

3 Churches News

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IN SPITE OF OUR SITUATION

What is joy? How is it different from happiness? Happiness is what we feel when everything is going well and smooth. Happiness is more dependent on our outward situations - our health, fortune, work, etc. But joy is being at peace with whatever situation we may face, whether it is a happy or sad situation. It is that assurance that though everything does not always go right, life still makes sense. It is not dependent on outward circumstances, but rather on our own relationship with God. Another way we might put it is that we have happiness BECAUSE of our situation; we have joy IN SPITE OF our situation. A person suffering from a chronic illness may understandably not feel happy, but they can still remain joyful because of the love and care of those people around them or because of their faith and trust in God. The well-known theologian Teilhard de Chardin defined joy as the most profound manifestation of the presence of God.

Advent should be a period of spiritual reflection on how the birth of Christ has impacted on our own lives today. We may have been celebrating Advent for many years, but if the true spirit of Advent does not transform us to be better persons - does not make husbands love their wives all the more and vice versa, and does not make children value what their parents have sacrificed for them, and if it does not bring us forgiveness and healing to our hurts and pains or even consider forgiveness as an option to improve our relationships - then there is no point to rejoice this Sunday, because if it is still business as usual for us. The liturgical seasons can become nothing but empty cycles without any meaning.

When horrible things happen in our lives or when unexpected and unexplainable things happen without any reason like sudden death, illness or tragic accidents, people can understandably question where God's love fits in all of these. When I question God if he is indeed for real or not, I always find an answer in the wonderful and great things that he has done in my life in the midst of my weaknesses and sinfulness. And this is where we find the reason to rejoice in God always: that in the midst of our brokenness and sometimes feeling unworthy, God does not abandon us - in fact, he raises us up in order for us to redeem our identity and transform us anew. And because God is our Emmanuel (God is in Our Midst), we always have the best reason to rejoice! Happy Gaudete Sunday!

Edited from a reflection by Fr Cary Reniva Parish Priest St Cecilia's, nr Portland, OR www.stceciliachurch.org



~~~~ Third Sunday of Advent (Sunday 16 December 2018) ~~~~

Response to Psalm **Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel**

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:** Zephaniah 3: 14-18 **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Philippians 4: 4-7 **Gospel:** Luke 3: 10-18

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## 3 Churches

### Father's News

#### ADVENT

##### Carols in the Community

Bring some Christmas joy to our neighbours! Gather at 7pm this Sunday 16 December at St Brigid's

**3 Churches Carol Service** at St Paul's this Wednesday 19 December. Invite someone along with you to enjoy traditional carols and readings followed by refreshments including mulled wine.

**St David's College** holds its annual Community Mass and Christmas Celebration this Thursday 20 December 12 - 3.30pm. Contact Claire Kelly (2043 1857) or email [ckelly@stdavidscollege.ac.uk](mailto:ckelly@stdavidscollege.ac.uk)

#### CHRISTMAS

These are the times of Christmas Masses this year. Times and locations are to fit in with priests' 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

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

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

#### **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.

#### **Seeds for the Future (Lesotho)**

Thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas tea party last Sunday 9 December or gave a donation. It was a very enjoyable and successful occasion which raised £675 for the charity.

#### **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.**

#### Masses in Welsh: -

##### **Offeren y Nadolig**

The Vigil Mass of Christmas will be celebrated on Christmas Eve

##### **Yr Offeren yn Gymraeg**

Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 30 December.

Both will be held at St Teilo's Church, Whitchurch, Cardiff CF14 1AD at 4.30pm. Bilingual booklets are provided. Croeso cynnes i bawb.

#### **OPEN DOOR SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB THURSDAY 20 DECEMBER**

We will be having our Christmas Party 2 - 4.30pm approx in Christ the King Parish Centre.

This is open to senior citizens in the 3 Churches and you can be sure of a warm welcome.

Come along and bring a friend.

#### **Events for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

**18 - 25 January 2019**

\* Sunday 20 January 6pm.

**Christian Unity United Service** at Bethel Church, Llangranog Road, Llanishen.

\* Monday 21 January 7pm. **Agape** at St Faith's Church, Morris Avenue, Llanishen

All welcome.

<https://ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer>

## Other events

#### **Christmas - The Story**

This simple story of the Nativity is being told in Y Tabernacl Welsh Chapel, on The Hayes, Monday - Saturday 10am - 5.20pm, each performance lasts 20 minutes. Admission is free and it runs until 22 December.

[www.the-story.org.uk/locations/cardiff](http://www.the-story.org.uk/locations/cardiff)

## JOB

St Patrick's Primary School in Cardiff are seeking to appoint a new head teacher. Full details can be found on the advert in the porch or by contacting Connect 2 Cardiff (2087 2087)

## **Christ the King**

### **RIP**

Please pray for Nich Pearson who has died recently and also remember his wife Tania in your prayers.

### **Christmas Eve**

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 details on the list at the back of the church or contact the Parish Office - 2075 3945, email [ckadmin@3churches.org](mailto:ckadmin@3churches.org)  
Children may wear nativity costumes if they wish.

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

#### **November 2018**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize £25**

**Jo Taylor [no127]**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £15**

**Audrey Morris [no59]**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £12**

**Diana Donovan [no107]**

### **50 Club**

The bumper December draw will take place on Sunday 16 December. The beneficiary charity for 2019 will again be Rainbow of Hope (50% of proceeds to the charity, 50% in monthly prize draws) Cash subscriptions will be collected in the first 2 weeks of January. If any existing cash subscriber or any new subscriber wishes to make payment by standing order, standing order forms are available on the table at the back of the church. Payment should be dated for January each year.

## Christmas Masses

There will be a need for 7 Welcomers, 2 car park helpers and 10 Eucharistic ministers for the 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve and for 3 Welcomers, 3 Readers and 3 Eucharistic Ministers for 9am Mass on Christmas morning. There is a sign-up sheet on the notice board in the porch. Please add your name to it if you are available.

### **Christmas Flowers**

There will be a collection this weekend for Christmas flowers. The flower group would like to thank you in advance for your generosity. We are always looking for new ladies... or gentlemen to join our flower group. Please do consider this as it's not a big commitment and is very rewarding. If you would like any information please contact Linda 2075 9826 or email [inda@halloran.me.uk](mailto:inda@halloran.me.uk)

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on:  
Tuesday 25 December 2018 and  
Tuesday 1 January 2019.  
We will resume on Tuesday 8 January 2019.

### **Important Notice**

The sort code on the Parish bank account has been changed. If you pay your donations to the Parish or your 50 Club subscription by Standing Order then **you will need to amend it** to the new sort code. We have been advised by the bank that any payments using the old sort code made after 31 December 2018 will not be processed. This **should not apply** to any Standing Orders set up recently for donations to the Parish as the form you were given had the correct sort code. The sort code has been changed from 20-18-15 to 20-18-23

## **St Brigid's & St Pauls**

### RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ray Wood, whose Funeral Service takes place on Friday at St Brigid's 11am. We remember his family and friends in our prayers.

***Collection after 9am Mass at St Paul's this Sunday for Christmas flowers. The flower arrangers enjoy making the Church look festive and your generosity helps them.***

***Thank you***

### **Christmas Eve Mass**

If you wish your child / children to participate at the 6pm Christmas Eve Mass at St Brigid's Church, please email [hycinth@me.com](mailto:hycinth@me.com) giving the name and age of your child / children

### **St Brigid's Crib and Christmas Flowers**

Help is needed with setting up the crib in St Brigid's. If you can spare some time to unpack the figures, set them up, or just help with the clearing up, we would be most grateful. Please phone 2062 6829. Also, there will be a collection for Christmas flowers in St Brigid's at both Masses **this Sunday 16 December**. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Please note there will be no adoration at St Paul's on Wednesdays 19 & 26 December, and 2 & 9 January. We will recommence on Wednesday 16 January 2019.**

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

**Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)**

|        |         |             |                                                |                                  |
|--------|---------|-------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Sat.   | 6pm     | C the K     | <b>Mary Taylor (Taylor Family)</b>             |                                  |
| Sun.   | 9am     | St Paul's   | <b>Doreen &amp; John Smits</b>                 | Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete) |
|        | 9am     | C the K     | <b>Luis Urtiaga (A Davies)</b>                 |                                  |
|        | 11am    | St Brigid's | <b>Fr Tom Forrest</b>                          |                                  |
|        | 6pm     | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parish</b>                    |                                  |
| Mon.   | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>Dennis Norman (Stone)</b>                   |                                  |
| Tues.  | 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Marian Morrin (Bryon Family)</b>            |                                  |
| Wed.   | 9.30am  | St Paul's   | <b>Peter Hughes</b>                            |                                  |
|        | 7pm     | St Paul's   | <b>3 Churches Carol Service</b>                |                                  |
| Thurs. | 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Tony Clements (A McDevitt)</b>              |                                  |
|        | 7.30pm  | St Brigid's | <b>Huw Williams</b>                            |                                  |
| Fri.   | 9.30am  | St Paul's   | <b>Andrew Morris (Pat)</b>                     | St Peter Canisius                |
|        | 11am    | St Brigid's | <b>Funeral Service: Ray Wood</b>               |                                  |
| Sat.   | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>Int: Jean Daley</b>                         |                                  |
|        | 12 noon | C the K     | <b>Wedding Service: Riseborough - Benjamin</b> |                                  |

**Sunday December 23<sup>rd</sup> Fourth Sunday of Advent**

|      |      |             |                                                   |                         |
|------|------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sat. | 6pm  | C the K     | <b>Don &amp; Lynda Barry (Barry Family)</b>       |                         |
| Sun. | 9am  | St Paul's   | <b>David &amp; Tim Cole</b>                       | Fourth Sunday of Advent |
|      | 9am  | C the K     | <b>Intentions of the Wooding Family (Friends)</b> |                         |
|      | 11am | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parish</b>                       |                         |
|      | 6pm  | St Brigid's | <b>Josephine Camilleri</b>                        |                         |

**Praying for our Neighbours**

Please remember in your prayers this week  
our neighbours in  
**Cefn Coed Gardens**  
**Station Road & Marion Court**  
**Falfield Close & Millheath Drive**  
who have received prayer cards in  
the last few days.

**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, Clare Bell, 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,  
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**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Christ the King**

*Tuesday 10am - 3pm  
**St. Paul's**  
Re-starts 2 January  
**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 £ 573.00  
Non Gift Aid £ 537.85  
Total £ 1110.85  
S/O month av. £ 846.77*

**Christ the King**

*Gift Aid £ 343.10  
Non Gift Aid £ 303.54  
S/O weekly av. £ 378.00  
Total £ 1024.64*