

# 3 CHURCHES NEWS

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**CHRISTIANITY IN UKRAINE** - Please remember our brothers and sisters in Ukraine in your prayers. A 2021 survey found that an impressive 82% of Ukrainians declared themselves to be religious. Ukraine has the world's second-largest Eastern Orthodox population after Russia. 72.7% of the population declared themselves to be Orthodox and 9.7% Catholic. Of those Catholics 8.8% were Greek Rite Catholics following the Byzantine Rite, and 0.9% Latin Rite Catholics (like us). On the world level, there are approximately 4.5 million Ukrainian Greek Catholics, including the 3.85 million in Ukraine. In the UK the community is served by the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy (diocese) of the Holy Family of London. The faithful in the Eparchy here number some 13,500 people. Out of the Orthodox population in Ukraine roughly 58.3% of the population were members of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine (which was declared separate from Moscow in recent years), and 25.4% were members of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Moscow Patriarchate. ~ Fr Matthew

**Response to the Psalm:** Be with me, O Lord in my distress.

**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!

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Deuteronomy 26:4-10 **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 10:8-13 **Gospel:** Luke 4:1-13

**BAPTISMS** – Next Saturday we welcome Theo Dimeck and Sophia Cohen into the Church through Baptism at St Brigid's. Please remember them, and their parents and godparents in your prayers.

**RIP** – The Requiem Mass for **Pat McConnell** will take place at Christ the King on Thursday 10 March at 12 noon. Please note there will be no 9.30am Mass on that morning. The Requiem for **Ken Camilleri** will be at St Brigid's on Friday 11 March at 11am.

**Light in the Darkness** will be the theme for all of the masses in our 3 churches next weekend (12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup> March) to mark the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the start of the pandemic. We will remember those who have died in that time, those who are sick, those suffering isolation and those whose life circumstances have changed in other ways as a result of the pandemic. We will give thanks for the medical staff, scientists and others who have supported us and given us the means to begin to emerge into the light beyond Covid.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal.** Every child should grow big and strong. Family Fast Day is Friday 11 March when we eat simply and give generously to support mums around the world with training in growing and making healthy food. Your small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger. Envelopes available THIS weekend, March 5/6 and can be returned to Church (in purple drum) next week.

**Lenten Stations of the Cross** – Throughout Lent, we are holding **Stations of the Cross** in St Brigid's Church **each Saturday morning, starting at 9.30am**. You are invited to take part by writing a **personal** reflection - either read your reflection by attending at St Brigid's, or send it to Ami Liddington ([liddingtona@talktalk.net](mailto:liddingtona@talktalk.net)), who will arrange for it to be read on your behalf.

**Sunday Mass on YouTube** – Sunday Mass from St Brigid's can be seen on **YouTube** and is usually available by late afternoon that day. Search YouTube for **3 Churches in Cardiff** or follow this link – <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrLocNEVbnx8RtIzLvS1Z3A>

**SAFEGUARDING** – St Brigid's: Pat Williams (029 2061 7374) | St Paul's: Carl French (029 2075 4418) | Christ the King: Christine Williams & Neil Powell ([safeguardingctk@gmail.com](mailto:safeguardingctk@gmail.com))

### Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup> First Sunday of Lent

<b>SATURDAY</b> 6.00pm	Christ the King	Mike Billy Maloney (C Bailey)	
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9.00am	Christ the King	Bridget & Derek Roberts (J Dartnell)	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
<b>9.00am</b>	St Paul's	People of the Parishes	
<b>10.30am</b>	St Brigid's	Patricia Keating (Daley)	
<b>6.00pm</b>	St Brigid's	Holy Souls	
<b>MONDAY</b> 9.30am	St Brigid's	John Spinks; Diane & John Dungey	<b>Sts Perpetua &amp; Felicity</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9.30am	Christ the King	Maureen & John Peterson (Donovan Family)	<b>St John of God</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9.30am	St Paul's	Michael Gaccon (Cole)	<b>St Frances of Rome</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 12 noon	Christ the King	Requiem Mass: Pat McConnell	
<b>7.30pm</b>	St Brigid's	Holy Souls	
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9.30am	St Paul's	Alan Jones (Tunncliffe)	
<b>11.00am</b>	St Brigid's	Funeral: Kenneth Camilleri	
<b>SATURDAY</b> 9.30am	St Brigid's	Stations of the Cross	
<b>10.30am</b>	St Brigid's	Baptisms: Theo Dimeck & Sophia Cohen	
<b>6.00pm</b>	Christ the King	<i>Light in the Darkness</i>	
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9.00am	Christ the King	<i>Light in the Darkness</i> - Marking the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Start of the Pandemic	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
<b>9.00am</b>	St Paul's	<i>Light in the Darkness</i> Shirley Bulpin	
<b>10.30am</b>	St Brigid's	<i>Light in the Darkness</i> People of the Parish	
<b>6.00pm</b>	St Brigid's	<i>Light in the Darkness</i>	

**50 Club Winners: January.** Mike Halloran No30 £25  
Rebecca Foley No6 £15  
David Stone No102 £10

**February.** Muriel Gaunt No9 £25  
Elizabeth Taylor No50 £15  
Peter Charles No104 £10

**Living Faith** – Do you want to kick-start or rekindle your faith? Are you curious about what growing Churches are doing? If you answered “yes” to at least one of these questions then see why 300+ people have viewed the first two thought-provoking videos (Jan & Feb) and 4 minute introductory one – on the 3 Churches in Cardiff YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrLocNEVbnx8RtIzLvS1Z3A> Can you afford not to?

**Open invitation to the next session:** Every last Sunday of the month. Next one: **9.55 – 10.30am, March 27<sup>th</sup>**, St Brigid's Church. Come along before Mass or watch live via the webcam on the 3 Churches website at <https://bit.ly/3hzBML7> or wait for the video. Our Hillsong signature music will begin promptly at 9.55am and Phil Collins / Genesis and Lauren Daigle will make guest appearances! See you then!

**To volunteer your story or to discover more:** Phil Burkhard (07816 756509 / [philburkhard@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:philburkhard@hotmail.co.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... St Edwen Gardens, Colchester Avenue & Clos y Hebog.

*Please remember in your prayers the deceased members of the 3 churches whose anniversaries occur in March including: Sabah Aris, Sian Clark, Beryl Drayton, Godfrey Morgan, Domenico Beatrice, Julia Churchhouse, Peter McCavera, Anne Cronin, Ryan Moore, Susan Day, Stan Andrews, John Gardiner, Jane Grant, Patrick Power, Karl Karlson and Eva McMurray.*

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

Mary Amugan, Chris Babu, Edith Baker, EAB, Frank Callus (snr), John Campbell, Caher, Catrina, Corey-Jay Coles, Terry Culbertson, Sid Daw, Win Drury, Emily, Baby Francesca, Maria Hill, Caitriona Lovell, Miranda Meldrum, Dominic Morgan, Sarah Morris, Brendan Murphy, Kate Murphy, Niamh Murphy, Audrey Nelson, Kieran Ollin, Steve Prince, John Reardon, Claire Richards, Anne Roach, Oliver Roberts, Adela Rogers, Shaun Stone, Bev Tumelty, Anne Wake, Gemma Ward, Emma Warlow & Dorothy Warren.