

3 Churches News

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THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE FLAME

This thoughtful poem by American Kelly Chripczuk traces the theme of the fire of God's presence running through the life of **St John the Baptist**.

He didn't see it, but felt it
through the darkness
of his mother's womb,
the flame that baptized
drawn close enough
to singe his foot,
which caused him to leap.
The wild fire caught
and grew, ruining him
for a life of conformity.
So he moved to the wilderness
somewhere near the river's edge
where others were drawn
by the smoldering flame.
He doused them each with water,
warning them one-by-one
of the fire to come.
Later, when he leapt
from this world to the next,
leaving his head behind,
he was greeted by the fellowship
of the flame - Isaiah
with his charred black lips,
Miriam who danced
like a flickering wick,
and the others, too many now to name
together they glowed like
so many embers,
lighting the long, dark night.

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~~~~ Third Sunday of Advent (Sunday 17 December 2017) ~~~~



Response to Psalm **My soul rejoices in my God**  
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.  
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 61: 1-2. 10-11 **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Thessalonians 5: 16-24 **Gospel:** John 1: 6-8. 19-28

St. Brigid's and Christ the King are parishes of the Archdiocese of Cardiff. A Registered Charity No. 242380.

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## 3 Churches

### Father's News

#### 3 CHURCHES CAROL SERVICE

Our 3 Churches **Carol Service** is at Christ the King this Wednesday 20 December at 7pm. Always a beautiful way in to our celebration of Christmas, why not invite friends along, especially if perhaps they would not come to Mass.

Refreshments to follow in the Parish Centre

*There will be a run through of the carols on Monday 18 December 7pm at Christ the King. All singers from the 3 Churches are invited to come along.*

#### CHRISTMAS

Mass will be at the following times. All Christmas Eve Masses are preceded by carols:

**6pm** Mass on Christmas Eve at all 3 Churches

**10pm** Mass on Christmas Eve at St Brigid's

**Midnight** Mass at St Teilo's and at St Philip Evans

**Morning** Masses will be at Sunday times: 9am at Christ the King and St Paul's, 11am at St Brigid's

#### ST DAVID'S COLLEGE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

This annual event for senior Parishioners takes place Friday 22 December 12 noon - 3pm.

Invitations available from Fr Matthew.

**Please note that next weekend's newsletter will be a double edition to cover Sundays 24 & 31 December**  
**Please send any information for that edition to Luke**  
[luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk)  
**by this Wednesday afternoon - Many thanks!**

#### "DO YOU LOVE ME?"

Many thanks to all those who came to our taster sessions on Monday, and those who have expressed interest. We will launch the groups in January - one has already formed itself and is ready to go! If you are interested and did not make the tasters, see Fr Matthew, Marie York or Tania Walsh or visit

<http://www.cbcew.org.uk/CBCEW-Home/Publications/Do-You-Love-Me-Prayer-and-Spirituality-2014>

#### BAPTISM PREPARATION

The **January** course will be at St Brigid's, on Tuesdays 9 & 16 January 2018 commencing at 7pm - email Ann Martin ([stevemartincardiff@gmail.com](mailto:stevemartincardiff@gmail.com)) for further information

#### SOMEONE IN HOSPITAL?

If you or someone close to you is admitted to the Heath or Llandough, and wishes to receive Holy Communion or, in serious need, Anointing of the Sick, please remember that for some years now, under data protection hospitals cannot inform Churches of the religion of patients. Therefore it is for the patient or their family to contact the Chaplaincy department directly with the name, religion and ward of the patient. A message may be left with these details. Please also remember that the Sacrament of the Sick may be celebrated at home in serious illness or before major operations.

Contact Fr Matthew.



#### CORPUS CHRISTI HIGH SCHOOL

Our Catholic High School require a **Head teacher** for September 2018. (Group 7 Leadership Pay Spine 33 - 39) Corpus Christi is an over-subscribed and successful school with an excellent reputation. It was inspected in February 2015 and graded 'Good' in all areas. In the Section 50 Religious Inspection it was awarded 'Excellent' across the board. This year the school was rated second in Wales by the Wales On-Line Data Unit. The Governors are seeking to appoint an exceptional and dynamic Head teacher. Applications will be welcome from committed, practicing Catholics who have a proven record of successful leadership, a desire to build on the school's successes and enhance all aspects of school life. They will have a strong personal faith, the ability to inspire and ensure exceptional teaching and learning, and the vision, energy, skills and integrity to inspire commitment and enthusiasm from all members of the school community.

To arrange a visit or request an information pack, please contact Mrs B Mullins on 2076 1893 or [bmullins@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:bmullins@cardiff.gov.uk)

**Closing Date for Applications** 12 noon Friday 12 January 2018.

**Shortlisting** Wednesday 17

January 2018. **Interviews** Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 January 2018.

#### Mass in Welsh for Christmas

A Vigil Mass will be celebrated in Welsh on Christmas Eve 4.30pm at St Teilo's, Whitchurch CF14 1AD. All welcome - croeso cynnes i bawb

## First Holy Communion

If any children, year 3 and above, in the 3 Churches, Christ the King, St Brigid's or St Paul's, wish to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion next April / May 2018 please send an email with your child's name and Parish to [Threechurchescommunion@hotmail.com](mailto:Threechurchescommunion@hotmail.com) by 22 December. Classes will start in January and further information will be issued in due course.

## UCM News

Due to the late selling of tickets, the UCM Christmas Raffle will be drawn on the evening of Wednesday 20 December. The lucky winners will be notified by phone after the draw takes place so please make sure that your number is on the tickets that you buy. Don't forget - raffle tickets are still available this weekend after all Masses at Christ the King, and after Sunday Masses at St Brigid's. Prizes - 1st Hamper, 2nd Bottle Vintage Port, 3rd Ladies Dress Watch, 4th Tin of Quality Street.

## "Open Door" Senior Citizens Club

OPEN DOOR is holding its Christmas Party on Thursday 21 December 2 - 4pm in Christ the King Parish Centre. Come along for festive food, raffle and entertainment provided by Penylan Players Choir - plenty of audience participation!

## Carols, Poems and Punch

Monday 18 December 7pm  
St Faith's Church, Morris Avenue, Llanishen.  
Come and join us as we enjoy an evening of traditional carols, readings and poems for the festive season. 'Festive' refreshments and punch. Everyone welcome. Tickets £5 available from 2061 1148

## Christ the King

### Important Notice Re Christmas Masses

An A3 sheet will be available in the Church porch at Christ the King, for Readers, Welcomers and Eucharistic Ministers to place their name and contact in the applicable slot for the two Masses of Christmas. Please sign up if you would like to offer your services, in order for the appropriate arrangements to be made in advance. The two Masses taking place in CTK are: 6pm Vigil (24 December), and 9am Mass (25 December). The 6pm Vigil Mass will require Welcomers and Eucharistic Ministers (readers already arranged). Please don't forget to do this, as you leave Mass today!

### Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

Children attending the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass are invited to wear nativity costumes if they wish. The church will be open from 5pm and there will be a video link to the Parish Centre where people will be directed to once the church is full. Please park sensibly as not to block the car park or surrounding roads. Extra car parking will be available at the Wolf's Castle pub.

### Adoration

There will be no Adoration at Christ the King on Tuesdays 26 December and 2 January. We will resume on Tuesday 9 January 2018.

### Poinsettias

As usual 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 bring it along and leave it in the church porch before 24 December.

## St Brigid's & St Paul's

### RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Barbara Nelson of St Paul's, whose Requiem Mass will be at St Paul's on Friday 22 December at 11am. We remember her children, family and friends in our prayers. *Eternal rest grant to her, Lord.*

### Christmas Eve Family Mass

Christmas Eve Mass at St Brigid's (6pm) will be a family Mass. If you wish your child or young person to participate in the Mass please email Hycinth ([hycinth@me.com](mailto:hycinth@me.com))

### Adoration

There will be no adoration at St Paul's on Wednesdays 20 & 27 December. We will recommence in the New Year on Wednesday 3 January 2018. A warm welcome to all who can join this weekly hour of prayer as part of a New Year's resolution!

### Welcomers

We are looking for extra Welcomers for 6pm Mass at St Brigid's Church. 1 week in 5 is required and we would be most grateful if you could contact Julia (2069 2878) if you are interested in joining us; this is a small service to Our Lord.

### Money raised for City Hospice

A total of £173.50 has been raised from the teas / coffee after 11am Mass at St Brigid's for the City Hospice (formally George Thomas). This will be match funded by the Hodge Foundation making a magnificent total of £347.10. Well done everyone. Please join us on the first Sunday of every month in the hall for tea / coffee next year.

**Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday of Advent**

|               |             |                                                             |                        |
|---------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Sat. 6pm      | C the K     | <b>Dom Bryon (M &amp; L Halloran)</b>                       |                        |
| Sun. 9am      | St Paul's   | <b>Alfred &amp; Eileen Williams</b>                         | Third Sunday of Advent |
|               | 9am         | <b>Jimmy Graham (UCM Members)</b>                           |                        |
|               | 11am        | <b>Jimmy and Kitty Rafferty (RIP)</b>                       |                        |
|               | 6pm         | <b>People of the Parishes</b>                               |                        |
| Mon. 9.30am   | St Brigid's | <b>Lena Sullivan</b>                                        |                        |
| Tues. 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Dom Bryon (M &amp; T Pinnell)</b>                        |                        |
| Wed. 9.30am   | St Paul's   | <b>Special Int (Slowikowska)</b>                            |                        |
|               | 7pm         | <b>3 Churches Carol Service</b>                             |                        |
| Thurs. 9.30am | C the K     | <b>John-Joseph &amp; JP (V &amp; B Adshead)</b>             |                        |
|               | 7.30pm      | <b>Andrew Morris</b>                                        | St Peter Canisius      |
| Fri. 11am     | St Paul's   | <b>Requiem: Barbara Nelson</b>                              |                        |
| Sat. 9.30am   | St Brigid's | <b>Terry &amp; Pauline Coakley;<br/>Josephine Camilleri</b> |                        |

**Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup> Fourth Sunday of Advent**

|          |           |                                    |                         |
|----------|-----------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sat. 6pm | C the K   | <b>Mary Murphy (Hudson Family)</b> |                         |
| Sun. 9am | St Paul's | <b>John &amp; Norma Pathy</b>      | Fourth Sunday of Advent |
|          | 9am       | <b>Sr Kathleen Brown (B Brown)</b> |                         |
|          | 11am      | <b>Thomas Anthony Sherry</b>       |                         |
|          | 6pm       |                                    |                         |

**Praying for our Neighbours**  
 Please remember in your prayers this week  
 our neighbours in  
**Hampton Court Road**  
**Brookvale Drive**  
**Lake Road West & Keswick Avenue**  
 who have received prayer cards in  
 the last few days.

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**Sts Brigid & Paul**  
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**Eucharistic Adoration**  
**Christ the King**  
 Tuesday 10am-1pm  
**St. Paul's**  
 Resumes 3 January  
**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** £ 669.66  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 319.65  
**Total** £ 989.31  
**S/O month av.** £ 846.77  
  
**Christ the King**  
**Gift Aid** £ 350.67  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 311.66  
**S/O weekly av.** £ 341.54  
**Total** £ 1003.87

**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, Edith Baker, John Campbell, Maureen Carroll, Mary Clarke,  
 Terry Culbertson, Agnes Davies, Win Drury, Emily, Anna Forrest, Anthony Foster, Bobi Gower,  
 Maria Hill, Caitriona Lovell, Sarah Morris, Peter Murphy, Maureen O'Driscoll,  
 Kieran Ollin, Rona Perry, Valentino Rascon, John Reardon,  
 Claire Richards, Adela Rogers, Shaun Stone, Bev Tumelty, Gemma Ward,  
 Emma Warlow, Dorothy Warren & Pat Watkins.