

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.



YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

In an Apostolic Letter in December entitled *Patris corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes **Saint Joseph** as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as **Patron of the Universal Church**. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "**Year of St Joseph**," beginning on 8th December 2020 the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021.

The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

We will return to the Year during 2021 – but his main feast is this Friday. Join us for Mass. Meanwhile, here is a prayer of Pope Francis for the Year.

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen*

Fr Matthew

Response to the Psalm: O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, O Christ! God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23 **2nd Reading:** Ephesians 2:4-10 **Gospel:** John 3:14-21

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 **Jane Grant** and **Keith Marshall** who have died recently. Their funerals take place on 25th March and 7th April respectively. We remember their families and friends in our prayers. Eternal rest grant to them, Lord.

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – This year we are bringing the Stations of the Cross alive by listening to one another's reflections. We have already received a number of life reflections. We would love to receive more from other members of our 3 Churches. We currently have "vacancies" for Stations 8, 9, 12 and 14. Your reflection can be read out in the Church by you or someone else, or you can record it, to be played back during the service. For more information and / or to volunteer a reflection, please contact Ami Liddington (liddingtona@talktalk.net)

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.

SAFEGUARDING – Pat Williams (St Brigid's)

Sunday March 14th 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare)			
SUNDAY 10.30am	St Brigid's	Margaret Rochefort 70 th (Bailey); Marina & William Slee (Daley)	4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare)
MONDAY 9.30am	St Brigid's	John Family	
TUESDAY 2.45pm	St Brigid's	Ann Ockleston; Special Int - Illness (Bailey)	
WEDNESDAY 9.30am	St Brigid's	Jean Grant; Keith Marshall	St Patrick
THURSDAY 9.30am	St Brigid's	Murphy Family	St Cyril of Jerusalem
FRIDAY 9.30am	St Brigid's	Mary Taylor (Family)	St Joseph
SATURDAY 9.30am	St Brigid's	Stations of the Cross	
SUNDAY 10.30am	St Brigid's	Thomas Anthony Sherry; Fr Ray O'Shea (Friends)	5th Sunday of Lent

~~ **FR ANDY'S JOKE TIME** ~~
Where do baby apricots sleep?
In apricots!

One Year On: Remembering our Loved Ones – On Tuesday 23 March 2021 12.45pm at Cardiff Cathedral, Archbishop Stack will celebrate a Solemn Requiem Mass for all the faithful departed who have died as a consequence of the pandemic. A Book of Remembrance has been opened at the Cathedral, and you are invited to send in the names of your loved-ones who have died over the last year. The Book of Remembrance will be given place of honour before the pascal candle at the Requiem Mass. If you would like the name of your loved one included in the Book of Remembrance, email Fr Daniel (cathedral@rcadc.org)

Due to limited numbers able to safely be present at the Cathedral, those who wish to attend will need to reserve a seat by phoning Fr Daniel at Clergy House on 2023 1407. There are thirty-four spaces available in the Cathedral for yourself or your bubble. These seats will be reserved on a 'first-come-first-served' basis. The Requiem Mass will also be live-streamed through the Cathedral website.

Education Programmes for Patients (EPP) – Do you have a long-term health condition? In pain? Your local health board are running a variety of free NHS virtual sessions. All you need is a mobile / tablet and internet access! Sessions include: - Living well with a long-term health problem or caring for a friend or relative; living well with chronic pain; living well with diabetes & STANCE; STANCE diabetes foot health education. If you are interested in any of these sessions call 2033 5403, text 'Interested' to 07870 979860 or email candice.morgan@wales.nhs.uk

Praying for our Neighbours - Even if we cannot deliver prayer cards, we will continue to pray during the coming week for our neighbours in... Rhydypenau Close, The Tudors & Norwood.

Cycle of Prayer - We continue to pray for the parishes and communities of our diocese. This week for St Joseph, Aberdare, pp Canon Eddie O'Connell and St Margaret 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, Claire Richards, Anne Roach, Adela Rogers, Shaun Stone, Paula Tunncliffe, Anne Wake, Gemma Ward, Emma Warlow, & Dorothy Warren.