

3 CHURCHES NEWS

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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:

The BBC phoned today to make sure I am still OK to do “Wednesday Word” this week. This radio “god slot” always has to be about something relevant to life. But life is somewhat dominated by one thing at the moment, isn't it? Anxious not to repeat what the previous few weeks contributors have said, the producer told me she'd send their scripts to me, so I wouldn't repeat their words! But what *can* we say to bring Easter to bear on this situation?

Yes, today and throughout this week and season we are invited to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We search in the gloom of a pandemic, in the problems of isolation, in the gasps of ventilators and tears of the bereaved for glimmers of light. Can we find light? As Christians we must give a resounding “yes”! Christ remains with us – yes! He is the light, he calls us to be the light – yes! Easter is not always a dazzling flash, it can be a gentle murmuring of Jesus in our hearts “I am with you”, or a gentle word from us to another, over the phone – or Zoom, Skype, FaceView or a card – “I am with you.”

Dear friends – He IS with you, with us – Yes, do have a happy and peaceful Easter!

Fr Matthew

LITURGY AND PRAYER

- **Mass** – Mass is being celebrated in private at least once every day for the intentions in the weekly list.
- **Baptisms and Marriages** – are deferred. **Funerals** take place at the graveside or crematorium. Arrangements may be made for a Memorial Mass at a later date.
- **Confessions** – are on request with distancing requirements observed.

- **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

PARISH LIFE

- **Light a Candle** – Parishioners and 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 those affected. 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
- **St Brigid & St Paul Parish Council** Via email voting, Pat Williams has been elected Chair for the forthcoming year.
- **Christ the King Parish Office** - Phone messages will be checked, but preferably send messages or enquiries via email – llanishen@rcadc.org
- Why not visit Fr Matthew's **blog** at thecanonsstall.blogspot.com
- This week Fr Matthew also delivers **Wednesday Word** on Radio Wales. Wednesday afternoon probably around 3.30pm
- **Finance** - The suspension of services means that, except for those who make their Church Giving through the bank, currently the 3 Churches have no income. Until we are able to resume services, please could you continue to make your weekly contributions either by putting it in the Gift Aid envelope if you use them or alternatively putting it in a safe place.
In either case please bring your accumulated contributions to church when we are able to resume services.
If you want bank details to set up a Standing Order please contact Fr Matthew (matthew.jones@rcadc.org) for St Brigid's or St Paul's, or Vicki Adshead (vickie@adshead.me.uk) for Christ the King.
The Easter Offering collection will be taken in all 3 churches on a weekend soon after we are able to resume services.

CARE AND SUPPORT

- **Foodbank** – You can no longer leave food at our 3 Churches. It may be left at public collection points such as supermarkets.
- Our **Phone-a-Friend** ministry is still functioning, reaching out to the alone or housebound. Keep up the good work!
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 provide reassurance to older people, answer 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: -

- **Jane Elizabeth Richards** formerly of Woolaston Avenue, funeral Thursday 16 April
- **John Phillip Gardiner** of Pontprennau, funeral Monday 20 April
Let us remember these and their families in our prayers at this time.

LASTLY...

A poem by Elizabeth Barrett Browning. It's about the look Our Lord gave my friend St Peter as Peter denied him, but it's really about Easter...

THE MEANING OF THE LOOK

I think that look of Christ might seem to say –
 'Thou Peter! art thou then a common stone
 Which I at last must break my heart upon
 For all God's charge to his high angels may
 Guard my foot better? Did I yesterday
 Wash thy feet, my beloved, that they should run
 Quick to deny me 'neath the morning sun?

And do thy kisses, like the rest, betray?
 The cock crows coldly – GO, and manifest
 A late contrition, but no bootless fear!
 For when thy final need is dreariest,
 Thou shalt not be denied, as I am here;
 My voice to God and angels shall attest,
 Because I KNOW this man, let him be clear."

Sunday April 12th Easter Sunday		
SATURDAY	Easter Vigil People of the Parishes	Holy Saturday
SUNDAY	Nancy Hansen (Brown) Charles McDevitt (Ann); Jim & Eileen Manley; Lorna Watermeyer (Wusterman); Dec'd Camilleri Family	Easter Sunday
MONDAY	Stanley Andrews	
TUESDAY	Christine Lewis (Adshead)	
WEDNESDAY	Maureen Marshall	
THURSDAY	Jane Richards; Ted Jones (Murphy)	
FRIDAY	Jim & Eileen Manley	
SATURDAY	Peter Murphy (Family)	
SUNDAY	Maureen Horgan; People of the Parishes	2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy or Low Sunday

Response to the Psalm: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then in the Lord. Alleluia!

1st Reading Acts 10:34. 37-43 Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

Praying for our Neighbours

This is currently suspended.

Cycle of Prayer

We continue to pray for the parishes and communities of our diocese.

This Easter week prayer is for our whole Archdiocese of Cardiff
and our Archbishop, George Stack.

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.