



A time of new life and renewal

Church services

Services are streamed live at www.3churches.org

Saturday, 6pm: Vigil Mass of Sunday

9.30am: Sunday Mass – with children’s liturgy in term time

9.30am: Tuesday Mass
9.30am: Thursday Mass

Saturday 17 May, 10am
Celebration of First Holy Communion (Eucharist)

Saturday 24 May, 11am
Celebration of Confirmation

Activities (in the parish centre)

- Monday, 9.30 – 11am: Baby and Toddler Group
- Wednesday, 11am – 1.30pm: Welcome Space
- Friday, 6.30pm: Junior Club in term time (School Years 3–6)
- Thursday 8 May, 7pm for 7.30pm start: Community Quiz Night
- Saturday 10 May, 11am – 1pm; 2 – 4pm: Sustainable Clothes and Books Market

For further information, contact Christ the King’s parish office (phone 2075 3945, email llanishen@rcadc.org) or Canon Matthew Jones (phone 2075 2389, email matthew.jones@rcadc.org) or visit the website at www.3churches.org

The church and parish centre are located at Newborough Avenue, Llanishen, CF14 5DB.

As I write, we are approaching the three most important days in the Christian calendar.

On Maundy Thursday we gather in the evening to celebrate the Mass (Eucharist) of the Lord’s Supper when Jesus, at the table with his disciples, washed their feet as an example of service and shared his body and blood in the form of bread and wine. Very quickly we move on to commemorate Jesus’s passion and death on Good Friday and then descend into silence on Holy Saturday as Jesus lies in the tomb. We are in suspense as we wait for the joy of his Resurrection.

Then we move to the joyful celebration of the Vigil and the First Mass of Easter – a night truly blessed in the words of one of the prayers we use. There is music and light and rejoicing.

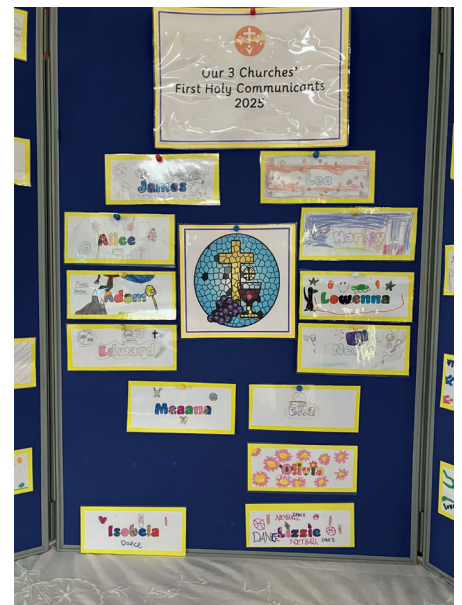
This year at the Vigil we welcome four new members to our community – three young men (Tom, Will and Dafydd) and one young woman (Melody). Will is to be baptised and confirmed; the others, who are already baptised, are to be received into the Catholic Church and confirmed.

The celebration continues with an Easter morning Mass where our children and their families play a prominent part.

But it doesn’t end there. Unlike the secular world, we go on wishing each other ‘Happy Easter’ for 50 days ending with the celebration of Pentecost on 8 June. Why the celebration? Because we believe that, by Jesus’s death on the Cross and his Resurrection, we are saved and the gates to eternal life are opened for us. Alleluia!

As we move into May, we continue this time of new life and renewal. Forty-two of our children will make their First Communion (Eucharist) – the first group at St Brigid’s on 10 May and the second group at Christ the

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A display by the children who will be making their First Communion in May

King on 17 May. These celebrations will be followed swiftly by a visit from Archbishop Mark to confirm 12 teenagers at Christ the King on 24 May. To complete the picture during Eastertide, we will welcome five young children in the sacrament of baptism.

Despite all the sadness, conflict and turmoil in the world around us, there is new life to celebrate and, for all of us, the opportunity for new beginnings.

Happy Easter(tide) to everyone.

Elizabeth Taylor,
Christ the King Parish Advisory Council