** Passover meal at St Brigid's (see its own item)

**Wednesday** Chrism Mass St David's Cathedral 11am

**Maundy Thursday:** Mass of the Lord's Supper 8pm at Christ the King followed by watching until midnight.

**Good Friday:** Commemoration of the Passion 3pm at St Paul's and Christ the King; note there will be children's liturgy at both of these.

**Holy Saturday:** Easter Vigil First Mass of Easter 8.30pm at St Brigid's.

#### RIP

Please continue to pray for the repose of the souls of the recently deceased. Funerals are as follows:

**Molly Powell** Christ the King this Wednesday 21 March 12.30pm

**Anthony Foster** Wenallt Chapel Thornhill this Thursday 22 March 12.30pm

**Beryl Drayton** Requiem at St Paul's Monday 9 April 12 noon  
*Please remember them and their families and friends in your prayers.*

#### DON'T LAUGH - OR WORRY

Fr Matthew explains, "You may see me wearing a so-called *moon-boot* at the moment. I haven't "done anything" to my foot. Rather, it's to try and clear an ongoing problem with my little toe. Enquiries "What have you done" are hereby made redundant!"

#### SCRIPTURE SATURDAYS

"Alive in Christ" - What do the scriptures show us about how to be fully alive in the Lord? Saturday 24 March at St Philip Evans, Llanedeyrn 10am - 3pm. Sarah Beresford will be exploring the scriptures to help us be truly alive in Christ. "Scripture Saturdays" are free. No need to book; donations gratefully received. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided, but please bring your own packed lunch.

For more information visit

[www.catholic-bible-school.org/south-wales-events/Mar18](http://www.catholic-bible-school.org/south-wales-events/Mar18) or email [catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com](mailto:catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com)

#### LOURDES

Welsh National Pilgrimage: The dates this year are Sunday 22 - Friday 27 July, flying from Cardiff. Bookings should be made through Joe Walsh Tours. Telephone 2000 3865 / London 0203 468 0617. Places available for any adults, staying at Hosanna House. Further details: - [maureen.greening@btinternet.com](mailto:maureen.greening@btinternet.com)

#### *The vineyard*

On Friday 23 March, we shall continue to follow Jesus' journey towards Jerusalem and we shall be reflecting on the extract from Luke 19:45- 20:1-19. Everyone is welcome. Simply come along to Christ the King church at 7.30pm.

#### Upcoming Baptism Courses

**Christ the King Course hosted by Brigid Lee. Thursdays 12 & 19 April 7.30pm**

Anyone wishing to attend should email Brigid for details of the venue - [andylee63@talktalk.net](mailto:andylee63@talktalk.net)

**St Brigid's, Crystal Glen (Sacristy, accessed beyond altar in Church) Tuesdays 8 & 15 May 7pm**

Please email Ann Martin if attending - [stevemartincardiff@gmail.com](mailto:stevemartincardiff@gmail.com)

#### UCM

Due to the recent very bad weather, the members of the UCM (sadly) had to cancel their Welsh Lunch which was due to take place on Saturday 3 March. As we are not able to provide the lunch in the near future, we will gladly give refunds on purchased tickets after Masses on the weekend of 24 & 25 March.

#### Children's Stations of the Cross

There will be a children's Stations of the Cross at Christ the King Parish Hall during the Good Friday mass. If your child would like to participate please express your interest via email [hycinth@me.com](mailto:hycinth@me.com)

#### *Music for Easter*

Music rehearsals will take place as follows, to practise for the Easter Triduum. We welcome everyone from our 3 Churches to come along and support the music, either as a musician or as a singer: Wednesday 21 March 7.45pm CTK Saturday 24 March 9.30 - 10.15am CTK

**Following the Shoe Appeal, over 100 pairs of shoes were collected at both Christ the King and St Brigid's. Thank you!**

### CWL – Monday Group

The former CWL ladies - now called the Monday Group - will hold their next meeting on Monday 26 March at St Paul's. We will meet in church at 2pm and make the Stations of the Cross.

### **PALM SUNDAY FILM NIGHT at ST BRIGID'S**

'RISEN' starring Joseph Fiennes  
(*The first forty days after the Resurrection of Jesus told through the eyes of an agnostic Roman Centurion*)

Sunday 25 March 7.30pm

No tickets - just come along with your family and friends and see this film as a lead into Holy Week

### **St Brigid's & St Paul's**

#### **Passover Meal**

This will be held on Tuesday 27 March (Tuesday of Holy Week) at 7.30pm in St Brigid's Hall. The evening begins with symbolic food and prayers followed by a 3 Course Dinner (catering by Spiro) Tickets are now available (£20 - which includes your wine or soft drinks) after Masses or please call 2076 6318

#### **The Stations**

"The Stations" (as seen on the BBC) are on display in Saint Helen's church, Caerphilly, for the next two weeks: 14 intimate photos of refugees at different stops and stages on their journey, with text linking their plight to the moments of Christ's passion. 'The Stations' give us an opportunity to 'share the journey', Pope Francis has called and challenged us to do. The church will be open from 10.30am - 6pm each day (Sundays from 11.30am). All are welcome to view, follow, and pray the Way of the Cross with our brothers and sisters who are still living it.

### **St John Lloyd RC Primary School 50 Anniversary**

Calling all ex staff members and Parish Priests of St John Lloyd RC Primary school Cardiff. To help celebrate St John Lloyd RC Primary school Cardiff 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, you are cordially invited to join us for Mass at the school on Monday 23 April at 11am. RSVP [cchambers@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:cchambers@cardiff.gov.uk)

### **Three Christian films are coming to UK cinemas this month.**

#### **Mary Magdalene**

It stars Rooney Mara as Mary Magdalene, Joaquin Phoenix as Jesus, Chiwetel Ejiofor as Peter (star of Oscar-winning *12 Years a Slave*); and is directed by Garth Davis (director of *Lion*). See [www.damarismedia.com](http://www.damarismedia.com) for a discussion guide.

#### **God's not Dead: A Light in Darkness**

Opens on Good Friday Third of the *God's not Dead* series. Parts 1 & 2 showed in UK cinemas four and two years ago.

#### **Paul, Apostle of the Christ**

Also opens on Good Friday James Faulkner (*Downton Abbey*) plays Paul; Jim Caviezel plays Luke (Jesus in Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ*). Event Cinema: Handel's Messiah Wed. 28 March only at 6.30pm Semi-staged at Bristol Old Vic, it is directed by Tom Morris (*War Horse*) and will be shown in many UK cinemas that do Event Cinema. See [www.damarismedia.com](http://www.damarismedia.com) for a discussion guide.

#### **Also: Samson**

Opens on Friday 25 May You may like to plan a sermon series on Samson in late May to link in with its UK cinema release. Trailers to the above can be found by visiting [www.imdb.com/calendar/?region=gb](http://www.imdb.com/calendar/?region=gb) and clicking the relevant opening dates.

## **Christ the King**

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

Sandwich making for the homeless will take place at Christ the King on Monday 19 March at 1.15pm. New and existing volunteers welcome.

### **Easter Flowers**

There will be a collection for Easter flowers after masses next weekend (24 & 25 March) The C the K Flower Group would like to thank you for your generosity.

**Unfortunately there will be no LIFT class for the next two weeks, 22 & 29 March (Maundy Thursday). I do apologise for this interruption and look forward to seeing you all on 5 April.**

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## **St Brigid's & St Pauls**

### **Easter Flowers**

There will be a collection after 9am Mass at St Paul's, this week and next week for Easter Flowers. Thanking you in anticipation of your usual generosity.

### **Lourdes**

If any parishioner is going to Lourdes, either as a sick pilgrim or as a helper, with HCPT or with the Welsh National Pilgrimage, and would like a donation towards their expenses from the Parish Lourdes Fund, please email or write a note of request to Fr Matthew.

**Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup> Fifth Sunday in Lent**

|        |         |             |                                                  |                      |
|--------|---------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Sat.   | 6pm     | C the K     | <b>Alun Dukes (B Dukes)</b>                      |                      |
| Sun.   | 9am     | St Paul's   | <b>Maureen Carroll (Tunncliffe)</b>              | Fifth Sunday in Lent |
|        | 9am     | C the K     | <b>Private Intention (F)</b>                     |                      |
|        | 11am    | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parish</b>                      |                      |
|        | 12.30pm | St Brigid's | <b>Baptisms</b>                                  |                      |
|        | 6pm     | St Brigid's | <b>Steve Williams (Imperato)</b>                 |                      |
| Mon.   | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>Claire Hawes</b>                              | St Joseph            |
| Tues.  | 9am     | C the K     | <b>Stations of the Cross</b>                     |                      |
|        | 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Frank Callaghan (T Evans)</b>                 |                      |
| Wed.   | 9.30am  | St Paul's   | <b>David Wharry</b>                              |                      |
|        | 12.30pm | C the K     | <b>Requiem Mass: Frances Mary (Molly) Powell</b> |                      |
| Thurs. | 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Kathleen Brown (B Brown)</b>                  |                      |
|        | 7.30pm  | St Brigid's | <b>Thanksgiving (Slowikowska)</b>                |                      |
|        | Fri 9am | St Paul's   | <b>Stations of the Cross</b>                     |                      |
|        | 9.30am  | St Paul's   | <b>Sharon Ingram (Martin)</b>                    |                      |
|        | 7.30pm  | St Brigid's | <b>Friday Praise</b>                             |                      |
| Sat.   | 9am     | St Brigid's | <b>Stations of the Cross</b>                     | St Patrick           |
|        | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>Nell Williams (Tunncliffe)</b>                |                      |

**Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday**

|      |      |             |                                               |
|------|------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Sat. | 6pm  | C the K     | <b>Charles and Hannah Brice (M Al Haddad)</b> |
| Sun. | 9am  | St Paul's   | <b>Brian Mark (Cole)</b>                      |
|      | 9am  | C the K     | <b>Jimmy Graham (M &amp; C Johnson)</b>       |
|      | 11am | St Brigid's | <b>Thomas Anthony Sherry</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  
**St Brigid Road & St Asaph Close**  
**Llanedeyrn Close**  
**Heol y Cadno**  
 who have received prayer cards in  
 the last few days.

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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** £ 618.85  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 484.76  
**Total** £ 1113.61  
**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the King**  
**Gift Aid** £ 451.22  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 449.38  
**S/O weekly av.** £ 331.79  
**Total** £ 1232.39

**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, Bobi Gower, Patrick Harris,  
 Maria Hill, Caitriona Lovell, Sarah Morris, Peter Murphy, 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.