

3 Churches News

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Sunday November 27th 2022 First Sunday of Advent (YEAR A)

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I THANK HIM FOR YOU ALL...

Our American friends celebrated **Thanksgiving** this Thursday. It's a huge deal there and the occasion for getting together as family and friends. Here in the UK we don't, of course, have a day specially set aside for thanksgiving. Perhaps this is a shame, as saying thankyou is such an important part of being human.

This Sunday we start a new year in the Christian calendar. Advent is essentially a time for looking forward - to Christmas in particular, but also to look forward in general, and to do so with hope in our hearts as Christian believers. But before we focus on where we are going to, a little pause to reflect on where we have come from. And what a lot we have to think about in our recent journeys!

Please join me in giving thanks for the past year, whatever it may have held. Join poet Malcolm Guite in this thoughtful sonnet written for Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving starts with thanks for mere survival,
Just to have made it through another year
With everyone still breathing. But we share
So much beyond the outer roads we travel;
Our interweavings on a deeper level,
The modes of life embodied souls can share,
The unguessed blessings of our being here,
The warp and weft that no one can unravel.

So I give thanks for our deep coinherence
Inwoven in the web of God's own grace,
Pulling us through the grave and gate of death.
I thank him for the truth behind appearance,
I thank him for his light in every face,
I thank him for you all, with every breath.

Fr Matthew.



~~~~ First Sunday of Advent (Sunday 27 November 2022) ~~~~



Response to Psalm I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy**

**And give us your saving help. Alleluia!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 2:1-5 **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 13:11-14 **Gospel:** Matthew 24: 37-44

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## 3 Churches

### BAPTISM

This Sunday we welcome **Herbert Merlin Sargent-Todd** into the Church through Baptism at Christ the King during 9am Mass. Please remember him, his family and godparents in your prayers.

### R.I.P.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Shirley Sweeney**, whose Service is at St Paul's on Friday afternoon at 1.30, and **Margaret Keoghane**, wife of Denis, whose Requiem will be at St Brigid's on Monday 5 December at 11am. We remember their families and friends in our prayers. Eternal rest grant to them, Lord.

### THE SYNOD: REPORTS ON-LINE & YOUNG PEOPLE PROGRESS

The minutes of the joint meeting between our two **Parish Councils and Synod Team** are now on our website. Also there are the earlier principle action points of **St Brigid's and St Paul's Parish Council** in reaction to the parish report, joining those of Christ the King already on the site.

The Zoom meeting this week for **Cardiff Deanery on supporting young people** built valuable connections and raised many issues in a very open and honest way, and we have received interest in this initiative from other parts of the diocese. Fr Matthew was tasked with finding out any ideas and plans that Archbishop Mark has on this area of church life on the diocesan level, e.g. youth officer or team.

**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.**

### **ADVENT COLLECTION FOR THE 3 CHURCHES FOOD MARKET**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (11 December) there will be a collection for the 3 Churches Food Market which is held in St Brigid's Hall on the third Saturday of every month. The Food Market provides free fresh and non-perishable food to anyone from our parishes or local communities who is in need. At the December Market (on the 17<sup>th</sup>), in addition to the usual supplies, we hope to give a little extra for Christmas to the 40+ people who regularly attend. We would be very grateful for your support to help less well off local people by supporting the collection which will be taken after each Mass on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Christmas teaRun** organised by Seeds for the Future to raise funds for the community of Ramabanta in Lesotho will be held on Sunday 4 December. A choice of running / walking between the 3 Churches followed by Christmas tea or just tea! Runners / walkers to leave from Christ the King from 1.30pm onwards. Tea 3 - 5pm in Christ the King Parish Centre. £15 per person with a donation for children. Booking required. Contact Elizabeth Taylor (2075 1401, [seedsfff@gmail.com](mailto:seedsfff@gmail.com))

### Christ the King Primary School Reception Applications September 2023 - 2024

The application process for Reception 2023 - 2024 is now open. Applications can be made by following this link - <https://tinyurl.com/CTK-reception> Parents will be notified of their offers on Monday 17 April.

### **Advent Archdiocesan Retreat: "Longing for Jesus"**

The Archdiocese of Cardiff and Diocese of Menevia invite everyone to an Advent Retreat day on Saturday 3 December hosted at St David's Catholic College, Cardiff CF23 5QD from 10.30am - 3pm (registration at 10am).

There will be two talks, imaginative contemplation and silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. The core theme of the retreat will be centred upon our shared spiritual journey from perceived anguish and darkness, felt in so many different ways in our lives, to peace and freedom in Christ.

We will begin as we begin in all things with the 'longing for Jesus' and journey towards the spiritual place of Bethlehem (a very real place in our interior lives) where the baby Jesus lovingly awaits our arrival for adoration before Him. The retreat is free and lunch will be provided. The retreat is being facilitated by Rev Christian Mahoney who is the diocesan representative on the Spirituality Committee of the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales. Please let family and friends know about the retreat day. It is even on a Saturday!

If you would like to attend or would like to find out more information please contact Rev Christian on 07764 515864 or [christian.mahoney@rcadc.org](mailto:christian.mahoney@rcadc.org)

### **Volunteers Needed for our Warm Café**

We are looking to open a warm hub / café in Christ the King Church Hall. Hopefully this will be early in the New Year on a Wednesday between 10.30am - 2.30pm. It will be available to all parishioners and our neighbours. If you are willing to volunteer and give some of your time to help or are just interested, please come along to a meeting in the Church Hall on Wednesday 14 December at 11am, or phone Sue Peat on 07961 653274.

## **Other events**

### **Charity Christmas Concert**

Choirs For Good will be holding their first ever Christmas Concert at Christ the King Church on Friday 2 December starting at 7.30pm.

The concert is being held in aid of the charity Blood-bikes for Wales, who deliver emergency supplies of blood throughout the country on motorcycles. Tickets are £5 and available at -

[www.choirsforgood.com/events](http://www.choirsforgood.com/events).

The evening will include performances from the choir, a number of supporting acts, a sing-along session and will be followed by tea, mince pies and mulled wine in the Parish Centre.

**CAFOD Christmas cards are available from Fair Do's, 10 Llandaff Road, Canton, Cardiff CF11 9NJ. Tel 2022 2066 email [info@fairdos.com](mailto:info@fairdos.com)**

### **Cards for Good Causes**

The multi-charity card shop has opened its annual shop at St John's Church on The Hayes. Open Monday - Saturday 10am - 4pm, until Saturday 17 December.

### **CAFOD's online Advent calendar**

Daily prayer and reflection - offering the opportunity to pause, reflect, pray and take action as we prepare for Christmas.

Find out more at -

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Advent-calendar>

### **Reverse Advent Calendar**

*Can you help someone this year?*

Through Advent until Christmas, please could you donate an item daily to the Cardiff Foodbank - your donations will help people in need and make a really big difference this Christmas. Find out more at <https://cardiff.foodbank.org.uk>

## **Christ the King**

### **Sustainable Clothes & Book Market**

The market was set out after the Christ the King Family Mass and again was a success with many items being taken. Some parishioners gave donations, and we are always grateful for any money given; but the aim is for people to take items they can use, and bring their unwanted good quality items, to be passed on. We are planning the next stages to our final goal of opening to the general public, this will most probably be in February, but watch this space!

If anyone is interested in the market in any way, especially volunteers please do not hesitate to contact us - Simon & Sylvia ([simon13sylvia@gmail.com](mailto:simon13sylvia@gmail.com) 07394 931097)

### **Baby and Toddler Play Group**

The Baby and Toddler Play Group meets Mondays 10 - 11.45am in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

### **Communion**

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

### **Parish Christmas Quiz**

Our next parish quiz will take place in the Parish Centre on Thursday 8 December 7pm for 7.30pm start. Bring along your own drinks / snacks - glasses and corkscrews provided! Prize for best Christmas attire! Come as a team or come along and join a team on the night. Everyone welcome. Admission free but any donations will be given to the 3 Churches Food Market.

### **The Junior Club is taking a break until January**

### **Christmas Eve Family Mass**

The 6pm 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 contact Marie - [llanishen@rcadc.org](mailto:llanishen@rcadc.org) 07753 439567

### **Walk With Me Advent 2022**

The Walk With Me booklets for Advent are now available at the back of the Church priced £1.

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

**St Paul's ladies group will meet at Pearl's home on Wednesday 30 November at 2pm.**

**The first Friday coffee morning will be on Friday 2 December after 9.30am Mass at St Paul's.**

# WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

## Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup> First Sunday of Advent

|        |         |             |                                                                                                      |                        |
|--------|---------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Sat.   | 6pm     | C the K     | <b>Barney McLaughlin (M Murphy)</b>                                                                  |                        |
| Sun.   | 9am     | St Paul's   | <b>Andrew Newton &amp; Gracie Newton (S Williams)</b><br><b>Baptism: Herbert Merlin Sargent-Todd</b> | First Sunday of Advent |
|        | 9am     | C the K     | <b>Altar List</b>                                                                                    |                        |
|        | 10.30am | St Brigid's | <b>Katy Perkins (Bray)</b>                                                                           |                        |
|        | 6pm     | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parish</b>                                                                          |                        |
| Mon.   | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>Monica Slowikowska (Daley)</b>                                                                    |                        |
| Tues.  | 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>David Michael Rowe (S Williams)</b>                                                               |                        |
| Wed.   | 9.30am  | St Paul's   | <b>Jim &amp; Eileen Manley</b>                                                                       | St Andrew              |
| Thurs. | 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Pat McConnell (T Evans)</b>                                                                       |                        |
|        | 7.30pm  | St Brigid's | <b>Ken Camilleri (Mary)</b>                                                                          |                        |
| Fri.   | 9.30am  | St Paul's   | <b>Denis Daley &amp; Family</b>                                                                      |                        |
|        | 1.30pm  | St Paul's   | <b>Funeral: Shirley Sweeney</b>                                                                      |                        |
| Sat.   | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>Holy Souls</b>                                                                                    | St Francis Xavier      |

## Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Advent

|      |         |             |                                                                 |                         |
|------|---------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sat. | 6pm     | C the K     | <b>Edith Baker (M Rundle)</b>                                   |                         |
| Sun. | 9am     | C the K     | <b>Glyn Newbury &amp; Valerie Williams Newbury (S Williams)</b> | Second Sunday of Advent |
|      | 9am     | St Paul's   | <b>James, Brigid &amp; Niall Manahan</b>                        |                         |
|      | 10.30am | St Brigid's | <b>Private Int (Tunncliffe)</b>                                 |                         |
|      | 6pm     | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parish</b>                                     |                         |

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

### Praying for our Neighbours

During the coming week, please pray for our neighbours in  
**Lundy Close**

### PRAYERS

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

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

### 3 Churches Parish Council Chairs

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#### Bereavement Support Group

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### Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Brigid's ~

Saturday 10.00am

Christ the King ~

Saturday 5.40pm

St Paul's ~

Friday 10.00am

Or by request...