

3 Churches News

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THE MOST LIVE OF ALL LIVE-STREAMING

This week the techie people have been installing cameras and stuff for live-streaming in Christ the King. This is partly as a result of the importance given to communications in our Synod discussions. Over the next months we will notice changes also in the newsletter and on the website.

For Fr Andy and me it was a very strange experience back in 2020 at the beginning of the pandemic to celebrate Mass on our own at St Brigid's. Next it became possible through very helpful parishioners to stream Mass via a personal computer, and then we eventually bought a system for permanent live-streaming. At its busiest we were getting 500 to 600 viewings every Sunday. There were 200 for each Stations of the Cross that year.

Now, although Mass has resumed we still get a good number watching. This would be partly people who are housebound and partly people who do not yet feel comfortable in returning to Mass.

So, a message to each of these groups. First - to the housebound, please remember you are very much part of our communities. Whatever it is that prevents you being with us, you are indeed with us in spirit, and important to us. May we all improve our determination to keep in touch with this. Second to those who have not yet returned - we are missing you! Please be assured that we continue to follow guidelines for the celebration of Mass, that there are areas where those who wish to maintain some distancing can sit - and you can be sure of a warm welcome.

So we continue our Advent journey. The thought occurs to me that throughout the Old Testament God was kind of live-streaming his thought and words, not through cameras and computers but through prophets and kings etc. But eventually, it was clear that best of all was for God to appear "live" as it were, and so that is exactly what happened. It had been good for the people to read about God and study their books in the Bible, but now they could meet Him face to face - in a Baby at Bethlehem! They could eat and drink with Him, listen and talk with him, touch him and be touched by him. And so can we - in the Mass, the Eucharist. It is, after all, the most live of all live-streaming.

Fr Matthew.



~~~~ Second Sunday of Advent (Sunday 4 December 2022) ~~~~



Response to Psalm **In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.**  
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,  
And all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 11:1-10 **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 15:4-9 **Gospel:** Matthew 3: 1-12

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## 3 Churches

### R.I.P.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Margaret Keoghane**, wife of Denis, whose Requiem will be at St Brigid's on Monday 5 December at 11am, and **Peter Mayled**, husband of Mary whose Requiem will be on Tuesday 13 December at 12.30pm. We remember their families and friends in our prayers. Eternal rest grant to them, Lord.

### **PENITENTIAL SERVICE**

This coming Saturday there will be an Advent Penitential Service at Christ the King at 11am. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a beautiful way of preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

### **THE SYNOD**

**Communications:** Live-streaming being installed at Christ the King.  
**Family Life:** Archbishop offers support for any Cardiff Deanery Youth initiatives - watch this space.

**Mass on Tuesday 6 December** at 9.30am at Christ the King will be offered for the deceased members of the 3 Churches and in particular for Win Drury and Edith Baker who died in August and Barry Haskey and John Flynn who died in September.

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

Next Sunday there will be a collection after each Mass for the 3 Churches Food Market. The Food Market is held in St Brigid's Hall on the third Saturday of every month and provides free fresh and non-perishable food to anyone from our parishes or local communities who is in need. At the next Food Market (17 December), in addition to the usual supplies, we will be giving some extra Christmas items to the 40+ local residents who regularly and gratefully attend. If you miss the collection, and would like to contribute, please use one of the labelled envelopes which are at the back of each of the 3 Churches and put the envelope in with the collection at any Sunday Mass (please make cheques payable to St Brigid's Parish). Thank you.

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

Thank you to those who expressed support for the Festive TeaRUN on Sunday 4 December. Unfortunately we have had to **CANCEL** because of low numbers of participants. We will be back with events in 2023. In the meantime we can offer the opportunity to give the Gift of Education for Christmas. In return for a donation we will provide a card for your gift recipient explaining that the donation will be used to support young people from Ramabanta to attend high school. Further information from Elizabeth Taylor (2075 1401, [seedsftf@gmail.com](mailto:seedsftf@gmail.com))

**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**

Advent is a time of preparation. 'The Light is on for you' is an initiative during which Cardiff Cathedral will be open for quiet prayer and Confession throughout Advent in preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

As well as the usual times for Confession, the Cathedral will be open with Adoration and the opportunity for Confession on:  
Tuesday 6 December 5 - 6pm  
Monday 12 December 5 - 6pm  
Saturday 17 December 10.30am - 5.15pm  
Tuesday 20 December 5 - 6pm

### **Multiply your Faith on-line x 3**

1. Challenge your view of unanswered prayer: see [www.prayercourse.org](http://www.prayercourse.org) (Session 5 video)
2. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God? Start & end your day with a 10-minute meditation via **Lectio 365 app**.
3. Faith, Hope and Love in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Church: Obtain our new 3 Churches on-line magazine (**The Grapevine**), with this Newsletter, via [luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk). First issue January 2023. More details to follow!

### **Good Neighbours in Cardiff are seeking volunteers**

The Charity Good Neighbours in North Cardiff are seeking additional volunteers as they now have a waiting list of clients who find life challenging and need help with transport, shopping or companionship. If you can help please contact 2075 0751 (weekday mornings only) or email [admin@goodneighboursinnorthcardiff.co.uk](mailto:admin@goodneighboursinnorthcardiff.co.uk)

## **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**

**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>

## **World Gifts**

Buy a loved one a unique present from *World Gifts*. Every gift supports people in hard-to-reach communities with love and hope. Is there a greater gift than that? [www.cafod.org.uk/worldgifts](http://www.cafod.org.uk/worldgifts)

## **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.

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

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

## **"50 Club" Winners**

### **November 2022**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize £25**

**Jose Grace [no122]**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £15**

**Derek Lowthe [no55]**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £10**

**David Evans [no96]**

### 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 email: [llanishen@rcadc.org](mailto:llanishen@rcadc.org) Phone 07753 439567

### **Year Books**

The new diocesan year books are available in the porch priced £4.

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

### Christmas Flowers

There will be a collection for Christmas flowers in St Brigid's on Sundays 4 & 11 December. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Poinsettias can be brought to St Brigid's the weekend before Christmas, labelled, in memory of loved ones.

# WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

## 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><br>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>                                                                |
| Mon.   | 11am    | St Brigid's | <b>Requiem: Margaret Keoghane</b>                                                          |
| Tues.  | 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Deceased members of 3 Churches</b>                                                      |
| Wed.   | 9.30am  | St Paul's   |                                                                                            |
| Thurs. | 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Enid Baker (M Pinnell)</b>                                                              |
|        | 7.30pm  | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Archdiocese</b>                                                           |
| Fri.   | 9.30am  | St Paul's   | <b>Ken Camilleri (Betty)</b>                                                               |
| Sat.   | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>Mary Sullivan</b>                                                                       |
|        | 11am    | C the K     | <b>Penitential Service</b>                                                                 |

## Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday of Advent

|      |         |             |                                                            |
|------|---------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat. | 6pm     | C the K     | <b>Niamh Murphy (Murphy Family)</b>                        |
| Sun. | 9am     | C the K     | <b>Pat Dean (B &amp; V Adshead)</b> Third Sunday of Advent |
|      | 9am     | St Paul's   | <b>People of the Parish</b>                                |
|      | 10.30am | St Brigid's | <b>Cynthia &amp; Howard Melhuish (Huntley)</b>             |
|      | 6pm     | St Brigid's | <b>Peter Mayled</b>                                        |

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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!

### Praying for our Neighbours

During the coming week, please pray for our neighbours in  
**Cyncoed Gardens**

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Brigid's ~  
Saturday 10.00am  
Christ the King ~  
Saturday 5.40pm  
St Paul's ~  
Friday 10.00am  
Or by request...

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

Barbara Nelson, Maria Giordano, Raymond Wood, Nich Pearson, Paul Grant, Giuseppe Antonini,  
Lorna Watermeyer, Paul Newsam, Frances Jones, Eileen Blyth, Mary Clarke, Doreen Hughes,  
Agnes Davies, Joan Fletcher, Rona Perry, Gillian Regan, Anthony Carroll, Tony Pinnell, Margaret  
McCann, Pauline Pini, Michael Morton and Irene John.

### 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.