

3 Churches News

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THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM

Welcome to the season of Advent. This weekend we begin our preparation for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas. It is a season of joy and anticipation, of hope and readiness. We light the way with the Advent Candles. It is the Road to Bethlehem.

Here are some signposts on the Road, to help you arrive safely and truly prepared.

- * Saturday 3 December **Christmas Preparation Retreat** - see details inside.
- * Thursday 8 December Feast of the **Immaculate Conception**: We remember Our Lady's vital part in the Christmas story. Feast of our diocese and end of its Centenary Year.
- * Monday 12 December: **The Light Is On**: Three priests will be available for **Confession** at Christ the King 7 - 8pm. Normal Confession times also continue of course.
- * Tuesday 20 December: **3 Churches Carol Service** at St Brigid's Church. We approach Bethlehem as we come closer to Christmas Day.
- * Saturday 24 December **Christmas Eve Masses**: There will be 6pm Mass at each of our 3 Churches. There will also be 10pm Mass at St Brigid's and Christ the King.
- * Sunday 25 December **Christmas Day Masses**: These will be at normal Sunday morning times: 9am at Christ the King and St Paul's, 11am at St Brigid's. There will be no Sunday evening Mass.
- * **"Walk With Me"** Why not take time to absorb these daily reflections along your way? Booklets available at all churches.
- * **Time with Jesus**: Take time out amid the pre-Christmas rush. Pop into St Brigid's or St Paul's, both open in daylight hours, or Christ the King Friday evening. Even better, come to a daily Mass—timetable on the back page. Or just sit down in your favourite chair at home, and take a moment to think, to reflect, to pray...

Welcome to Advent. Let's set out together on the Road to Bethlehem, so that we arrive joyfully prepared.

Fr Matthew



~~~~ First Sunday of Advent (Sunday 27 November 2016) ~~~~



Response to Psalm I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'  
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us see, O Lord,  
Your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 2: 1-5 **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 13: 11-14 **Gospel:** Matthew 24: 37-44  
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### Father's News

#### FIRST COMMUNION CATECHISTS

Calling First Communion Catechists and would-be catechists! A meeting for all those interested in the way we prepare our children for First Holy Communion across the six churches of the Northern Arc will take place this Monday 28 November at 7pm in St Brigid's Hall. A catechist will outline the approaches taken currently in each of the Parishes, sharing good practice, and we will then consider any ways of collaboration across the Northern Arc. There will also be opportunity to review our own programme and timetable.

#### RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Philip Flook**, whose Requiem Mass will be at St Brigid's Tuesday 29 November at 10.45am (note change of time)

#### Christmas Preparation Retreat

An opportunity to stop and listen to God's voice - a retreat day of prayer inspired by Ignatian Spirituality, Two talks, imaginative contemplation, silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and group sharing. Led by Christian and Esther Mahoney. Why not try something new in your prayer life? The day is open to people of all faiths and none and is free of charge. Saturday 3 December 10.30am - 3pm at St David's Catholic College. Lunch provided. Spaces are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. Tel Christian Mahoney (07764 515864)

#### Kevin Sinnott Exhibition

**Kevin Sinnott** is a leading Welsh artist of our time, and a Catholic. His works are in many galleries, and can be seen in the Catholic churches in Bridgend and Dowlais. As part of our diocesan centenary an exhibition brings together a large number of his paintings on religious subjects. St David's Cathedral hosts this unique event from 26 November - 4 December. Why not call in, or make a group visit? The Art Departments and RE Departments of our Secondary schools have been invited to attend. Kevin Sinnott himself will speak in the Cathedral on **Sunday 27 November**, and **Saturday 3 December** at 12 noon.

#### 3CY

This week we are having a Games Night in aid of Children in Need. Entry will be £2. If you want to come ice-skating on Sunday 4 December please bring £7.50 and complete the consent form by this week. 3CY takes place every Sunday in term time. 6 - 8pm in Christ the King Parish Centre and is open to all in years 7, 8 & 9. For more information visit the website at [3churchesyouth.wordpress.com](http://3churchesyouth.wordpress.com)

#### FILM NIGHT

Many thanks to all who supported the recent Film Night at St Brigid's. £265 was raised for Fr Tim Greenway's Mission in India.

#### Redundant Heaters

Following renewal of the church heating at Christ the King, we have 3 electric heaters (all floor standing) to dispose of. If anyone is interested please contact Elizabeth Taylor 2075 1401

#### CWL

The C.W.L. monthly meeting will take place on Monday 28 November at 2pm at St. Paul's. Please bring your Christmas menus and payment by that day. Mr Jim Barnaville will be coming to talk about the Syrian refugees and the response of the Church.

The next C.W.L. charity coffee morning will take place on Friday 2 December after 9.30 Mass at St.Paul's. Proceeds will be for the homeless.

**St Brigid's & St Paul's  
Quiz & Buffet Supper Evening  
in aid of CANCER RESEARCH UK  
Friday 9 December  
7.30pm St Brigid's Hall  
Tickets £8 (available after Masses  
or please tel 2076 6318)  
Teams of 8 - or come along and  
join in with others  
Raffle Licensed Bar**

#### The Promise of Christmas

**concerts** with the St David's Praise Choir and Cambrensis Choir and Orchestra take place on Saturday 10 December at 3pm & 7.30pm at St David's Hall. Tickets £13 and £11 available from the St David's Hall box office (tel 2087 8444 or [www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk](http://www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk))

#### Carols at the Ty Mawr

which has been part of the Christ the King's early December social and fund-raising calendar for a number of years is on pause this year. The plan is to re-launch in 2017, probably in a new venue. Thank you to everyone who has supported this event in previous years.

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### UCM

Members of the UCM will be selling raffle tickets for their Christmas Hamper on the following dates; After all Masses this weekend (26 & 27 November) and 3/4 December The raffle will be drawn after 9am Mass on Sunday 11 December.

### **Christ the King Primary School - Reception Class 2017 Applicants**

Applications now available for children due to start Reception Class in September 2017. Contact the school (2075 4787) or download an application from website [www.schoolswire.org](http://www.schoolswire.org) use our postcode CF14 5AS to gain entry. Applications must be received by 9 January 2017.

### **FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

#### **- THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER**

There will be a Sung Mass at St David's Cathedral on Thursday 8 December at 7pm in honour of Our Lady on the feast of her Immaculate Conception. As patroness of the Archdiocese of Cardiff, it is fitting to honour her in this way, particularly as our celebrations marking the Centenary of the Archdiocese draw to a close. It will also be good at the conclusion of the Year of Mercy to intercede with Our Lady of Mercy during this celebration.

#### **Set the captives free!**

Join us for prayer and reflection

#### **HUMAN RIGHTS DAY**

Ararat Baptist Church, Whitchurch, Cardiff

**Saturday 10 December 10.30am**

Information: 2062 7431

**Ararat Christians Against Torture**

## Christ the King

### Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

The Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at Christ the King will be a Family Mass. If any child or young person would like to take part, please leave your name and contact number on the list at the back of the church or contact Marie

[ckadmin@3churches.org](mailto:ckadmin@3churches.org) 2075 3945

### Toddler Group

The Wednesday morning Toddler group needs extra volunteers. If you can help please contact the parish office - 2075 3945

### **Key Found**

Key with Lourdes key-ring attached found in Christ the King car park on Wednesday afternoon. Please contact Parish Office if it belongs to you.

### **Petition Book**

Letters for parishioners who are praying for those in the petition book are available at the back of the church. Do take yours as soon as possible. Many thanks for the time you give to this much appreciated aspect of parish life.

### POEMS & A GLASS

**Sunday 27 November, Parish Centre 7pm**

**Come and read or just come and listen (...and chat!)**

### Traidcraft Christmas Cards

These are available in the Parish Centre after 9am Mass this Sunday - last chance as only six packets left and three Advent calendars!

## St Brigid's & St Pauls

### **St Pauls**

We are now compiling the lists for next year for Cleaners, Flower arrangers, Eucharistic Ministers, Children's Liturgy Leaders and Readers. If you do not wish to be included in the 2017 list then please cross out your name. If you would like to be added to the list then please add your name and you will be contacted.

### **Finance & Maintenance**

The next meeting of the St Brigid's / St Paul's Finance and Maintenance Committee will take place at St Brigid's Presbytery on Wednesday 30 November at 7.30pm

### Parish Advisory Council Meeting

The next PAC meeting will be on Wednesday 30 November. If any parishioner has an item they would like discussed at the meeting, please see or email Maria Thompson (Chair) - [mariathompson1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mariathompson1@hotmail.co.uk) or any member of the PAC.

**There will be the usual coffee after the 9am Mass at St Paul's this Sunday 27 November**

**This newsletter was edited by Luke Todd (2016)**

**Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

|        |                     |                                                                                   |                                  |
|--------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 6pm    | C the K             | <b>Intention of O'Brien Family (S Mitchell)</b>                                   |                                  |
| Sun.   | 9am St Paul's       | <b>Altar List</b>                                                                 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent |
|        | 9am C the K         | <b>Deceased members of Alessio, Bryon &amp; O'Shea Families (D &amp; M Bryon)</b> |                                  |
|        | 11am St Brigid's    | <b>Barrie Trigg (Jones)</b>                                                       |                                  |
|        | 6pm St Brigid's     | <b>William Chapman</b>                                                            |                                  |
|        | 7.30pm St Brigid's  | <b>Sunday Praise</b>                                                              |                                  |
| Mon.   | 9.30am St Brigid's  | <b>Peter Mitchen (Stone)</b>                                                      |                                  |
| Tues.  | 9.30am C the K      | <b>Marie-Jeanne Sperry (C Munro) &amp; November Altar List</b>                    |                                  |
|        | 10.45am St Brigid's | <b>Requiem: Philip Flook</b>                                                      |                                  |
| Wed.   | 9.30am St Paul's    | <b>Teresa Black (Tunncliffe)</b>                                                  | St Andrew                        |
| Thurs. | 9.30am C the K      | <b>Deceased members of the Kennedy Family (M &amp; F Callus)</b>                  |                                  |
|        | 7.30pm St Brigid's  | <b>Len Perry</b>                                                                  |                                  |
| Fri.   | 9.30am St Paul's    | <b>Winifred Lewis (Daley)</b>                                                     |                                  |
| Sat.   | 9.30am St Brigid's  | <b>Ethna &amp; Gerry Doherty</b>                                                  | St Francis Xavier                |

**Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

|      |                    |                                                      |                                  |
|------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Sat. | 6pm C the K        | <b>Fred &amp; Theresa Dartnell (J Dartnell)</b>      |                                  |
| Sun. | 9am St Paul's      | <b>Ben Morris (Pat)</b>                              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent |
|      | 9am C the K        | <b>Stuart &amp; Fraser Bates (Liddington Family)</b> |                                  |
|      | 11am St Brigid's   | <b>People of the Parish</b>                          |                                  |
|      | 12.30pm C the K    | <b>Baptisms: Arthur Hurley &amp; Isaac Hurley</b>    |                                  |
|      | 6pm St Brigid's    | <b>Alfred &amp; Eileen Williams</b>                  |                                  |
|      | 7.30pm St Brigid's | <b>Sunday Praise</b>                                 |                                  |

Praying for our Neighbours  
 Please remember in your prayers  
 this week our neighbours in  
**Ffordd Cwellyn / Clos Tecwyn**  
**Drury Cloas**  
**Fidlas Road**  
 who have received prayer cards in  
 the last few days.

**3 Churches  
Parish Council Chairs**

**Sts Brigid & Paul**

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**Christ the King**

Primary School  
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2075 4787

**Corpus Christi High School**

Acting Headteacher  
Mrs A Thomas  
2076 1893

**St David's College**

Principal  
Mark Leighfield  
2049 8555

**Safeguarding**

**Representatives**

**Sts Brigid & Paul**  
Pat Williams (St B)  
2061 7374

Carl French (St P)  
2075 4418

**Christ the King**

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**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Christ the King**

Tuesday 10am-1pm

**St. Paul's**

Wednesday 10am-3pm

**St. Brigid's**

Thursday 8-9pm

**Sacrament of**

**Reconciliation**

**St Brigid's**

Saturday 10-10.30

**St Paul's**

Friday before/after

9.30am Mass

**Christ the King**

Saturday 5.30pm

**Last Week's Collection**

**Sts. Brigid & Paul**

**Gift Aid** £ 504.66

**Non Gift Aid** £ 471.58

**Total** £ 976.24

**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the King**

**Gift Aid** £ 488.90

**Non Gift Aid** £ 428.67

**S/O weekly av.** £ 323.04

**Total** £ 1240.61

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

**PRAYERS**

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

Mary Amugan, Chris Babu, Brian Bermingham, John Campbell, Maureen Carroll, Sian Clark, Mary Clarke, Terry Culbertson, Agnes Davies, Emily, Anna Forrest, Bobi Gower, Maria Hill, Evelyn Lloyd, Caitriona Lovell, Joseph (Benny) Lynch, Charles McDevitt, Katrina Meades, Fr Modest, Vernon Morgan, Sarah Morris, Peter Murphy, Maureen O'Driscoll, Kieran Ollin, Rona Perry, Rita Purcell, Valentino Rascon, John Reardon, Claire Richards, Adela Rogers, Tessie Stamp, Shaun Stone, Dewi Thomas, Emma Warlow, Dorothy Warren & Pat Watkins.