

# 3 Churches News

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## COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Jesus is too good, too healing, too peace-giving to keep to ourselves. This Advent and Christmas we are going to make a new effort to reach out to our Catholic brothers and sisters who are "non-practicing" or "resting", and to some of our local community in general. We will be distributing cards for you to give to your contacts who you think may be interested. We can give special priority to our 3 Churches Carol Service at St Brigid's on 20 December. And, of course, we must try to reach all those who swell our congregations on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. There will be opportunities for follow-up straight after Christmas.

Meanwhile, visit this special website [www.comehomeforchristmas.co.uk](http://www.comehomeforchristmas.co.uk) and read this message from Archbishop Stack to encourage us -

"Space exploration has taught us that re-entry is one of the most difficult and dangerous manoeuvre of all! Unless the returning space capsule is travelling at a slower speed and the correct angle, it is likely to burn up when re-entering the atmosphere of the earth. I hope that image is not too strong when we think about inviting non-practicing Catholics to re-enter the active life and worship of the Church.

Each one has a unique life to live and a deeply personal story. It is too hard for many to revisit the past. 'Crossing the Threshold' may be too big a step to take alone. That is why the invitation, friendship and support of fellow Catholics are such important ways of accompanying these brothers and sisters of ours so that they may experience the communion and fellowship of the members of Christ's Body.

Amongst the many things we are called to do and to be in our parishes, this is surely the most important of all.

*Most Rev George Stack, Archbishop of Cardiff*

~~~~ Second Sunday of Advent (Sunday 4 December 2016) ~~~~



Response to Psalm **In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.**  
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight**  
**And all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 15: 4-9 Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12  
St. Brigid's and Christ the King are parishes of the Archdiocese of Cardiff. A Registered Charity No. 242380.  
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### Father's News

#### THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM

*Monday 12 December* **The Light Is On** 3 priests will be available for Confession at Christ the King

7 - 8pm

*Tuesday 20 December*

**3 Churches Carol Service** 7pm at St Brigid's Church

*Saturday 24 December* **Christmas Eve Masses** 6pm Mass at each of our 3 Churches. 10pm Mass at Christ the King and St Brigid's

*Sunday 25 December* **Christmas Day Masses** Normal Sunday times: 9am at Christ the King and St Paul's, 11am at St Brigid's. No Sunday evening Mass.

**"Walk With Me"** Special Advent booklets available at all churches.

**Time with Jesus** Visit St Brigid's or St Paul's, open in daylight hours, or Christ the King Friday evening. Come to a weekday Mass. Or just sit down at home, and take a moment to think, to reflect, to pray...

#### **THANKS BUT...**

I would like to thank the many parishioners who have given Christmas gifts of the alcoholic variety over the years. However, as I am now on my own, and don't drink much anyway, I would politely ask you to refrain from such gifts this year. Thank you

#### SPUC CAROLS

Join us for our Annual Carol Singing on Saturday 10 December 1 - 3pm at Trinity Street in the Hayes, at back of Market near St John's Church

#### **3CY**

The last session of the year will be on Sunday 11 December which will have a Christmas

**9.30am Mass on Tuesday 6 December at Christ the King will be offered for the deceased members of the 3 churches, particularly those who died in August and September**

#### UCM

Members of the UCM will be selling raffle tickets for their Christmas Hamper after all Masses this weekend (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.

**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**

#### Foodbank Summary for end of November

We collected 199kgs for the Food Bank in November. In total since we started we have collected 1588kgs. Thanks to all who have contributed and please keep your contributions coming. Latest feedback from the Food Bank is that they are short of Tinned Rice Puddings, Sponge Puddings, Tinned potatoes, Tinned Vegetables, Long Life Fruit Juice, Long Life Milk and Christmas foods. Other items are always welcome but they are short of these for the time being.

#### **Christ the King Candlelight**

A reminder that Christ the King Church is open Friday evenings (except 23/30 December) from 6.30 - 7pm for anyone who's passing by to drop in for a brief moment of silent reflection or just respite from the stresses of the outside world.

#### **Please remember the deceased members of the 3 churches whose anniversaries occur in December**

**including:** John Davies, Rachel Sherlock, Josephine Camilleri, Michael Fox, Joan Carne, Max Graham, Louise Fielding, Carmel English, Mary Saunders, Joe Pike, Maria Driscoll, Nada Lasic, Dorothy Mitchell, Johanna Rogers, Margaret Dyson, Vera Strand, Maria Lukaszewicz and Rosaleen McAlevey

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### Walking with St Luke

On Friday 9 December at 6.30pm at Christ the King we shall meet again to reflect with the help of Canon Matthew on Chapter 13 (1 - 30) of the Gospel of St Luke. Everyone is welcome.

### **Baptism Preparation Course**

A Baptism Preparation course will be run on Thursdays 15 & 22 December. Both sessions need to be attended and each will start at 7.30pm and finish at approximately 9pm. If you would like to come along and for further details please contact Brigid Lee at [andylee63@talktalk.net](mailto:andylee63@talktalk.net)

### **First Holy Communion**

If any children in the 3 churches, Christ the King, St Brigid's or St Paul's, wish to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion next May 2017 please send an email with your child's name and Parish to [ThreeChurchesCommunion@hotmail.com](mailto:ThreeChurchesCommunion@hotmail.com) Classes will start in January and continue until May.

### ***Open Door Club***

Open Door will be having their Christmas party on Thursday 15 December 2 - 4pm. Do come along and join us for festive food, raffle and entertainment from the Penylan Players Choir - plenty of audience participation.

## Christ the King

### **RIP**

Please pray for Billy Johnson, father of Mark, who has died recently.

### Baptism

This weekend we welcome Arthur Hurley & Isaac Hurley into our parish family as they are baptised. Please remember them and their parents and godparents in your prayers.

### **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)

### ***Sandwich Making for the Homeless***

Sandwich making for the homeless will take place on Monday 5 December at 1.15pm in the Parish Centre. New volunteers are more than welcome to join our existing team.

### Christmas Flower Collection

There will be a collection for Christmas flowers after both Masses on the weekend of **10 & 11 December**. Thank you all for your generosity.

### **Poinsettias**

As always we hope to decorate the area surrounding the crib with Poinsettias. If you would like to remember a loved one by donating a Poinsettia, please leave them in the porch before **24 December**.

### **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.

## St Brigid's & St Pauls

### RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Bryan Bermingham**, whose Requiem Mass will be at St Brigid's on Monday 5 December at 10am, and **Margaret Harper** of Llys Enfys, whose Requiem will also be at St Brigid's this Friday at 2.30pm

### **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.

### **St Brigid's Crib**

New crib arrangers needed! If you would like to put up and arrange the crib figures at St Brigid's this year please contact Fr Matthew ASAP

This newsletter was edited by  
Luke Todd (2016)

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

|               |             |                                                          |                                  |
|---------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 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>                                     |                                  |
| Mon. 10am     | St Brigid's | <b>Requiem: Bryan Bermingham</b>                         |                                  |
| Tues. 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Deceased members of the 3 Churches</b>                | St Nicholas                      |
| Wed. 9.30am   | St Paul's   | <b>Camilleri Family</b>                                  | St Ambrose                       |
| Thurs. 9.30am | C the K     | <b>Nora Devlin (M Murphy)</b>                            |                                  |
|               |             | Immaculate Conception of Our Lady, Patron of Archdiocese |                                  |
| 7.30pm        | St Brigid's | <b>Brendan &amp; Teresa Black</b>                        |                                  |
| Fri. 9.30am   | St Paul's   | <b>Paul &amp; Chris John Int</b>                         | St Juan Diego                    |
| 2.30pm        | St Brigid's | <b>Requiem: Margaret Harper</b>                          |                                  |
| Sat. 9.30am   | St Brigid's | <b>Claire Hawes (Tunncliffe)</b>                         | St John Roberts                  |

**Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

|          |             |                                                                   |                                  |
|----------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Sat. 6pm | C the K     | <b>Peter O'Brien (Liddington Family)</b>                          |                                  |
| Sun. 9am | St Paul's   | <b>Janina Stalwaska</b>                                           | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent |
| 9am      | C the K     | <b>Peter Fry &amp; Gillian Matthews (G Matthews &amp; Family)</b> |                                  |
| 11am     | St Brigid's | <b>Michael Nicholls</b>                                           |                                  |
| 6pm      | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parish</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 Mair**  
**Astoria Close**  
**Three Arches Avenue**  
 who have received prayer cards in  
 the last few days.

**3 Churches  
Parish Council Chairs**

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**Christ the King**

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High School**

Acting Headteacher  
Mrs A Thomas  
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**St David's College**

Principal  
Mark Leighfield  
2049 8555

**Safeguarding**

**Representatives**

**Sts Brigid & Paul**

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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** £ 613.84

**Non Gift Aid** £ 497.25

**Total** £ 1111.09

**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, 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.