

# 3 Churches News

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**Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**Epiphany**

**(YEAR B)**

**Issue 01/18**

**C + M + B**

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany - the Revelation or Showing Forth of Jesus to the world. The Jewish shepherds had already been there on Christmas night. Now it was the turn of the wider Gentile world, which includes us! We followed the shepherds to Bethlehem through our representatives, the Wise Men from the East.

There are many customs attached to the day in different parts of the world. In the **Spanish-speaking** world the Three Kings receive letters from children and so bring them gifts on the night before Epiphany. In Spain, each one of the Magi is supposed to represent one different continent, Europe (Melchior), Asia (Caspar) and Africa (Balthasar). According to the tradition, the Magi come from the East on their camels to visit the houses of all the children, much like Santa Claus with his reindeer elsewhere. In some areas, children prepare a drink for each of the Magi. It is also traditional to prepare food and drink for the camels, because this is the only night of the year when they eat.

In Spain, Argentina, Mexico, Paraguay and Uruguay, there is a long tradition for having the children receive presents from the three "*Reyes Magos*". Many Spanish towns organize *cabalgatas* on the evening of the 5th, in which the Kings and their servants parade and throw sweets to the children (and parents) in attendance. Meanwhile, a tradition in **Poland and German-speaking** Catholic areas is the writing of the three kings initials (**C+M+B**, or **K+M+B** in those areas where Caspar is spelled Kaspar) above the main door of Catholic homes in chalk. This is a New Year's blessing for the occupants and the initials are also believed to stand for "*Christus mansionem benedicat*" ("May Christ Bless This House"). Often these markings are made by the "*Sternsinger*" (literally, "star singers") - a group of three school children dressed up as the magi, and carrying a star. After singing, the children write the three kings initials on the door frame.

This "C+M+B" is catching on elsewhere. Why not involve *your* children or grandchildren in this lovely tradition - or just do it yourself? Write the letters in chalk over or near your front door. Who knows - it can be an opportunity to gently share your faith when callers at your front door ask "What's all that about"!

To you all - may Christ bless your house this year!

Fr Matthew



~~~~ Epiphany (Sunday 7 January 2018) ~~~~



Response to Psalm **All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose**

**And have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!**

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 60: 1-6 **2nd Reading:** Ephesians 3: 2-3. 5-6 **Gospel:** Matthew 2: 1-2

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### Father's News

#### LITURGY - WHERE ARE WE?

The Feast of the Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord mark the end of the Christmas Season, and the beginning of Ordinary Time. On Sundays the readings, as in Advent, continue to be from Cycle B (St Mark mostly). On weekdays the readings are from Year 2. The Divine Office returns to Week 1 as it is the first week in Ordinary Time.

#### BAPTISMS

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord being on Monday, it is appropriate that we have two Baptisms this weekend. On Saturday, Sophia Victoria's is at St Brigid's, and on Sunday Luke Gardner's at Christ the King. We remember the babies and their parents and godparents in our prayers.

#### YEARBOOKS

The 2018 Yearbook for the Catholic Church in Wales is now available, priced £3 from the back of our Churches. Packed with info on all aspects of parish and diocesan life, including Mass times, phone numbers and email addresses for churches, schools etc, this is a must for all those with more than a passing interest in Catholic Wales.

#### THANK YOU

A very warm thank you from Fr Matthew for your kind and very generous Christmas offering and other gifts.

#### THE GOSPEL OF ST MARK

Mark's Gospel is used on most Sundays in this liturgical year (B). What was it that Mark wanted to say in his telling of the story of Jesus? Who was Mark anyway?

On Saturday 27 January, David Beresford, Director of the Catholic Bible School, will be helping us to explore the message of Mark's Gospel, and why Mark's Gospel is helpful to us as modern Christians. St Helen's RC Church, Court Road, Barry CF63 4ET 10am - 3pm. All our Scripture Saturdays are free and there is no need to book, donations to help cover our costs gratefully received. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided but please bring your own packed lunch. Info: [www.catholic-bible-school.org/south-wales-events/jan18](http://www.catholic-bible-school.org/south-wales-events/jan18) or email [catholicbibleschool@gmail.com](mailto:catholicbibleschool@gmail.com)

#### BAPTISM PREPARATION

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

**Diaries and Calendars** are much appreciated by the prisoners who attend weekly mass in Cardiff prison. There is a collection box in each church for donations of 2018 diaries and calendars. For further information contact Elizabeth Taylor (2075 1401)



#### Food Collection for 2017

We collected 2585kgs for the Food Bank in 2017 which makes a total of 4442kgs since we began in November 2015. Thanks to all who have contributed and please keep your contributions coming. Latest feedback from the Food Bank is that they are short of long life fruit juice, tinned rice puddings, sponge puddings, tinned fruit and tinned tomatoes. Other items are always welcome but they are short of these for the time being. At the moment they are not short of cereals, beans or tea bags.

#### Llanishen & District Churches Together

#### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

18 - 25 January 2018

\* **The Fellowship Meal (the 'Agape')**: Thursday 18 January 7pm at St Isan's Church, Llanishen  
\* **The United Service**: Sunday 21 January 6pm at St Faith's Church, Morris Avenue, off Templeton Avenue. Preacher: Rev'd Alana Lawrence (Minister, Llanishen Methodist Church)

Available to take away for daily prayer use at home will be copies of the booklet entitled: "*That All May Be Free*", on this year's theme, prepared in the Caribbean, of triumph over oppression (as per Exodus 15), such as often colonialism produced; unity through shared suffering, but liberation, salvation and reconciliation by God and through Christians. (Booklet also downloadable from [www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer](http://www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer))

## Other events

### **St Mary's RC Primary School Queen's Hill, Newport are seeking to appoint a Deputy Head Teacher - required for April 2018**

Visits to the school can be arranged by contacting Dawn Jones, School Administrator (01633 840490) Applications must be made using the CES application from the CES website - [www.cesew.org.uk](http://www.cesew.org.uk) and should be returned by post or email to: The Head Teacher, St Mary's RC Primary School, Queen's Hill, Newport NP20 5HJ / [stmarysrc.primary@newport.gov.uk](mailto:stmarysrc.primary@newport.gov.uk) Further details can be found on the advert on the notice board in the church porch.

### **Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies**

Want to learn more about the Catholic faith? This course is useful for teachers in Catholic schools, catechists, and anyone seeking to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith. The course will be available in multiple locations via live video stream making it more accessible to the whole diocese. If you wish to take part in the course (which commences on 22 January) please send a registration form to Madeleine, the course administrator on [ccrs@rcadc.org](mailto:ccrs@rcadc.org) by 15 January. Registration forms and handbooks are available from [www.rcadc.org/ccrs](http://www.rcadc.org/ccrs)

### **Cardiff's First Poetry Festival**

16 - 18 February 2018 at the Cornerstone

There will be readings, film, music, art, celebratory lunches and more, all in the iconic Cornerstone building. For tickets, and more information visit

<https://rcadc.org/seren-poetry-2018>

### **Looking ahead...**

#### **\*CAFOD Lent Fast Day**

Friday 23 February

[www.cafod.org.uk/news/events/lent-fast-day](http://www.cafod.org.uk/news/events/lent-fast-day)

#### **\* Fairtrade Fortnight**

Monday 26 February - Sunday 11 March

<http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/Get-Involved/Current-campaigns/Fairtrade-Fortnight>

#### **\* Christian Aid Week**

13 - 19 May

[www.christianaid.org.uk/christian-aid-week](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/christian-aid-week)

## Christ the King

### **RIP**

The Requiem Mass for Anna Forrest will take place at Christ the King on Friday 12 January at 11.15am. Please remember Anna and her son William in your prayers.

**Please also pray for Mary Giordano who has died recently. Her funeral service will be at Christ the King on Monday 15 January at 12.30pm**

### **Adoration**

Adoration will resume at Christ the King this Tuesday 9 January

### **White Flower Appeal**

This year's White Flower Appeal on behalf of SPUC will take place next weekend (13 - 14 January)

**There will be no LIFT class this Thursday 11 January. My sincere apologies. Classes will resume on Thursday 18 January - Linda Halloran**

### **Ring Found**

A small ring has been found in the Church car park. If it is yours please contact the Parish Office.

### **"50 Club" Winners**

#### **December 2017**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £25

**Pam Hawkes [39]**

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £15

**Linnee Fletcher [149]**

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £12

**Patsy Lydon [113]**

**50 Club Subscriptions** are due - £12 payable in cash, by cheque (made out to Christ the King Parish) or by standing order. Subscriptions will be collected after weekend masses this weekend and next (13 - 14 January). New subscribers from the 3 churches welcome. Half of the amount collected is distributed in a monthly prize draw (currently £25/£15/£12) and half goes to charity. The charity in 2018 is Rainbow of Hope which supports homeless and disadvantaged people in Cardiff. For further information contact Sheila Drayton (2075 4879) or Elizabeth Taylor (2075 1401)

## St Brigid's & St Pauls

**The SPUC White Flower Appeal takes place next week - 13 & 14 January**

### **Tea at St Brigid's**

All are welcome to tea and coffee after 11am Mass at St Brigid's. Money raised goes to the City Hospice, formerly called the George Thomas Hospice.

### **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.

**Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup> Epiphany**

|        |         |             |                                                                               |                     |
|--------|---------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Sat.   | 6pm     | C the K     | <b>Cath Hatto &amp; Bernard Fletcher<br/>(Rendle &amp; Fletcher Families)</b> |                     |
| Sun.   | 9am     | St Paul's   | <b>Fred &amp; Peggy John</b>                                                  | Epiphany            |
|        | 9am     | C the K     | <b>Luis Urtiaga (A Davies)</b>                                                |                     |
|        | 11am    | St Brigid's | <b>John &amp; Mary Kingston</b>                                               |                     |
|        | 6pm     | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parish</b>                                                   |                     |
|        | 7.30pm  | St Brigid's | <b>Sunday Praise</b>                                                          |                     |
| Mon.   | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>David Jenkins (Lil &amp; Fam)</b>                                          | Baptism of the Lord |
| Tues.  | 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Dom Bryon (A McDevitt)</b>                                                 |                     |
| Wed.   | 9.30am  | St Paul's   | <b>Christine Rees (Prescott)</b>                                              |                     |
| Thurs. | 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Celia Pye (L Barry)</b>                                                    |                     |
|        | 7.30pm  | St Brigid's | <b>Len Perry</b>                                                              |                     |
| Fri.   | 9.30am  | St Paul's   | <b>Int. Mary Daley</b>                                                        |                     |
|        | 11.15am | C the K     | <b>Requiem Mass: Anna Forrest</b>                                             |                     |
| Sat.   | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>Barbara &amp; John Nelson (Evans)</b>                                      | St Hilary           |

**Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

|      |        |             |                                                                                            |                                         |
|------|--------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Sat. | 6pm    | C the K     | <b>Sebastiano Tomasulu (C Bailey)</b>                                                      |                                         |
| Sun. | 9am    | St Paul's   | <b>Int. Jean Daley &amp; Family (Slowikowska)</b>                                          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |
|      | 9am    | C the K     | <b>Deceased members of the Halloran &amp; Richardson<br/>Families (M &amp; L Halloran)</b> |                                         |
|      | 11am   | St Brigid's | <b>World Peace</b>                                                                         |                                         |
|      | 6pm    | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parishes</b>                                                              |                                         |
|      | 7.30pm | St Brigid's | <b>Sunday Praise</b>                                                                       |                                         |

**Praying for our Neighbours**  
 Please remember in your prayers this week  
 our neighbours in  
**Sinclair Drive & Sharpe Close**  
**Cavendish Close**  
**Windermere Avenue**  
 who have received prayer cards in  
 the last few days.

**3 Churches  
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**Corpus Christi  
High School**

Acting Headteacher  
Mrs Pat Pavlovic  
2076 1893

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Mark Leighfield  
2049 8555

**Safeguarding  
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**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** £ 676.40  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 535.97  
**Total** £ 1212.37  
**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the King**  
**Gift Aid** £ 482.00  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 346.22  
**S/O weekly av.** £ 335.54  
**Total** £ 1163.76

**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, 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.