

3 Churches News

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THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY

On 8th September we celebrate the **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, as it is nine months after the solemnity of her Immaculate Conception on 8th December. Our Lady and Saint John the Baptist are the only ones beside Jesus himself whose birth dates are commemorated. The Bible does not record Mary's birth, and the earliest known account is found in the Gospel of James, an apocryphal text from the late second century, where her parents are named as Anne and Joachim. The birth of Mary is even narrated in the third chapter of the Qur'an.

Some accounts placed the birthplace of the Virgin Mary in Sepphoris in Israel, others at Nazareth or Jerusalem. The earliest mention of the feast itself comes from the sixth century, when the first liturgical commemoration is connected with the sixth century dedication of the church now called Saint Anne's in Jerusalem, erected on the spot thought to have been the home of Mary's parents. At Rome, the Feast began towards the end of the 7th century, brought there by Eastern monks.

In **France**, the feast is known among winegrowers as "Our Lady of the Grape Harvest". The best grapes are brought to the church to be blessed and there is a festive meal that includes the new grapes. In **Malta**, the feast is referred to as Victory Day, since it coincides with three major victories throughout Maltese history, including the end of the Siege of Malta during the War in 1942. Churches are decorated for the occasion and there may be brass band concerts / marches, fireworks and a procession.

It is an important feast in parts of **India**. In **Kerala** it is a major celebration among Saint Thomas Christians. An eight-day time of prayer is observed from 1st September. On the day itself special food is prepared in churches and distributed to the faithful in the afternoon, while at home there will be a festive meal. In **Mangalore** on this day every Christian eats pulses and vegetables. The priest blesses a branch of grain which is added to the food. In **Mumbai**, the feast is celebrated with a week-long event called Bandra Fair, and in **Goa**, the feast is a major family celebration. Further east in the **Philippines**, people would dress images of the toddler Mary in pastel colours and crown her with flowers. In 2018, the House of Representatives there officially approved a bill to make September 8th a "working holiday". An interesting concept...



~~~~ 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday 4 September 2022) ~~~~



Response to Psalm **O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord,**

**because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Wisdom 9:13-18 **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 2 Philemon 9-10, 12-17 **Gospel:** Luke 14: 25-33

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## 3 Churches

### **BAPTISMS**

On Saturday at St Brigid's **Elliott Allen** joined the Church through Baptism. Next Saturday we also welcome **Theodore Dobbs** at St Brigid's. We remember these children, their families and godparents in our prayers.

### **Christ the King School Governors Wanted**

We welcome our schools back this week. This reminds us that once more we are in need of some new Foundation Governors for our primary school, Christ the King. If you have a heart for our young parishioners, for the future of our community and want to put something back into that community, why not find out more? Please contact Fr Matthew at the Presbytery (details on front page) or Mrs Sue Miles, headteacher, at the school.

### ***Prayer / Contact Cards***

We feel it is time to recommence the distribution of the Prayer / Contact Cards which were distributed every week before the lockdown. These Cards informed residents of streets in the 3 Churches' communities that we were praying for them during a particular week. If you have an hour to spare once every few weeks and would enjoy a meaningful walk in your local area whilst posting the Cards please contact Anne Burns - [anneburns2021@gmail.com](mailto:anneburns2021@gmail.com)

### **BAPTISM PREPARATION**

There will be a Baptism Preparation Course run over 2 sessions on Saturdays 17 and 24 September. Both sessions will start at 4pm and will last about an hour. Please email Brigid Lee at [andylee63@talktalk.net](mailto:andylee63@talktalk.net) for further details and to book a place

### **3 Churches Mass for the Sick**

This will take place on Saturday 24 September at 11am in Christ the King Church. Please diarise the date - more details to follow soon...

### **Spirit of the Synod**

The Synod feedback included a call for more upbeat hymns or music, at Mass. This is not to replace current practice but to complement and enhance our worship.

Our Living Faith pilot (see videos on 3 Churches in Cardiff YouTube channel), debuted tunes from the Hillsong movement, Bob Marley, Louis Armstrong and Genesis. Young and old, alike, were moved in the Spirit.

If you are not aware, Hillsong is a global charismatic Christian Church. It has various musical groups with many hits to their name, including 'What a Beautiful Name', sung by the daughter of a former All Black.

### ***Living Faith - the journey so far & looking ahead!***

The Living Faith pilot ran from January to June (please see the 1-page report, at the back of each Church, on the outcome and next steps)

The short videos can still be accessed from the 3 Churches in Cardiff YouTube channel. They can be used as a resource for: schools, colleges, parents and people connected with any of the sacraments, as well as new and existing parishioners. The videos are also being accessed outside the 3 Churches - including a priest (interestingly, a former builder), moving from Reading to Galway, who is thinking of using them! Any queries / suggestions contact [philburkhard@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:philburkhard@hotmail.co.uk) or 07816 756509.

### **Prayer Link**

Saturday 3 September 10 - 11am at Bethel URC, Llangranog Road, Llanishen CF14 5BJ.

Take part in up to an hour of shared prayer and meditation (more or less structured) with other Christians

St Faith's Church

Morris Avenue

Llanishen CF14 5JW

### **Charity Table Top Sale**

Saturday 10 September

10.30am - 12pm

Variety of Stalls

Refreshments Available

Disabled Access at Rear.

### **Come and Sing with BBC Songs of Praise for an early Christmas and New Year Celebration!**

You are warmly invited to our two Songs of Praise recordings in Llandaff Cathedral this September.

\* New Year at Llandaff - Tuesday 27 September 6.30 - 9.30pm (featuring Sean Fletcher & Katherine Jenkins)

\* Christmas at Llandaff - Wednesday 28 September 6.30 - 9.30pm (featuring Aled Jones & Russell Watson)

Where: Llandaff Cathedral, Cathedral Close, Llandaff CF5 2LA

To book your space, please send your name, contact phone number and the number of people attending each session to

[SOPcongregations@afantimedia.tv](mailto:SOPcongregations@afantimedia.tv)

Please include 'Songs of Praise Llandaff' in your subject header.

### **3 Churches Information**

"**Virtual Coffee**" at approx. 11.30 every Sunday Zoom ID 865 017 3340 passcode - coffee.

**Confessions** are after weekday Masses or by arrangement.

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### CAFOD

Did you know? CAFOD is the official overseas aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. CAFOD works with some of the most hard-to-reach communities around the world and those living in the hardest of circumstances. We believe in tackling the root causes of poverty and this is why supporters are asked to take part in campaigns which address poverty and injustice head-on. People are encouraged to sign petitions, meet their MPs and contact big businesses etc. Together we've witnessed some historic breakthroughs such as debt relief for struggling countries, action by government on climate change and large companies signing up to ethical agreements. Thank you for joining us in this work. Have a look at the current campaign which is about food - [www.cafod.org.uk/food](http://www.cafod.org.uk/food) and help make the world a better place for all.

### Step into the Gap!

Applications are open for CAFOD's gap year programme which inspires and equips young adults (18 - 30) to be able to contribute to a more just and peaceful world. It's a fantastic opportunity to gain experience, leadership skills and spend a gap year in the service of others with our UK partners. Find out more: [www.cafod.org.uk/gapyear](http://www.cafod.org.uk/gapyear) or email Arianne McIntyre at [youngleadership@cafod.org.uk](mailto:youngleadership@cafod.org.uk)

**Send your newsletter items to: [luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk) and if you would like to be included on the mailing list to receive an e-version of this newsletter, please contact the same address.**

## Christ the King

### "50 Club" Winners

**August 2022**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize £25**

**Brigid Lee [no93]**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £15**

**Enid Craven [no76]**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £10**

**Sally McLaughlin [no58]**

### Masses

All of the weekday Masses this coming week will take place at St Brigid's.

### **Bring a packet of biscuits to Mass!**

For many months the Parish Centre has hosted weekly classes under the able leadership of Kate Congdon around forty Ukrainians, mostly young women and children. They come to learn English. Lessons are structured, they arrive from 12.30pm onwards. Lessons start at 1pm and finish at 3pm. Needless to say, they need a break after all that study. There are a few ladies from the parish who prepare teas and coffees. Presently, they provide the biscuits and the labour! It would be very helpful to us, and I know that the Ukrainian girls & their children would really appreciate it if you as parish members could bring a pack of biscuits to Mass. Chocolate ones are the most popular, however, all sorts will be gratefully received, boxes, tins, packets etc. Either leave them in the porch or give them to Tania after or before Mass. Contact Tania (2061 1494) if you need her address details to drop them off there. Thank you for your donations.

### Communion

If you or a family member needs communion brought to you in your bench, let one of the welcomers know on your way into Mass

### Toddler Group

The Toddler Group is having its summer break and will return on 12 September.

### Junior Club

A huge Thank You to everyone who has donated craft resources to the Junior Club. We are truly grateful, they will be put to good use. We will continue to gratefully accept any donations of craft materials, please contact Marie in the Parish Office if you can help. Thank you.

## St Brigid's & St Pauls

### Tea Rota

Tea / coffee will be served after 10.30am Mass. Come & join us for tea and a chat.

### Relics of St Bernadette

The relics of St Bernadette will be in St David's Cathedral, Cardiff for 24 hours from 11 September at 12pm. To register your attendance visit - [www.stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour](http://www.stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour)

### A Culture of Encounter (Session 2) Online Event

Tuesday 6 September 7 - 8pm  
Continuing a series of sessions bringing together friends of CAFOD to take part in 'culture of encounter' discussions, reflecting on stories of how encounters have inspired CAFOD's work and sharing stories. Register at - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-culture-of-encounter-workshop-2-tickets-391557046667>

# WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

## Sunday September 4<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

|        |         |             |                                           |                      |
|--------|---------|-------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Sat.   | 6pm     | C the K     | <b>Mary Murphy &amp; Family (T Evans)</b> |                      |
| Sun.   | 9am     | C the K     | <b>Tony Pinnell (M Pinnell)</b>           |                      |
|        | 9am     | St Paul's   | <b>Val McCarthy (Daley)</b>               |                      |
|        | 10.30am | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parishes</b>             |                      |
|        | 6pm     | St Brigid's | <b>Holy Father's Intentions</b>           |                      |
| Mon.   | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>Edith (Edie) Baker</b>                 |                      |
| Tues.  | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>Deceased Members of 3 Churches</b>     |                      |
| Wed.   | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>Children of the Parishes</b>           |                      |
| Thurs. | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>Rose Family (McDevitt)</b>             | Nativity of Our Lady |
| Fri.   | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>The Sick of the Parishes</b>           | Bl Frederic Ozanam   |
| Sat.   | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>Claire Hawes (Daley)</b>               |                      |
|        | 11.30am | St Brigid's | <b>Baptism: Theodore Dobbs</b>            |                      |

## Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

|      |         |             |                                         |
|------|---------|-------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Sat. | 6pm     | C the K     | <b>Jane Howe (T Evans)</b>              |
| Sun. | 9am     | C the K     | <b>Elvira Falsini (Falsini Family)</b>  |
|      | 9am     | St Paul's   | <b>Pawlowski &amp; Goodwin Families</b> |
|      | 10.30am | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parishes</b>           |
|      | 6pm     | St Brigid's | <b>Available</b>                        |

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**Sts Brigid & Paul**  
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Please send items to [luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk) by Wednesday afternoon at the latest!

Please remember in your prayers the deceased members of the 3 churches whose anniversaries occur in September including:

Joseph (Benny) Lynch, Mary Taylor, Margaret Rudolph, Gavin Russ, Ken Bailey, Antonio Milardi and Michael Porter.

**Sacrament of  
Reconciliation**  
After weekday Masses  
or by arrangement.

## PRAYERS

Please remember the following in your prayers, who are unwell at this time:

Mary Amugan, Chris Babu, Bill Brown, EAB, John Campbell, Caher, Dennis Cooke, Corey-Jay Coles, Terry Culbertson, Sid Daw, Emily, Richard Evans, Baby Francesca, Maria Hill, Avirachen Mathai, Miranda Meldrum, Dominic Morgan, Sarah Morris, Kate Murphy, Niamh Murphy, Kieran Ollin, Steve Prince, John Reardon, Claire Richards, Anne Roach, Oliver Roberts, Adela Rogers, Shaun Stone, Anne Wake, Gemma Ward, Emma Warlow & Dorothy Warren.

## Last Week's Collection

**Sts. Brigid & Paul**  
Gift Aid £ ~~~~  
Non Gift Aid £ ~~~~  
Total £ ~~~~  
S/O month av. £ ~~~~

**Christ the King**  
Gift Aid £ ~~~~  
Non Gift Aid £ ~~~~  
Total £ ~~~~  
S/O weekly av. £ ~~~~