

3 Churches News

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (YEAR A)

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PRESENTATION

On Thursday we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord at the Temple in Jerusalem. The baby was offered by Mary and Joseph, presented to God our Father. They were told by Simeon how this baby was destined the light of the nations, for "the rising and falling of many". Ever since, his followers have heroic offerings of themselves for the good of others. Here is an inspiring example from just after midnight on Feb. 3, 1943, when an act of extraordinary unselfishness by a group of men became a legend of martyrdom and sacrifice.

When the US Army ship *Dorchester* was torpedoed by the Germans just south of Greenland that night, its passengers and crew had 25 minutes to get off the boat. As 902 people went for the life jackets, it quickly was discovered there weren't near enough. Of the 13 lifeboats, only two functioned.

In the ship's final minutes, Methodist senior chaplain George Lansing Fox, Rabbi Alexander Goode, Dutch Reformed minister Clark V. Poling and Fr John P. Washington, a Catholic priest, were helping passengers leave the vessel. Then four men appeared, all of them without life jackets. The chaplains quickly gave up their own vests - and went down with the ship, perishing in the freezing water. Survivors saw them, locked arm in arm, praying and singing the Navy hymn, "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" just before the ship sank beneath the waves.

It was a night as dramatic as the sinking of the *Titanic* - but without a blockbuster movie to record the drama. "The Four Immortal Chaplains," as they became known, have been honoured many times, including on a stamp issued in their honour by the U.S. Postal Service. The first Sunday in February is known "in some Christian denominations as "Four Chaplains Sunday."

These four presented and offered themselves completely for the wellbeing of others as Jesus was presented to God his Heavenly Father in the Temple of Jerusalem for the salvation of the world.

Fr Matthew



~~~~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday 29 January 2023) ~~~~



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## 3 Churches

### CONFIRMATION 2023

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by Archbishop Mark O'Toole on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July. We are looking to form a team of people who will accompany our young people as they begin their preparation. Could you help them in this important step in their Faith Journey? If you think you can help in any way please let one of the clergy know. Full support will be given and it is open to anyone! All you need is enthusiasm and a sense of humour.

### STELLA MARIS MASS

Stella Maris (formerly Apostleship of the Sea) invites you and your guests to join them at a Thanksgiving Mass for seafarers and fishers on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 12:45 pm at St David's Cathedral, Charles Street. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Mark O'Toole, with a reception afterwards with our chaplains and volunteers. Please RSVP via [Roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org](mailto:Roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org) or phone 0207 901 1931.

### In the beginning was the Word

*"Read all about it!"*

The interactive Grapevine magazine and Living Faith 2023 season (including the 2022 video playlist), can now be accessed from the home page of our 3 Churches website.

### VIRTUAL COFFEE

"Virtual coffee" at approx. 11.30 every Sunday Zoom ID 865 017 3340 passcode coffee

### Flame 2023

The Archdiocese of Cardiff and Diocese of Menevia are very happy to announce that the biggest Catholic youth event in the UK is returning to London, as CYMFED organise Flame 2023 on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

The theme of Flame 2023 – which is exactly 150 days before World Youth Day in Lisbon - takes the WYD Scripture verse "Mary arose and went in haste" and crystallises into the theme, "Rise Up."

Rise up after the pandemic, Rise up as young Catholics, Rise up -as Mary did- for the surprising and beautiful adventure that is our Catholic faith. Details of the event itself can be found at <https://cymfed.org.uk/flame>

The cost to participate will be £50 and will include the ticket and transport to and from London with pick up points planned in Swansea, Bridgend, Cardiff and Newport.

Please can anyone experiencing any difficulty with the cost still contact me. Please can anyone who would like to participate or to receive further information contact Rev. Christian Mahoney on 07764515864 or email [christian.mahoney@rcadc.org](mailto:christian.mahoney@rcadc.org)

### Applications now open for First Holy Communion

Applications are open in the 3 Churches parish until 17<sup>th</sup> February. You can apply on our website at [3churches.org/first-holy-communion](http://3churches.org/first-holy-communion) for children born before 1 September 2015.

For more information email Clare at [threechurchescommunion2023@outlook.com](mailto:threechurchescommunion2023@outlook.com).

### Prayerlink

The next Prayerlink meeting will take place at Llanishen Baptist Church, Fidlas Road, Llanishen from 10am until 11am on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February followed by tea and coffee.

We will meet in the Lower Hall, using the door nearest the car park.

All are welcome.

**Please remember in your prayers the deceased members of the 3 Churches whose anniversaries occur in February including**

Leonard Britton  
Maureen O'Driscoll  
Maurice Ferriter  
Molly Powell  
Anthony Foster  
Evelyn Trueman  
John Hall  
Lillian Dyer  
Dorothy Dowle  
Pat Watkins  
Fr Ray O'Shea  
Pat Norris  
Keith Marshall  
Michael Mathews  
Patricia McConnell  
Ken Camilleri

## Christ the King

### Junior Club

The Junior Club is back, Friday evenings 6.30 – 7.45pm in the parish centre. All in years 3 – 6 of any school are welcome. If you can volunteer help, even on an occasional basis, please contact Marie, 07753439567. Thank you.

### Beanbag appeal for Junior Club

If you have a bean bag (one large enough to sit on) that you no longer want and would like to donate to the junior club please contact Marie in the parish office. Thank you.

### Baby and Toddler Play Group

The Baby and Toddler Play Group meets every Monday of term time in the parish centre, 10 – 11.30am.

### Communion

If you or a family member needs communion to be brought to you in your bench please let one of the welcomers know on your way into Mass.

### Living Faith

The new Living Faith booklets are now available at the back of the church priced £1.

### Year Books

The new diocesan year books are available in the porch priced £4

### Send your newsletter items to:

[luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk) and if you would like to be included on the mailing list to receive an e-version of this newsletter, please contact the same address.

### Quiz Night

Thursday 2 February in Christ the King Parish Centre from 7pm for 7.30pm start.

“Glasses, bottle opener and cork screw will be supplied”. Friends, family and anyone you can drag in with you are very welcome.

Come as a team or come along and join a team on the night. Everyone is more than welcome.

### Mass Cards

There are a selection of Mass cards available in the porch priced £1.

### Mass Intentions

These should include:

- the name of the person (or occasion) for whom the Mass is to be offered
- any specific date requested for the Mass
- as appropriate the name of person making the request
- any Mass offering with any cheques made payable to Canon Matthew Jones

For St Brigid's and St Paul's Mass requests should be sent to St Brigid's Presbytery or put through the letterbox.

Requests for Christ the King Masses should be sent to the Parish Office or put into the white box by the Parish Centre door.

## St Brigid's & St Pauls

### MUSIC AT ST PAUL'S..

We are appealing for anyone with any musical ability to help with worship at St Paul's Church . It could be any musical instrument at all or even just a wish to add extra joy to the Sunday services. Please let one of the clergy know if you feel you could take on this ministry.

### ...AND ALBS TOO

Are you any good with a sewing machine? Altar servers in St Paul's require new albs. To buy commercially they cost £100. They are a basic shape that needs just a few seams to be done and sleeves put in. If you think you might like to spend an afternoon stitching and

### WARM SPACE

Christ the King Parish Centre  
Newborough Avenue  
Every Wednesday  
11am - 2pm

All are welcome.

Free tea, coffee, hot and cold snacks.

Also on offer are crafts, board games, music, books & newspapers, sustainable clothes, free WiFi

Or just come along for a chat and a catch-up.

Please pop in and tell your friends and neighbours about our local new warm space.

# WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

**Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

|        |         |             |                                                  |                                         |
|--------|---------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Sat.   | 6pm     | C the K     | <b>Mary Taylor (Taylor Family)</b>               |                                         |
| Sun.   | 9am     | C the K     | <b>Diana Donovan (Murphy and O'Brien Family)</b> | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |
|        | 9am     | St Paul's   | <b>Greenman Family</b>                           |                                         |
|        | 10.30am | St Brigid's | <b>Nancy and George McDermott (Daley)</b>        |                                         |
|        | 6pm     | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parish</b>                      |                                         |
| Mon.   | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>Kerry Driscoll</b>                            |                                         |
| Tues.  | 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Colin Halbert (A Rees)</b>                    | St John Bosco                           |
| Wed.   | 9.30am  | St Paul's   | <b>People of the Parishes</b>                    | St Brigid                               |
| Thurs. | 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Peter Mayled (T Evans)</b>                    | Presentation (Candlemas)                |
|        | 7.30pm  | St Brigid's | <i>Available</i>                                 |                                         |
| Fri.   | 9.30am  | St Paul's   | <b>The Sick in our Parishes</b>                  | St Blaise                               |
| Sat.   | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>Holy Father's Intention</b>                   |                                         |

**Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

|      |         |             |                                           |                                         |
|------|---------|-------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Sat. | 6pm     | C the K     | <b>Brendan Murphy (T Evans)</b>           |                                         |
| Sun. | 9am     | C the K     | <b>Matt and Mary Timmons (J Dartnell)</b> | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |
|      | 9am     | St Paul's   | <b>Holy Souls</b>                         |                                         |
|      | 10.30am | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parishes</b>             |                                         |
|      | 6pm     | St Brigid's | <i>Available</i>                          |                                         |

**Please send items to [luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk) by Wednesday afternoon at the latest!**

## Praying for our Neighbours

Even if we cannot deliver prayer cards we will continue to pray during the coming week for our neighbours.

## PRAYERS

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

Mary Amugan, Chris Babu, Bill Brown, EAB, John Campbell, Dennis Cooke, Corey-Jay Coles, Terry Culbertson, Sid Daw, Emily, Richard Evans, Norbert Flynn, Baby Francesca, Sheila Hanson, Maria Hill, Liz, Avirachen Mathai, Una Meades, Miranda Meldrum, Dominic Morgan, Sarah Morris, Kate Murphy, Niamh Murphy, Kieran Ollin, Steve Prince, John Reardon, Claire Richards, Anne Roach, Oliver Roberts, Adela Rogers, Shaun Stone, Hilary Tracey, Mike Tracey, Anne Wake, Gemma Ward, Emma Warlow, Dorothy Warren & Marie York.

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2076 1893

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Principal  
Mark Leighfield  
2049 8555

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**Sts Brigid & Paul**  
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**Christ the King**  
Christine Williams  
& Neil Powell  
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**Bereavement  
Support Group**  
07594 217098

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

**St Brigid's**  
Saturday 10am  
**Christ the King**  
Saturday 5.40pm  
**St Paul's**  
Friday 10am  
**or by request**