

# 3 Churches News

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A very joyful and peaceful Christmas from Fr Matthew and Fr Andy  
to all our parishioners and friends

~~~~ Fourth Sunday of Advent (Sunday 22 December 2019) ~~~~



Response to Psalm Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son  
And they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God is with us'. Alleluia!

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 7: 10-14 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 1:1-7 Gospel: Matthew 1: 1-23

~~~~ The Holy Family (Sunday 29 December 2019) ~~~~



Response to Psalm O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts;  
Let the message of Christ find a home with you. Alleluia!

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3: 2-6 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 3:12-21 Gospel: Matthew 2: 13-15. 19-23

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### Father's News

#### NEWSLETTER

Please note that this issue covers two weeks

#### MASS TIMES

Times of Mass for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are listed in this newsletter. Also you will find slightly later times for 26 & 27 December, and New Year's Day, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, on 1 January, all at 10am

#### Christ the King Catholic Primary School Applications 2020 - 2021

The application process for Reception Class September 2020 is now open.

Closing date: 13 January 2020.

Applications will be available on the school website -

[www.christthekingcathprm.co.uk](http://www.christthekingcathprm.co.uk) or from the school admin team (2075 4787)

#### UPCOMING BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES

\* **St Brigid's, Crystal Glen (Sacristy, accessed beyond altar in church) Wednesdays 8 & 15 January 2020 7pm.**

Please email Ann Martin if attending - [stevemartincardiff@gmail.com](mailto:stevemartincardiff@gmail.com)

\* **St Teilo's (parish hall - upstairs, access at rear of church) February 2020 7pm.** Dates to be confirmed. Please email Cathy & Mel if attending -

[cathyhopkins@sky.com](mailto:cathyhopkins@sky.com)

#### FILM NIGHT

Many thanks to all who supported last week's Film Night at St Brigid's. £383 was raised for Huggard.

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

#### *The Monday Group*

The Monday Group's monthly charity coffee morning will take place after 9.30 Mass at St. Paul's on Friday 3 January. Proceeds will be for Blood Bikes Wales, delivering blood quickly to those who need it. Thanks to all who have supported our charity coffee mornings throughout 2019. A list of the donations for each charity will be put at the back of St. Paul's in the new year.

#### Seeds for the Future (Lesotho)

A big thank you to everyone who came to our Christmas tea party on 8 December or gave a donation. The event raised £810 which will help to support our scholars from Ramabanta during the next school year starting in January.

## Christ the King

#### 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 available at the Wolf's Castle pub.** We are still looking for somebody to take charge of the parish video link into the Parish Centre on Christmas Eve - contact the Parish Office if you can help.

**The collection taken at the Christmas Masses is our offering to Canon Matthew and Fr Andy**

***There will be no Eucharist Adoration on Tuesdays 24 & 31 December. We will resume on 7 January.***

#### **There will be no morning Mass at Christ the King on Christmas Eve**

#### Building works at Christ the King

The long awaited ceiling, electrics and lighting replacement in the Church will finally commence on 13 January 2020 and will take approximately 6 weeks. During this period the Church will be closed and all services will be transferred to the Parish Centre. It is anticipated that the Church will re-open on St David's Day (1 March 2020). Volunteers will be needed for various tasks connected with this move to and back from the Parish Centre and for life in the Parish Centre:

1. Setting up the Parish Centre before Mass on Saturday afternoon including getting out all the chairs and the temporary altar etc
2. Similarly putting everything away after Sunday morning Mass
3. In the week before the work starts, moving items out of the Church to the Parish Centre or into storage and again the week before the move back to the Church returning everything back to the Church.

This is an ideal opportunity for parishioners who are unable to commit to long term roles in the Parish to give up a small amount of time for a limited period. If you are able to help please contact Bernard Adshead preferably at [bernard@adshead.me.uk](mailto:bernard@adshead.me.uk) or on 2076 2189 with details of which of these tasks you are able to help with. The more volunteers we get the easier the tasks - please don't leave it to the usual suspects!

**The next Tai Chi Class will be on Thursday 9 January 10 - 11am in Christ the King Parish Centre.**

**Readers and Welcomers for Christmas Masses**

We still have a need for welcomers, car park stewards, readers and Eucharistic ministers to cover the 3 Christmas Masses. There is a sign-up sheet on the notice board in the porch. Please add your name to it if you are available

**Parish Office**

Please note that the CTK Parish Office will be closed from Friday 27 December until Monday 6 January. If you have any urgent messages during that time, please contact St Brigid's presbytery.

**"50 Club" Winners**  
**December 2019**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Prize £50**  
**Sam & Billy Graham [No.61]**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £40**  
**Margaret Callaghan [No.120]**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £20**  
**Rachel Weatherill [No.44]**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Prize £12**  
**Caroline Amphlett [No.36]**

**The 50 Club subscriptions**

The annual 50 Club subscriptions (£12) are due in January - many are collected by standing order but for those who pay by cash or cheque the money will be collected after Masses on the 4 / 5 and 11 / 12 of January. The Parish Council has agreed that the beneficiary for 2020 will be our SVP Conference.

There are some very promising numbers currently unallocated so if anyone wishes to join the club please contact Peter Morris or see one of the collectors after Mass on 5 / 12 January. Draws are made at the end of each month and there are 3 prizes each month (£25, £15, and £10).

Thank you to the Parish Council and 50 club members for supporting us in this way and a very Happy New Year to you all - Peter Morris, SVP Conference President.

**This year's White Flower Appeal on behalf of SPUC will take place on the weekend of 11 / 12 January**

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

**Christmas Family Mass at St Brigid's**

The Christmas Vigil Mass (24 December 6pm) at St Brigid's will be a family Mass.

If your children would like to participate please email [hycinth@me.com](mailto:hycinth@me.com)

**Tea at St Brigid's**

St Brigid's raised £156 from the tea / coffee after 11am Sunday Mass. Please join us for tea / coffee on the first Sunday of every month after 11am Mass.



**Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup> Fourth Sunday of Advent**

|        |           |             |  |                         |
|--------|-----------|-------------|--|-------------------------|
| Sat.   | 6pm       | C the K     | <b>Mary Taylor (Family)</b>  |                         |
| Sun.   | 9am       | St Paul's   | <b>David &amp; Tim Cole; Desmond Family</b>                            |                         |
|        |           |             |  | Fourth Sunday of Advent |
|        | 9am       | C the K     | <b>Don Barry (L Barry)</b>   |                         |
|        | 11am      | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parish</b>  |                         |
|        | 6pm       | St Brigid's | <b>Holy Souls</b>  |                         |
| Mon.   | 9.30am    | St Brigid's | <b>Josephine Camilleri</b>   | St John of Kanty        |
| Tues.  | 6pm       | St Paul's   | <b>John &amp; Norma Pathy</b>  | Christmas Eve           |
|        | 6pm       | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parish</b>  |                         |
|        | 6pm       | C the K     | <b>Christmas Eve Vigil Mass for Christmas (Children of the Parish)</b> |                         |
|        | 10pm      | C the K     | <b>Christmas Mass (All Parishioners in our 3 Churches)</b>             |                         |
| Wed.   | 9am       | St Paul's   | <b>Dec'd Daley Family</b>  | Christmas Day           |
|        | 10am      | C the K     | <b>Christmas Day Mass Sr Kathleen Brown (B Brown)</b>                  |                         |
|        | 11am      | St Brigid's | <b>Maureen Muscat</b>  |                         |
| Thurs. | 10am      | C the K     | <b>Sick &amp; Housebound of the Parish</b>                             | St Stephen              |
|        | Fri. 10am | St Paul's   | <b>James &amp; Yvonne Higgins</b>                                      | St John, Apostle        |
| Sat.   | 9.30am    | St Brigid's | <b>Holy Souls</b>  | Holy Innocents          |

**Sunday December 29<sup>th</sup> The Holy Family**

|        |             |             |   |                              |
|--------|-------------|-------------|---|------------------------------|
| Sat.   | 6pm         | C the K     | <b>Nancy Hanssen (B Brown)</b>                |                              |
| Sun.   | 9am         | St Paul's   | <b>Kathleen &amp; Edward Anson</b>            | The Holy Family              |
|        | 9am         | C the K     | <b>Agnes Lush (C Lush)</b>                    |                              |
|        | 11am        | St Brigid's | <b>Holy Souls</b>                             |                              |
|        | 6pm         | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parish</b>                   |                              |
| Mon.   | 9.30am      | St Brigid's | <b>Special Intention</b>                      |                              |
| Tues.  | 9.30am      | C the K     | <b>Bridget and Derek Roberts (J Dartnell)</b> | St Sylvester                 |
| Wed.   | <b>10am</b> | St Paul's   | <b>Dec'd Joseph Family</b>                    | Mary, the Holy Mother of God |
| Thurs. | 9.30am      | C the K     | <b>Evelyn Lloyd</b>                           |                              |
|        | 7.30pm      | St Brigid's | <b>Holy Father's Ints</b>                     |                              |
| Fri.   | 9.30am      | St Paul's   | <b>Private Intention (Good health)</b>        |                              |
| Sat.   | 9.30am      | St Brigid's | <b>Available</b>                              |                              |

**Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup> The Epiphany**

|      |      |             |   |              |
|------|------|-------------|---|--------------|
| Sat. | 6pm  | C the K     | <b>Ken Bailey (Murphy &amp; O'Brien)</b>          |              |
| Sun. | 9am  | St Paul's   | <b>Kathleen &amp; Edward Anson; Andrew Morris</b> | The 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>                       |              |



**3 Churches  
Parish Council Chairs**

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**Christ the King**

**Primary School**  
*Mrs R Woodward  
2075 4787*

**Corpus Christi**

**High School**  
*Headteacher  
Mr Patrick Brunnock  
2076 1893*

**St David's College**

*Principal  
Mark Leighfield  
2049 8555*

**Safeguarding  
Representatives**

**Sts Brigid & Paul**  
*Pat Williams (St B)  
2061 7374  
Carl French (St P)  
2075 4418*

**Christ the King**

*Jim Winterbottom  
2075 5121  
jimwin*

**Bereavement**

**Support Group**  
*07594 217098*

**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Christ the King**

*Resumes 7 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 £ 636.00  
Non Gift Aid £ 614.73  
Total £ 1250.73  
S/O month av. £ 846.77*

**Christ the King**

*Gift Aid £ 256.10  
Non Gift Aid £ 351.57  
S/O weekly av. £ 428.50  
Total £ 1036.17*

**Praying for our Neighbours**

Please remember in your prayers this week our neighbours in  
**Hollybush Road**  
**Briarwood Drive**  
who have received prayer cards in the last few days.

**Cycle of Prayer**

Please pray for the parishes of Our Lady and St Illtyd, **Llantwit Major**, parish priest Rev Mark Rowles, and Our Lady and St Patrick, **Maesteg** with parish priest Rev Edmund Neizer, St Mary and St Patrick Primary School, and Maesteg Community Hospital.

**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, Dominic Morgan, Sarah Morris, Brendan Murphy, Peter Murphy, Audrey Nelson,  
Kieran Ollin, Rona Perry, John Reardon, Claire Richards, Anne Roach, Adela Rogers, Shaun Stone,  
Genoveva Urutiaga, Anne Wake, Gemma Ward, Emma Warlow, Dorothy Warren,  
Lorna Watermeyer & Pat Watkins.