

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:

I hope you celebrated the great feast of Easter – as best we can anyway in these circumstances. Today we move on to so-called “Low Sunday”, when we see Jesus appear to the Apostles. They needed so much reassurance after Our Lord’s Death and Resurrection. Above all, Thomas needed to have his doubts dispelled. And, of course, Jesus did that by asking Thomas to do the one thing we can’t do at the moment – to touch Him. “Give me your hand” Jesus invites Thomas. We may not be able to grasp one another’s hands in the normal human way at the moment. But just take a moment and in your imagination picture the hand of the Lord being offered to you. Reassurance, presence, hope, peace, love.

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 later.
- **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 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. 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
- Why not visit Fr Matthew's **blog** at thecanonsstall.blogspot.com
- **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.

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: -

- **John Phillip Gardiner** of Pontprennau, funeral Monday 20 April
- **Huguette Skinner** mother of Mary Golaszewski (St Brigid's) and sister-in-law of Maureen Pinnell (Christ the King), and former September Pilgrim. Funeral Tuesday
- **Gwendoline McDonagh** mother of Mary (St Paul's) Funeral Wednesday 4.15pm
- **Susan Day** wife of David (St Brigid's) Funeral Thursday 9.30am
- **Clare Bell** of Christ the King who died recently

Let us remember these and their families in our prayers at this time.

LASTLY...

Now we know that you are all missing Fr Andy's jokes. So we thought we would put one on here each week. So here goes...

- Q. What cheese is made backwards?
 A. Edam!

Sunday April 19th 2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy or Low Sunday		
SATURDAY	People of the Parishes	
SUNDAY	Maureen Horgan; Paula Tunncliffe (Daley)	2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy or Low Sunday
MONDAY	John Goodwin	
TUESDAY	Huguette Skinner; Patrick de Peyer (Dauncey)	St Anselm
WEDNESDAY	Susan Day; Gwendoline McDonagh	
THURSDAY	Lorna Watermeyer (McDevitt)	St George
FRIDAY	Clare Bell	St Fidelis
SATURDAY	Mary Taylor; People of the Parish	
SUNDAY	Margery Malumphy (McDevitt); William & Julia Campbell	

Response to the Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me, happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!

1st Reading Acts 2:42-47 Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31

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 Patrick's, Grangetown, for Canon Michael Evans and for St Patrick'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.