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Two saints of the Church that converted the Brits

MARCH is the month in which we celebrate the feast of two of the greatest Celtic saints – St. David of Wales on March 1st and St. Patrick of Ireland on March 17th.

According to the ancient chroniclers, the great Celtic Church was established in Britain in AD 37 or 38 – some five years or so before the Romans invaded. Annals record its founder as St. Joseph of Arimathea, the uncle of Jesus Christ, who settled at Glastonbury, then a center of the metals trade.

The Celtic Church not only converted the British people to Christ, it vigorously defended the faith during the Anglo-Saxon invasions, and then went on to convert the invaders. It also carried the Gospel to Ireland and the Picts in Scotland.

St. David was consecrated Archbishop of Carleon, Monmouthshire, in or about the year AD 569. Not long after he moved his seat to a monastery he had founded near the town of Menevia (now renamed St. Davids) in Pembrokeshire.

He was a great founder of monasteries. He is said to be responsible for planting more than a dozen. All were dedicated to scholarship and prayer.

Saints are often not easy people to live with. This seems to have been the case with David. The rule of life at his monasteries was extremely strict. Like St. Francis of Assisi some six centuries later, he forbade his monastics to own any possessions. Even prayer books were forbidden.

David was a great worker of miracles, healing the sick, especially the blind, and raised a number of people from the dead. He was such a spellbinding preacher that on one occasion a small hill raised itself up under his feet to enable the crowd to hear him more clearly.

One commentator observed drily that this was the most superfluous of miracles. Wales is a country crammed with hills and mountains. Even so, the reputed hill can still be seen at the village of Llanddewi Brefi.

St. Patrick lived a century earlier. It is believed that he was born in AD 387 and died on March 17, AD 460. His birthplace is a matter of conjecture. Some claim he came from the west of England near Bristol; others say he hailed from Merionethshire in Wales.

We know from Patrick himself that his grandfather was a Christian priest and his father was a deacon. When he was about 16 he was captured by pirates while attending a fair and sold as a slave in Ireland.

There he herded sheep for his master – a pagan Druidic priest – becoming a highly capable dog handler. The skill enabled him to escape from slavery. He earned his passage back to Britain by managing a pack of fierce Irish wolfhounds.

Upon his return home, he felt a call to Holy Orders. Eventually his mastery of the Irish language led to his consecration as bishop charged with taking the Gospel to Ireland.

He proved an amazingly successful missionary, establishing dozens of monasteries and convents. One of his most important converts was St. Bridget, an influential Irish noblewoman, who played a major role in converting Ireland's nobility to the Christian faith. **GPH**

FROM THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

St Patrick's Day Dinner on March 16th

The Parish Life chefs are at it again. The culinary artists that bring you the Silly Summer Suppers will be emerging from their winter hibernation to prepare a St Patrick's Day feast for you.

Plan to be there on Saturday, March 16th, at 6 pm for a traditional Irish dinner of corned beef, cabbage, boiled potatoes and dessert. All this at an inflation busting, Silly Summer Supper price of \$10 per person. Beverages, including Harp Lager and Guinness Stout, will be available at a nominal charge.

Sláinte!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 24th through March 31st

PALM SUNDAY: 8 AM Holy Eucharist
9 AM Sung Eucharist
11.15 AM Choral Eucharist

HOLY MONDAY: 6 PM Holy Eucharist
HOLY TUESDAY: 6 PM Holy Eucharist
HOLY WEDNESDAY: 6 PM Holy Eucharist

MAUNDY THURSDAY - 7 PM
Choral Eucharist & Stripping the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY - 12 NOON
The Seven Last Words From The Cross
3.30 PM Children's Way of the Cross
6 PM Communion of the Presanctified

HOLY SATURDAY
7 PM The Great Vigil of Easter

EASTER DAY
8 AM Holy Communion
9 AM Choral Eucharist
(followed by Easter Egg Hunt for Children 7 and under)
11.15 AM Choral Eucharist

LENTEN STUDY

It's not too late to come to Lenten Studies

OUR Lenten Series, "The Development of the Prayer Book," is half over and there are only two more sessions; March 13th and 20th. Join us to learn the fascinating history of a book that has remained substantially unchanged for over 500 years. The presenter is the Rector.

We are offering the usual deal – a hearty winter soup, the best bread in Baltimore and beverages. If you need more to eat, you are welcome to bring a sandwich. **GPH**

Anne Hawkins' Retirement Party

COME celebrate Anne's retirement on Saturday April 6th, 2013. The party will take place at Rosa and Jim Halbert's home, 7929 Ruxway Road from 5 to 7 PM. Maps and directions will be available closer to the date. We are asking you to bring an Hors D'oeuvre, salad or dessert. Please RSVP to either Rosa at 410-825-1592 or Donna Szper at 410-252-1499. See you there!

FROM THE LADIES WHO LUNCH

Join us March 20th

THIS month the Ladies Who Lunch will be meeting at the Szechuan House (in the shopping center at the corner of York Rd. and Seminary Ave.) at 12 noon on Wednesday, March 20th. Why not join us for a convivial get-together over a delicious meal? Good food and good fellowship -- what more could you want? To reserve your place call Joyce Perlberg at 410-252-2680.

✠ PARISH PRAYER LIST ✠

OUR Prayer Chain offers prayer daily for people on the Prayer List as well as the guests of the Joseph Richey Hospice & Dr. Bob's Place. To add a name to the prayer list, or to the visiting list, or to join the Prayer Chain, call the parish office at 410 560 6776.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER - SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH AT 6.00 PM

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**
Being March 17th, 2013
8.00 AM & 9.15 AM HOLY COMMUNION
The Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-15
The Gospel: St. John 8:46-59
11.15 AM MORNING PRAYER
The Psalter: Psalm 51
The First Lesson: Isaiah 1:10-20
The Second Lesson: I Peter 4:12-19

RECOVERY: Fr Guy✠, Ray✠, Kathleen, Michael, Finton, Morris, Charles, Dawn, Betty Jean, Elliot, Sharon, Paul, Andy, Michael, Rosina Donna, Diane, John, David, Richard, Bill, Charlotte, Leo, Riley, Mary-Ann, Linda Lou, Cynthia, Nancy, Judith, Deborah, Dorothy, Thelma, Mary, Adele, Linda, Jan, Liz, Bob, Wyatt, Jim, Reta, Sara, Tammy Sophie, Paula, Blair, Melvin, Heather, Laurie, Lynn, Katherine, Hindra, Ravi, Elizabeth, Brian, Tracey, Edithann, Jay, Perry, Amelia, Shirley, Adrian, Kimberly, Dean, Barb, Tanya, Jane, Brook, Joseph, Joshua, Rachel, Carl, Cal, Catherine, Sam, Ruth, Kristi, Paul, Sue, Patty, Antonio, Lauren-Michelle, McKayla, Randy, Jack, Grace, Fran, Carolyn, Ken, Serina, Wyatt, Bobby, Alexander, Erline, Kathleen, Earle, Judy, William, Betty, Trisha, Peggy, Linda, Millie, Walt, Bruce, Cienna, Tom, Lelilah, Jennifer,

Miriam, Karen, George, Eliza, Ray, Mel, John, Randy, James, Sarah, Linda, Suzanne, Steven, Tammy; Ellen, Patricia, Bonnie, Mary Ann, Christine, Dee, Brian, Barbara, Gillian, Eileen, Matthew, Bryan, Jason, Joan, Frances, Pat, Michael, Brandon, May, Scott, Stephen, Danny, Billy, Betty-Ann, Mildred, D'Metrius, Laura, Stacey, Frank, Christine, John, Henry, Naomi, Pam, Ben, Kevin, Gwen, Gloria, Lee, Emily, Bruce, Regina, Lewis, Madolin, Linda, Carol, Bernie, Charlene, Josephine, Margaret, Jody, Sheila, Jo Anne, John, Geradine, Thomas, Jeanne, Maxine, Ann, Sharon, Dennis, Mae, Anita, Marilyn, Lawrence, Joanne, Martha, Jackie, Charles, Tony, Edward, Kim, Vivian, Doris, Fran, Carol, and Suzie.

LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE: Hope, JoAnn, Larry, Aaron, Hope, Tom, Rosa, June, Anna, Jean, Garrett, Stephen, Rachel, Lydia; Richard, Melba, Debbie, Phyllis, Carolyn, Suzanne, Tony, Erik, Drake, Bobby, Kay & Emma, Gillian, Beverley, Adrienn, Jhana, Marla, Matthew, Joan, Laurie, Ellen, Lynn, Mildred, Sarah Lee, Susan, Kathy, Owen, Douglas, Amy, Jo Anne, Mary, Gregory, Isabel, Bobby, Dorothy, Darren, Scott, Rebecca, William, Charles, Joyce, Asfa, Eleanor, Kathy, Linda, James, Barry, Ann, Evelyn, Jeanette, Elizabeth, Virginia, Mildred, Chris, Carol, Sandra, John, Mary, Michael and David

ON ACTIVE SERVICE: PFC Charles E. Heintz, IV, USA; Lt. Benjamin Schramm, USMC; Lt. Alex Bursi, Charles Watts, Capt. Charles Bursi, Lt Nicholas Clouse, USN. Lt. Col. Harry Hughes

Easter Flowers for St. Stephen's Altar

Here is a selection of beautiful spring flowers to decorate the church for Easter. Please make your choice and return this form to the church office with your check by Wednesday, March 27th. Flowers may be taken home after the 11:15 am service.

Lilies Small elite 6" 4-6 blooms @ \$10	_____ # of plants	Field Azalea @ \$15	_____ # of plants
Hydrangeas Four plus Blooms @ \$20	_____	Hyacinths @ \$10 (6"pot)	_____
Daffodils @ \$10 (6"pot)	_____	Tulips @ \$10 (6" pot)	_____
Your Name:.....		My gift is made IN HONOR OF,	
IN MEMORY OF, IN THANKSGIVING FOR (Please Circle)			
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SUNDAY SERVICES
8.00 am: Said Eucharist
9.15 am: Sung Eucharist (with Nursery & Church School)
11.15 am: Choral Mattins (1st Sunday: Choral Eucharist)
6.00 pm: Choral Evensong (1st Sunday only)

WEEKDAY SERVICES
Wednesday, 6.00 pm: Evening Prayer
Friday Noon: Healing Eucharist
Saturday, 5.00 pm: Family Eucharist.

**COLLECTS FOR THE Fourth Sunday in
Lent and Bishop Gregory the Great of
Rome**

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *AMEN*

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Almighty and merciful God, who didst raise up Gregory of Rome to be a servant of the servants of God, and didst inspire him to send missionaries to preach the Gospel to the English people: Preserve in thy Church the catholic and apostolic faith they taught, that thy people, being fruitful in every good work, may receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *AMEN*

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