

3 CHURCHES NEWS

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Palm Sunday

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Corona Virus – Help a Parishioner If you are well and able to do so, please think about offering help to our older and more vulnerable parishioners who may need help and assistance during this uncertain time.

Dear parishioners and friends of our 3 Churches:

We begin the most holy week of the year this Sunday. How holy – but this year how strange! We here at the Presbytery will celebrate the special liturgies in some shape or form in private, and you can follow them through the internet from many places. We will follow Jesus into Jerusalem, up to the room of the Last Supper, out to Gethsemane, and on to Caiaphas, Pilate and Herod. Eventually let us find ourselves high on Calvary hill, watching from a distance our Saviour surrendering his Spirit amid suffering of mind, body and spirit. Our Father in heaven will look down on this world too in its suffering this week. But our joy our faith and hope is in what happened next. That same Father raised His Son at Easter, and at some point He will raise us too when this is over. So, we may all be in our homes, but we are the Church – not the buildings but the real Church, the people. *We may be apart but we are really a part!* Follow Holy week as best you can, and let's journey through it to Easter – together!

Fr Matthew

HOLY WEEK

Directives from the Bishops of England & Wales

Here at St Brigid's we will implement these directives as best we can and in an appropriate way.

- **Palm Sunday** – In the celebration of the Mass of Palm Sunday, in parish churches the Third Form (the Simple Entrance) should be used. There is no blessing of palms in the third form. Palms could be kept until next year, or parish priests may wish to bless palms separately from the liturgy so that they can be available to their people at a later date when travel becomes possible.
- **Chrism Mass** – The Archbishops of England and Wales, have asked that a gesture of solidarity with the Holy Father is made by postponing Chrism Masses. Once the restrictions of the pandemic are raised, the Chrism Mass and the

Blessing of Holy Oils and Consecration of the Chrism will take place, with the Bishop, priests and faithful of our dioceses. Until then, the Holy Oils from last year should be retained in parishes.

- **Mass of the Lord's Supper** – The Washing of the Feet is to be omitted and there is to be no procession to the Altar of Repose. The reserved Sacrament is to be kept in the Tabernacle. Priests should make a Renewal of Priestly Commitment at this time. St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham will be the focus of national coverage of Watching on Holy Thursday: www.stchadscathedral.org.uk
- **Good Friday** – If it is unrealistic for a priest to celebrate the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, he should spend time in prayer for his people. This will include the praying of Vespers from the Liturgy of the Hours and also spend time before a Crucifix, where he should pray the Universal Prayers of the Liturgy of Good Friday. The Holy Father has decreed that a special intention (For the afflicted in time of Pandemic) be inserted before the intercession for those in Tribulation (X). Note that the Cross can either be veiled or unveiled according to whether the first or second form of the Showing is used. It may be expedient to use the second form for ease.
- **Easter Vigil** – This should be celebrated in Cathedrals and Parish Churches only. If a priest is unable to celebrate the Easter Vigil, he should pray the prescribed Office of Readings for Easter Day noting the number of readings, chants and prayers to be used. For those celebrating the Easter Vigil, following the Greeting, the Lucernarium, the preparation of the fire is omitted, and the Paschal Candle is lit and placed in the candlestick without ceremony and procession, and the Easter Proclamation (the Exsultet) immediately follows. As there is no procession, it is recommended that this part of the Vigil takes place in the Sanctuary where the Paschal candle is enthroned either in the centre or at the lectern. The Liturgy of the Word follows, noting the requirements of the readings, psalms and prayers. The Renewal of Baptismal Promises is made without the blessing of water.

LITURGY AND PRAYER

- **Mass** – Mass is celebrated in private at least once every day for the intentions in the weekly list.
- **Baptisms and Marriages** – are deferred.
- **Confessions** – are on request with distancing requirements observed.
- **Funerals** – take place at the graveside or crematorium. Arrangements may be made for a Memorial Mass at a later date.
- **Streamed Masses** – locally within the Diocese the following parishes will be live streaming: *St Mary's Canton, St Helens Barry, St Teilo's Whitchurch and All Saints Parish Newport*. All can be reached via their websites.
There are a number of international resources for viewing the Mass online:
ChurchServicesTV – livestream from churches around the world; try Walsingham
Eternal Word Television Network – broadcasts daily Mass at 12 noon
Shalom World TV – daily Mass at 9am & 9pm
- **Spiritual Communion** – Prayer of St Alphonsus:
My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,

And I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
And unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

PARISH LIFE

- **Light a Candle** – A group of parishioners, together with people from other parishes, are lighting a candle in their homes every evening at 7pm during the pandemic and taking time to think of and pray for all affected by the pandemic. If you think this would be helpful for you during this time of isolation please join us and together we will think of and pray for each other and for our world.
- **Newsletter** – If you or someone you know would like to receive this newsletter by email, let editor Luke know at luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk
- **Christ the King Parish Office** - Phone messages will be checked, but preferably send messages or enquiries via email – llanishen@rcadc.org
- Check out also my **blog** at thecanonsstall.blogspot.com
- **Finance** - If you do not already do so, please consider supporting the ongoing work and life of your parish with a bank standing order. Please email Fr Matthew at matthew.jones@rcadc.org for appropriate bank details, specifying which parish, Christ the King or St Brigid's / St Paul.

CARE AND SUPPORT

- If you are well and able to do so, please think about offering help to our older and more vulnerable parishioners who may need help and assistance during this uncertain time.
- **Foodbank** – You can no longer leave food at our 3 Churches. It may be left at public collection points such as supermarkets.
If you or someone else needs support these may help... **Age Cymru** is offering a free '**Check in and Chat**' telephone service for the over 70s in Wales who live alone. It is hoped that the initiative will help provide some reassurance to older people, answer some basic questions and link people to local services and support during the Coronavirus outbreak. If you are over 70 living alone and would like to speak to someone at Age Cymru to share your concerns – or to just have a chat – please telephone 0800 022 3444 or email enquiries@agecymru.org.uk
- **Mutual Aid Groups** – These Facebook groups have been set up to facilitate information sharing and mutual aid for those who have to self isolate for Covid-19 or who are affected by it and need support. If you are looking for help please do not put your personal details on the main page.
Penylan / Cyncoed – www.facebook.com/groups/685229805549686
Llanishen – www.facebook.com/groups/735447276990164
Heath – www.facebook.com/groups/251990475816496

R.I.P.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: -

- **Stanley Andrews**, former caretaker of Coed Glas School, whose funeral takes place this Monday.
- **Jane Elizabeth Richards** formerly of Woolaston Avenue, funeral Thursday 16 April
- **John Phillip Gardiner** of Pontprennau, funeral Monday 20 April
- **Ted Jones**, husband of Beryl, who also died this week.
- Also **Susan Day**, of St Brigid's, who passed away recently

Let us remember Maureen, Beryl and all these families in our prayers at this time.

LASTLY...

The famous prayer of St Teresa of Avila:

Let nothing disturb you,
 Let nothing frighten you,
 All things will pass away.
 God never changes;
 Patience obtains all things,
 Whoever has God lacks nothing.
 God alone suffices. Amen

The intention for the Mass to be celebrated on Tuesday 7 April will be for deceased members of the 3 Churches, remembering particularly David Norris who died in January.

Sunday April 5th Palm Sunday		
SUNDAY	Margaret Powell (J Stone); Rita Daw	Palm Sunday
MONDAY	Private Int	
TUESDAY	The Deceased of our 3 Churches	
WEDNESDAY	Terry Lavin	
THURSDAY	Mass of the Lord's Supper	Maundy Thursday
FRIDAY	Solemn Commemoration of the Passion and Death of Our Lord	Good Friday
SATURDAY	Easter Vigil; People of the 3 Churches	Holy Saturday
SUNDAY	Nancy Hansen (Brown) Charles McDevitt (Ann)	Easter Sunday

Response to the Psalm: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory: Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.

**1st Reading Isaiah 50:4-7 Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66**

Praying for our Neighbours

This is currently suspended.

Cycle of Prayer

We continue to pray for the parishes and communities of our diocese. This week prayer is for St Mary's, Canton, for Canon Peter Collins, Fr Nicholas Williams and Deacon Maurice Scanlon, and for St Mary's Primary School.

PRAYERS

Please remember the following in your prayers, who are unwell at this time: Mary Amugan, Chris Babu, Edith Baker, Clare Bell, Ann Brown, John Campbell, Mary Clarke, Corey-Jay Coles, Terry Culbertson, Agnes Davies, Claire Doherty, Win Drury, Sheila Ferriter, Emily, Jean Hill, Maria Hill, Caitriona Lovell, Michael Matthews, Dominic Morgan, Sarah Morris, Brendan Murphy, Peter Murphy, Audrey Nelson, Kieran Ollin, Rona Perry, Michael Porter, John Reardon, Claire Richards, Anne Roach, Adela Rogers, Shaun Stone, Genoveve Urtiaga, Anne Wake, Gemma Ward, Emma Warlow, Dorothy Warren & Pat Watkins.

Please remember in your prayers the deceased members of the 3 churches community whose anniversaries occur in April including Peter Nyhan, Edmund Ring, Thomas Richards, Michael Mills, Maria Hatton, Pat Roberts, Peter Fearby, Mary Cole, Concetta Filice, William Campbell, John Cook, Nick Chitsega, Cora Carroll, Jean Turner, Gloria Chapman and Ita Edwards.