

3 Churches News

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ARCHBISHOP CALLS FOR URGENT ACTION

Archbishop Stack writes: The Welsh Government wants to take away the rights of parents to withdraw their children from both Religious Education (RE) and Relationships and Sex Education (RSE). They also want to dumb-down the subject of RE and force schools to teach children about worldviews instead.

The Church teaches that family is much more than just a unit in the culture or economy. **Parents are the primary educators of their children** and our schools aid them in that task. While parents may choose various modes of education for their children it remains the parents' duty above anyone else's to teach their children. This necessarily means remaining informed and involved in the education children are receiving and supplementing or moderating when the need arises. The proposals by the Welsh Government remove this fundamental basic right of parents.

Concern must also be taken when looking at the Religious Education provision for our children. For families who do not currently have the option of sending their children to a Catholic school, they must be allowed to retain the right to withdraw their child from RE in their own school. Also the proposed introduction of worldviews as a central focus for RE provision moves the subject away from a theological discipline into a more sociological model i.e. removing God who is at the centre of everything and replacing Him with secular ideology.

Archbishop George is asking parishioners to urgently contact their Assembly Members and demand that the State does not usurp parents' rights to decide how to teach these sensitive topics to their children. To contact your AMs please visit the Catholic Education Service website - www.catholiceducation.org.uk

Fr Matthew



~~~~ 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday 3 November 2019) ~~~~



Response to Psalm I will bless your name forever, O God my king.  
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Wisdom 11: 22-12:2 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2.2 Gospel: Luke 19: 1-10

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### Father's News

#### NOVEMBER

\* Saturday 9 November: **Mass of Memories** at Christ the King at 10am

\* Tuesday 19 November: Requiem for all our **Deceased Clergy** at St David's Cathedral

\* **Books of Remembrance** will be open at each of our 3 Churches, and Masses will be celebrated for those whose names you write there.

#### WELFARE OF SICK AND RETIRED CLERGY

Next week in Christ the King and St Brigid's there will be a special collection for our care of sick and retired clergy of the diocese. Please take an envelope this week. Note: This was mentioned at St Paul's by mistake previously

#### Mass of Memories

The annual 3 Churches Mass of Memories will take place on **Saturday 9 November 10am at Christ the King** - with light refreshments to follow. The Mass is an opportunity to remember family, friends and members of our churches who have died - whether recently or a long time ago. All are welcome. Anyone needing a lift please contact Marie O'Brien (Christ the King Parish Office, 2075 3945), Bernice Rayer (St Brigid's, 07887 641351) or Anne Martin (St Paul's, 2075 6300)

#### **'Remembrance' Stars**

The stars remembering children lost at any stage of pregnancy, at birth or in infancy will be brought forward to the altar at the Mass of Memories. The 'tree' and the stars are at St Paul's until 6 November.

Over the last few weeks you will have all seen our Tree of Remembrance that people were invited to add stars to. Even though we use this tree quite often, it is borrowed! Is there any kind and talented person amongst our church community that could make us one of our own? If anyone is able to do this then please let one of the bereavement group know or leave your name with Canon Matthew. We can assure you it will be well used by various groups in the Parish.

#### **Annual Shoe Box Appeal for Link to Hope**

Once again we are appealing for shoe boxes filled with goodies and essentials to send to the elderly and families in Eastern Europe.

The final date for collection of the boxes is this Sunday 3 November 2019.

#### **FILM NIGHT AT ST BRIGID'S**

The next Film Night at St Brigid's will be on **Friday 8 November** when we will be showing 'Fisherman's Friends' - an uplifting film based on a true story. Tickets (£6) to include a Fish & Chips supper are now available after Masses or please call 2076 6318. Licensed Bar.

#### Service of Remembrance at Cartref Care Home

As part of our outreach commitment to the local Council of Churches, a group from Christ the King will be leading a service at Cartref, Station Road at 3.30pm on Sunday 10 November. Anyone from the 3 Churches who would like to join us please meet at the home at 3.15pm. Further information from Elizabeth Taylor (2075 1401)

**The Annual Fair Trade sale at Park End Church will be on Saturday 16 November. Times are likely to be as in previous years: 10am - 4.30pm**

#### **Huggard Centre for the Homeless**

A massive thank you to those who attended our recent Tea Party which raised over £1500 for the Centre which will be used to provide sleeping bags etc for additional accommodation for this winter at the Centre. Donations of towels, underwear (including ladies), socks and sleeping bags (new or used) would be helpful to the Centre. If you can provide any of these items please contact Celia Bailey (2075 2413) - no clothes at the moment please as storage is a problem.

#### **First Holy Communion**

If any children, Year 3 and above, in the 3 Churches' parish (Christ the King, St Brigid's or St Paul's), wish to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion April / May 2020, please send an email with your child's name and Parish to [threechurchescommunion2020@outlook.com](mailto:threechurchescommunion2020@outlook.com) by 1 December 2019. Classes will start in January 2020 and further information will be issued in due course.

**Please remember the deceased members of the 3 churches whose anniversaries occur in November including:** Fadhila Matlub, Bernard O'Reilly, Winifred Collins, Ann Botwood, Hugh Stokes, Margaret Gorrington, Robert Stewart, Peter O'Brien, Margaret Deacon, Phillip Flook, Brian Bermingham, Margaret Harper, Josephine Pugsley, Lynn Latham, Theresa Thomas and Celia Campbell.

Day of Reflection at Llantarnam Abbey

This has been arranged for Friday 22 November. If you wish to go please let Norbert Flynn (07971 972058) know by 8 November. The cost is £30 including a 3-course lunch

**Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction**

First Sunday of Advent (1 December) beginning 3.30pm at Cardiff Cathedral. The First Sunday of Advent sees the launch of the Year of the Word, under the title of, *The God Who Speaks*. To celebrate the opening of the Year of the Word, there will be Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction at Cardiff Cathedral, presided over by Archbishop George. During the celebration copies of the Gospel of St Matthew will be given out to the congregation, as a reminder that scripture is at the centre of everything that the Church does. Evening prayer and Benediction will be led by the students and staff of St Alban's High School, Pontypool.

**Other events**

**Board Games Evening**

Are you bored with TV and technology? A board games evening will be taking place at St Faith's Church this Monday 4 November from 7pm. For more information call 2062 0838

**Wales and The Marches Catholic History Society**

Sunday 10 November 2.45pm  
*Medieval Welsh Tombstones*  
Prof. Madeleine Gray (Professor Emerita of Ecclesiastical History, University of South Wales)  
New venue - The Cardiff University Catholic Chaplaincy, at the rear of Nazareth House. For further info contact Tricia Coulthard (2059 5899)

**Sunday Circle Youth Group Christmas Fayre**  
**Saturday 23 November 1 - 4pm**  
**Christ the King Parish Centre**

**Christ the King**

R.I.P.

Please pray for **Helen Owen**, who has died recently. Helen's Funeral will take place at St Patrick's Church Grangetown on Monday 4 November at 10.30am. Please also pray for **Paul Walker**, husband of Helen who has died recently. Paul's Funeral will take place at Thornhill Crematorium Wenallt Chapel, on Wednesday 13 November at 11.45am. Also pray for **Calogera Girgenti** who passed away recently

***Sandwich making for the homeless***

The next sandwich making one will be on Monday 25 November at 1.15pm in the Parish Centre

**This Thursday (7 November) there will be a LIFT Class.**

**\*\* Please note there will be no Tai Chi Class on 14 November, and no LIFT Class on 21 November. The next Tai Chi Class will be on Thursday 28 November 10 - 11am in Christ the King Parish Centre.**

**Junior Club**

The Junior Club is in need of new volunteers for the Autumn term. You need only volunteer for two hours on one Friday every month (there is a lot of flexibility in this) If you can help please contact Marie in the Parish Office, [llanishen@rcadc.org](mailto:llanishen@rcadc.org) or call 2075 3945.

New Parish Email Address

We have a new email address for all Christ the King correspondence, [llanishen@rcadc.org](mailto:llanishen@rcadc.org)

**St Brigid's & St Paul's**

R.I.P.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs **Pauline Heath**, whose Requiem will be at St Brigid's this Thursday at 1pm. We remember John, her husband, and family and friends in our prayers. *Eternal rest grant to her, Lord.*

**Finance and Maintenance**

The next meeting of St Brigid's / St Paul's Finance & Maintenance Committee will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 12 November in the Presbytery.

**Red Box Holders, St Paul's**

The winter magazines are now available to collect at the back of the Church along with book markers if you would care to distribute them - Karen (07963 183655)

Tea at St Brigid's

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

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

**Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

|               |                                       |                                                                               |                                          |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Sat. 6pm      | C the K                               | <b>Bernadette Theeswaran (M Moore)</b>                                        |                                          |
| Sun. 9am      | St Paul's                             | <b>Michael Mansfield (Tunncliffe)</b>                                         | 31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |
|               | 9am                                   | <b>Eugene Flynn (B Brown)</b>                                                 |                                          |
|               | 11am                                  | <b>Enis Howells; Deceased members of Cardiff Catenians and their Families</b> |                                          |
|               | 6pm                                   | <b>People of the Parish</b>                                                   |                                          |
| Mon. 9.30am   | St Brigid's                           | <b>Michael O'Brien (Byard)</b>                                                | St Charles Borromeo                      |
| Tues. 9.30am  | C the K                               | <b>Deceased members of the 3 Churches</b>                                     |                                          |
| Wed. 9.30am   | St Paul's                             | <b>Altar List</b>                                                             | St Illtud                                |
| Thurs. 9.30am | C the K                               | <b>Margaret Cummings (L Barry)</b>                                            |                                          |
|               | 1.00pm                                | <b>Requiem: Pauline Heath</b>                                                 |                                          |
| Fri. 9.30am   | St Paul's                             | <b>Altar List</b>                                                             | All Saints of Wales                      |
|               | Sat. <u>C the K</u><br><b>10.00am</b> | <b>Mass of Memories</b>                                                       |                                          |

**Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup> 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

|          |           |                                                  |                                          |
|----------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Sat. 6pm | C the K   | <b>Peter O'Brien &amp; Mark Sim (O'Brien)</b>    |                                          |
| Sun. 9am | St Paul's | <b>People of the Parish</b>                      | 32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |
|          | 9am       | <b>Gaston and Ellen Imms (F &amp; M Callus)</b>  |                                          |
|          | 11am      | <b>Bernard Fitzgerald; Thomas Anthony Sherry</b> |                                          |
|          | 6pm       | <b>Altar List</b>                                |                                          |



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**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Christ the King**  
Tuesday 10am - 12pm

**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 £ 420.00  
Non Gift Aid £ 449.07  
Total £ 869.07  
S/O month av. £ 846.77

**Christ the King**

Gift Aid £ 322.80  
Non Gift Aid £ 384.33  
S/O weekly av. £ 438.50  
Total £ 1145.63

**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, Claire Doherty,  
Win Drury, Sheila Ferriter, Emily, Jean Hill, Maria Hill, Caitriona Lovell,  
Michael Mathews, Sarah Morris, Brendan Murphy, Peter Murphy, Audrey Nelson, Kieran Ollin,  
Rona Perry, John Reardon, Claire Richards, Anne Roach, Adela Rogers, Shaun Stone,  
Genoveva Urriaga, Anne Wake, Gemma Ward, Emma Warlow, Dorothy Warren & Pat Watkins.