

3 CHURCHES NEWS

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



Dear friends and parishioners

When we are overfamiliar with something, it risks losing its impact. It's true of seasons – like Lent so this year let's ask the Lord to help us all make Lent something real in our lives. Let's connect its meaning and impact to the Lent we have all been living for the last year, and to the individual Lents many have to experience from time to time. Let's pledge to get our lives in a bit better order, give the Lord space to get in and fill us with His new life – reconciliation within ourselves and with one another, and, most of all with God – amazing grace!

Lots of people kindly responded to my attempt at singing “Amazing Grace” last Sunday, and many commented on the extra words which are often used nowadays. So here they are, with a link to a video if you want to hear it sung by Chris Tomlin

*“My chains are gone I've been set free
My God, My Saviour has ransomed me
And like a flood his mercy rains
Unending love, amazing grace”*

https://youtu.be/_YFGzY_8li8

Fr Matthew

Response to the Psalm: Your ways, Lord, are my faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

Gospel Acclamation: 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!

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

3 CHURCHES INFO.

- 10.30 Sunday Mass is followed by a “**virtual coffee**” at 11.20ish via Zoom 865 017 3340 / coffee
- For **Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals** please contact Fr Matthew. Confessions by arrangement.
- To receive the **newsletter by email or submit items** - luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk
- Why not visit Fr Matthew's blog at www.thecanonsstall.blogspot.com?

R.I.P. - Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Terry Scott** and **Dorothy Dowle** whose funerals take place this week, and for **Pat Norris** and **Joseph Robatto** who have also died recently. We remember their families and friends in our prayers. Eternal rest grant to them, Lord.

Please note that the Requiem Mass for **Fr Ray O'Shea** takes place at St Brigid's on Thursday 4 March at 11.30. Attendance is restricted so live-streaming will be via the website.

LENT – Please make sure that you read and absorb the special **LENT FLYER** that has all the details you need for Lent to help us all observe this important season.

STATION OF THE CROSS – This year we want to bring the Stations of the Cross alive by listening to one another's reflections. We would love to receive life reflections from as many people as possible, across our 3 Churches. For more information and / or to volunteer a reflection, please contact Ami Liddington (liddingtona@talktalk.net)

The God Who Speaks – The God Who Speaks Team has sent this link to several Stations of the Cross and prayer resources to aid personal devotions www.godwhospeaks.uk/lent-at-home/personal-devotions

Liturgy of the Word from Mass – Join us on Sunday evenings at **6pm** for an interactive service which allows you to share in Mass and sing hymns! Open to everyone in our 3 Churches. The Zoom code is: 9851280988. The Password is: Church.

Fairtrade Fortnight 22 February – 7 March. Choose the world you want this fairtrade fortnight. www.fairtrade.org.uk/get-involved/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight

CAFOD Lent Fast Day Friday 26 February – This Lent in lockdown, you can help transform lives! www.cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day

Marriage Encounter Experience – The Marriage Encounter Experience offers you the opportunity to refresh, enrich and deepen your relationship; to bring the love, joy and sparkle back into your life. The online marriage encounter experience developed during the Covid pandemic, is a great opportunity for you to enrich your marriage from the comfort of your own home via Zoom. The next online experiences are 20 – 21 March and 15 – 16 May 2021. For further information and to book your weekend please visit www.wvme.org.uk

Foodbank (Trussell Trust) – We are volunteers at the Foodbank Distribution Centre at St Philip Evans Church in Llanedeyrn. Your help is really needed and would be much appreciated. If you can, please take donations of food to the Small Hall at St Philip Evans Parish at any of these times – Wednesdays 9am – 12 noon; Fridays 9 – 11am. You can also leave them with us at 46 Everest Avenue.

If you are unable to make a donation of food, please consider giving a monetary donation so that essential items can be bought and given out to those in need. Please take your monetary donation to the Small Hall at the times above. It may be that you would like to donate, but can't get to the Foodbank at the times stated or leave items with us. If that's the case, and there isn't anyone who could take your donation for you, you could donate to the Foodbank online – but that won't give us the money to buy supplies locally. Items in desperate shortage: salt and pepper, vinegar, red and brown sauces etc, microwave rice, sponge puddings, chocolate, sweets, toilet rolls, soap, carrier bags.

SAFEGUARDING – Pat Williams (St Brigid's)

Sunday February 21 st 1 st Sunday of Lent			
SUNDAY 10.30am	St Brigid's	Bill Campbell; Brigid Farren (McLaughlin)	1st Sunday of Lent
MONDAY 9.30am	St Brigid's	Special Intention; Michael Camilleri	Chair of St Peter
TUESDAY 9.30am	St Brigid's	Sr Joyce Davies (Bailey)	St Polycarp
WEDNESDAY 9.30am	St Brigid's	Nancy & John Whitfield (Daley); Terry Scott	
THURSDAY 9.30am	St Brigid's	Fr Ray O'Shea; Dorothy Dowle	
FRIDAY 9.30am	St Brigid's	Peter L Murphy (Family)	
SATURDAY 9.30am	St Brigid's	Stations of the Cross	
SUNDAY 10.30am	St Brigid's	Scalzo Family, Dino Birri & Sheila Ryan; Bill Campbell; Rita Bratcher (Johnson)	2nd Sunday of Lent

~~ FR ANDY'S JOKE TIME ~~

What do you call a girl with a frog on her head?
Lily!

New Safeguarding Officer Needed – A volunteer is needed to take up the role of safeguarding officer for Christ the King. If you would like to know more about the role please contact Canon Matthew.

Walk for Water – Elizabeth Taylor has signed up for the CAFOD 'Walk for Water' Lent Challenge to do 10,000 steps on each of the 40 days of Lent. Please consider supporting her by donating to her fund-raising page <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/Elizabeth-Taylor25> or contact her - tayleat@gmail.com 2075 1401.

Christ the King 50 Club – Would those people who do not pay their 50 Club subscriptions by direct debit please pay by cheque (£12, payable to Christ the King) using the Parish Centre mail box. Please remember to put the name(s) of the member on the back of the cheque. Thank you.

Praying for our Neighbours - Even if we cannot deliver prayer cards, we will continue to pray during the coming week for our neighbours in... Maberley Court, Colchester Avenue & Dombey Close.

Cycle of Prayer - We continue to pray for the parishes and communities of our diocese. This week for Immaculate Conception parish, Tredegar, pp Fr Richard Aziati, and St Joseph Primary School.

Please remember the following in your prayers, who are unwell at this time:

Mary Amugan, Chris Babu, Edith Baker, Ann Brown, EAB, John Campbell,
Corey-Jay Coles, Mary Coyle, Terry Culbertson, Win Drury, Sheila Ferriter, Baby Francesca, Emily,
Maria Hill, Canon William Isaac, Caitriona Lovell, Michael Matthews, Miranda Meldrum, Dominic
Morgan, Sarah Morris, Brendan Murphy, Kate Murphy, Niamh Murphy, Audrey Nelson, Kieran Ollin,
Rona Perry, Bob Pugsley, John Reardon, Ann Rees, Claire Richards, Anne Roach, Adela Rogers,
Shaun Stone, Paula Tunncliffe, Anne Wake, Gemma Ward, Emma Warlow,
& Dorothy Warren.