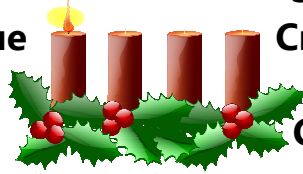


3 Churches News

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Sunday December 2nd 2018 **First Sunday of Advent (YEAR B)** **Issue 44/18**

HOLDING HANDS WITH GOD

The readings of Isaiah are so moving during Advent, calling us to consider our relationship with God in new ways. Isaiah invites us to consider a relationship with God on a very deep and personal level, to feel comforted, loved and protected. Isaiah offers us a God who rejoices in us and celebrates us with banquets of rich wines and choice food. There is a constant exhortation not to be afraid. "*Fear not, I will help you.*" (Isaiah 41: 13).

I have read these words every Advent for years, and focused on the words, "Fear not." But one morning as I looked at this passage, I noticed the beginning of it: "*I am the Lord, your God who grasp your right hand.*" It was fairly specific. Not that I was reaching out to God, but that God was reaching out to *me* - and grasping me by my right hand. How wonderful. I relaxed into that image and tried to picture that. What would it be like to have God hold my right hand? Terrible! I couldn't do anything! I am right-handed and if God is holding onto it, how would I get all of my things done? I am a busy, busy person (sometimes so busy that I am coming and going at the same time). With my right hand un-usable, I couldn't drive, use the computer or grab my mobile phone. If I really ponder the image of the Lord grasping my right hand, it takes me several minutes to get beyond, "I can't get anything done!"

Then I pause in my mental distress and hold this dilemma up to God as an offering: "What now, God?" *I am the LORD, your God, who grasp your right hand... I will help you.* I can see that the passage means that I can't do it all alone. I am strong, busy, independent and apparently somewhat arrogant. I want to do it all myself. How do I share my life and work with a God who at the moment seems to be hampering my progress? That's where the Isaiah reading adds, "*It is I who say to you, 'Fear not, I will help you.'*" I really, really don't have to do it alone. I can step off my self-imposed pedestal and join the rest of the human race in asking for help. I can ask God every morning to open my heart in new ways for the freedom to accept what God wants for me - not what I want for me. I can realize that God stands ready, cherishing me every moment, holding my hand and offering me a banquet.

I am the LORD, your God, who grasp your right hand;
It is I who say to you, "Fear not, I will help you."

Maureen M Waldren, Online Ministries of Creighton University USA



~~~~ First Sunday of Advent (Sunday 2 December 2018) ~~~~



Response to Psalm **To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**  
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy**  
**And give us your saving help. Alleluia!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Jeremiah 33: 14-16 **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Thessalonians 3: 12-4:2 **Gospel:** Luke 21: 25-28. 34-36

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

#### ADVENT

**Reconciliation Service** at Christ the King this Monday 3 December at 7pm.

**"Journeying towards Jesus"** groups: to join contact a leader direct - Monday afternoon tel Tess 2075 5528, Monday evening email Esther

([esther.milardi@btinternet.com](mailto:esther.milardi@btinternet.com)),

Wednesday afternoon Sheila

([sheila.m.roberts@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sheila.m.roberts@hotmail.co.uk)),

and Thursday afternoon Nigel

([nigelqtuck@btinternet.com](mailto:nigelqtuck@btinternet.com))

#### Reverse Calendars

Donate something each day or few days to the Food Bank. Everything can be left in the Food Bank boxes in any of the 3 Churches on a Sunday or when convenient. They are short of Chocolates / Sweets, Sponge Puddings, Treats for Children, UHT milk, Long life fruit juice, Non-Alcoholic Christmas Puddings and Coffee. They currently have plenty of Baked Beans, Breakfast Cereals, Pasta, Soup and Tea. They also say 'No Mince Pies or Alcohol Please'. To make sure it is delivered to the Food Bank before Christmas it would help if it was brought to the 3 Churches by the third Sunday of Advent (16 December). Anything brought later will still be taken to the Food Bank after Christmas.

**Carols in the Community** Gather at one or more of our 3 Churches at 7pm on the following days:

Sunday 9 December at Christ the King, Wednesday 12 December at St Paul's and Sunday 16 December at St Brigid's.

**3 Churches Carol Service** at St Paul's on Wednesday 19 December. Invite someone along with you.

### CHRISTMAS

We are grateful to neighbouring and retired priests who enable us to celebrate a good number of Christmas Masses again this year. Times and locations are to fit in with their availability.

#### Christmas Eve

6pm in all 3 Churches

10pm St Brigid's

(Midnight St Teilo's and St Philip Evans)

#### Christmas Day

9am Christ the King

10am St Paul's

11am St Brigid's

Mass at 9.30am on Tuesday 4 December at Christ the King will be for deceased members of the 3 churches, particularly those who died in August & September (Ginette Scott, Terry O'Reilly, Bob Churchhouse and Mary Taylor)

**Christmas Tea Party** in aid of Seeds for the Future (Lesotho) next Sunday 9 December 3 - 5pm in Christ the King Parish Centre. Join us for a tea party with a festive twist including music from the City Sirens, and help to support young people in Lesotho to attend high school. Tickets £8.50 (to include a cracker!) and donation on the day for children. Tickets on sale after all masses this weekend or email [seedsfff@gmail.com](mailto:seedsfff@gmail.com) or phone 2075 1401

#### St David's Christmas Praise

**Concerts** next Saturday 8 December. Singers from the 3 Churches are taking part in the concerts - 3pm and 7.30pm at St David's Hall. Further information is on the posters in each of the churches. Tickets available from the St David's Hall Box Office, price £12/14 for adults, £5 for under 12s.

### Up-coming Baptism Preparation Courses in the Northern Arc

\* December 2018 - Thursdays 6 & 13 at Christ the King 7.30pm. Email [andylee63@talktalk.net](mailto:andylee63@talktalk.net) for details

\* January 2019 - Tuesdays 8 & 15 at St Brigid's 7pm. Email [stevemartincardiff@gmail.com](mailto:stevemartincardiff@gmail.com) for details

#### 'Venite Adoremus Retreat'

St David's Catholic College, Cardiff. Next Saturday 8 December.

An invitation to all.

The retreat will be held from 10.30am - 3pm.

Registration from 10am.

This retreat will be an opportunity to stop and listen to God's voice within us.

During the course of the retreat day, there will be two talks, imaginative contemplation and time for silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. The keynote speaker will be Archbishop George Stack. The retreat is free of charge and open to people of all faiths and no faith. Lunch will be provided.

To attend please contact Christian Mahoney (07764 515864) or email [christianmahoney2@gmail.com](mailto:christianmahoney2@gmail.com)

**Please remember the deceased members of the 3 churches whose anniversaries occur in December including:** Michael Fox, Joan Carne, Max Graham, Louise Fielding, Carmel English, Mary Saunders, Joe Pike, Maria Driscoll, Nada Lazic, Dorothy Mitchell, Johanna Rogers, Margaret Dyson, Vera Strand, Maria Lukaszewicz, Rosaleen McAlevy, Richard Carlson, Gillian Hunt, Evelyn Lloyd, Margaret Williams, Teresa Stamp, Barbara Nelson and Maria Giordano.

## 3 Churches

### **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 2019 please send an email with your child's name and Parish to

[Threechurchescommunion2019@outlook.com](mailto:Threechurchescommunion2019@outlook.com) by 21 December.

Classes will start in January 2019 and further information will be issued in due course.

### **Fairtrade Christmas Shopping evening at Fair Do's in Canton on Monday 10 December from 7pm.**

Contact Elizabeth Taylor 2075 1401 if you are interested in coming along.

### **UCM**

Members of the UCM will be selling tickets for their Christmas raffle after Masses this weekend and next weekend (1/2 and 8/9 December) The raffle will be drawn after Mass on Sunday 16 December.

### **Christ the King Primary School - Nursery School Opening January 2019 and Reception Class 2019**

Applications are now available for nursery school children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 March 2016 for the early years unit opening at Christ the King Primary School in January 2019.

Applications are also open for children due to start in Reception Class in September 2019.

Please contact the school on 2075 4787 or download an application from our website -

[www.christthekingcathprm.co.uk/admissions/](http://www.christthekingcathprm.co.uk/admissions/)

Nursery applications to be returned as soon as possible.

**Applications for Reception must be received by 7 January 2019.**

### **Online Advent Calendar 2018**

Follow CAFOD's online Advent Calendar to reflect, pray and take global justice actions throughout this holy season.

[www.cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-calendar](http://www.cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-calendar)

### **A Short Charity Concert for Christmas**

Christmas Songs, Carols and a reading presented by The Streetplus Community Choir Thursday 6 December 7.30pm at Llanishen Baptist Church.

Tea, coffee & mince pies.

Admission free - a retiring collection will be taken for Ronald MacDonald House, Cardiff

## Christ the King

### **Baptism**

This weekend we welcome Sebastian Kimberley into our parish as he is baptised. Please pray for Sebastian, his family & godparents.

### **Traidcraft**

Traidcraft Christmas cards will be on sale after Sunday morning Mass for a few weeks.

### ***Junior Club - Volunteers Needed***

The Junior Club is in need of adult volunteers to help out once a month on a rota basis. We meet every Friday evening of school term time in the Parish Centre. If you can help please contact Marie in the Parish Office on 2075 3945 or email [ckadmin@3churches.org](mailto:ckadmin@3churches.org)

### **Christmas LINK**

Final deadline for items to be included in LINK is this weekend. Please email any items or your Christmas Greetings to [mark.cherime@talktalk.net](mailto:mark.cherime@talktalk.net) or [j.v.rendle@talk21.com](mailto:j.v.rendle@talk21.com).

This year's charity for Christmas Greetings donations is the local branch of Cruse Bereavement Care.

## St Brigid's & St Pauls

### **R.I.P.**

Please pray for the response of the soul of **Celia Campbell** of Fishguard Road, St Brigid's who died recently aged 103 - possibly our oldest parishioner. Her Requiem Mass will be at St Brigid's on Monday 10 December at 10am and will replace 9.30 Mass that day.

### **Finance & Maintenance**

The next meeting of the Finance & Maintenance group will be held at St Brigid's Presbytery this Tuesday 4 December 7.30pm

***Collection after 9am Mass at St Paul's Sundays 9 & 16 December for Christmas flowers. The flower arrangers enjoy making the Church look festive and your generosity helps them. Thank you***

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

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



**New to the Parish?  
Pick up a leaflet**

**Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup> First Sunday of Advent**

|        |         |             |                                                                             |                        |
|--------|---------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Sat.   | 6pm     | C the K     | <b>Gaston &amp; Ellen Imms (F &amp; M Callus)</b>                           |                        |
| Sun.   | 9am     | St Paul's   | <b>People of the Parish</b>                                                 | First Sunday of Advent |
|        | 9am     | C the K     | <b>Fred &amp; Teresa Dartnell (J Dartnell)</b>                              |                        |
|        | 11am    | St Brigid's | <b>Brian Powell (Sullivan)</b>                                              |                        |
|        | 12.30pm | C the K     | <b>Baptism: Sebastian Kimberley</b>                                         |                        |
|        | 6pm     | St Brigid's | <b>Thanksgiving</b>                                                         |                        |
| Mon.   | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>Celia Campbell</b>                                                       | St Francis Xavier      |
|        | 7pm     | C the K     | <b>Advent Reconciliation</b>                                                |                        |
| Tues.  | 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Deceased members of the 3 Churches</b>                                   | St John Damascene      |
| Wed.   | 9.30am  | St Paul's   | <b>Ethna &amp; Gerry Doherty;<br/>Ben Morris;<br/>Barbara Nelson (Mark)</b> |                        |
|        | 7.30pm  | C the K     | <b>UCM Quarterly Mass</b>                                                   |                        |
| Thurs. | 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Terry Gooding (A Rees)</b>                                               | St Nicholas            |
|        | 7.30pm  | St Brigid's | <b>Doreen &amp; John Smits</b>                                              |                        |
| Fri.   | 9.30am  | St Paul's   | <b>Holy Souls</b>                                                           | St Ambrose             |
| Sat.   | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>People of our Archdiocese</b>                                            |                        |

**Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Advent**

|      |      |             |                                      |                         |
|------|------|-------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sat. | 6pm  | C the K     | <b>Mary Taylor (A Rees)</b>          |                         |
| Sun. | 9am  | St Paul's   | <b>Brigid Manahan</b>                | Second Sunday of Advent |
|      | 9am  | C the K     | <b>Charles McDevitt (A McDevitt)</b> |                         |
|      | 11am | St Brigid's | <b>Cynthia Melhuish</b>              |                         |
|      | 6pm  | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parish</b>          |                         |

Praying for our Neighbours  
 Please remember in your prayers this week  
 our neighbours in  
**Cefn Coed Road**  
**East Rise, Wood Close & Crofta**  
**Millrace Close**  
 who have received prayer cards in  
 the last few days.

**3 Churches  
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**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Christ the King**

Tuesday 10am - 3pm

**St. Paul's**

Wednesday 10am - 3pm

**St. Brigid's**

Thursday 10am - 3pm

**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** £ 484.50

**Non Gift Aid** £ 624.07

**Total** £ 1108.57

**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the King**

**Gift Aid** £ 333.90

**Non Gift Aid** £ 419.56

**S/O weekly av.** £ 329.54

**Total** £ 1083.00

**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, Mary Clarke,  
 Corey-Jay Coles, Terry Culbertson, Elizabeth Cunningham, Agnes Davies, Win Drury,  
 Sheila Ferriter, Emily, Bobi Gower, Patrick Harris, Maria Hill, Caitriona Lovell, Sarah Morris,  
 Peter Murphy, Kieran Ollin, Rona Perry, Valentino Rascon, John Reardon, Claire Richards,  
 Anne Roach, Adela Rogers, Shaun Stone, Anne Wake, Gemma Ward, Emma Warlow,  
 Dorothy Warren & Pat Watkins.