

3 Churches News

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CHRISTMAS AT OUR 3 CHURCHES

At the beginning of Advent we published our special information sheet for Advent and Christmas.

In case you missed the times and places of Christmas Masses, here are those details again.

First however, a change of time for our **Carol Service on Tuesday 20 December**. Rather than a separate parishes service at 7, we are now invited to join our Primary school for a beautiful carol service at the earlier time of **6.00pm** on the same day, Tuesday 20 December at St Brigid's Church.

MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve	Vigil Masses	6.00pm	St Paul's
		6.00pm	Christ the King
		8.00pm	St Brigid's
Christmas Day	Morning Masses	9.00am	St Paul's
		9.00am	Christ the King
		10.30am	St Brigid's

(no evening Mass)

We always welcome people at Christmas that we perhaps do not see on other occasions. Some, especially family, may be visiting for Christmas, others may be "resting" Catholics. Either way, let's remember to let that welcome be both real and warm. We do not want to be like those people in Bethlehem who could not find room for the Holy Family. We do not want people to feel that they are not welcome in our churches. However small the stable may have been, the miracle is that there is room for all!

Fr Matthew.



~~~~ Third Sunday of Advent (Sunday 11 December 2022) ~~~~



Response to Psalm **Come, Lord, and save us.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,  
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 35:1-6.10 **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** James 5:7-10 **Gospel:** Matthew 11: 2-11

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## 3 Churches

### **BISHOP-ELECT PETER COLLINS**

Peter Collins, a priest of our diocese, will be consecrated as Bishop of East Anglia on Wednesday at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist in Norwich. Please remember him and his new diocese in your prayers.

### R.I.P.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **George Caravias**, husband of Janet, whose Funeral is at 3pm on Monday at Thornhill, and **Peter Mayled**, husband of Mary, whose Requiem will be on Tuesday at 12.30pm. We remember their families and friends in our prayers. Eternal rest grant to them, Lord.

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

This weekend, after each Mass, there will be the **Advent Collection** for the 3 Churches Food Market. The next Market is **SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER, 10.30 - 11.30 in St Brigid's Hall**. This month, in addition to the usual supplies, we will be providing some extra Christmas items for anybody from our parishes and local community who is in need. If you know someone who would benefit from some extra food items this month please encourage them to come along - or come and take some items of food and deliver them to someone you know who is in need. 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 to St Brigid's Parish*). Thank you.

### Seeds for the Future (Lestoho)

We would like to offer supporters the opportunity to give the Gift of Education for Christmas. In return for a donation we provide a card for your gift recipient explaining that the donation will support young people from Ramabanta to attend high school. The charity will also be raffling a Christmas food hamper and other prizes to raise funds - tickets available after 9am Mass at Christ the King on 18 December and after the Carol Service at St Brigid's on 20 December. Further information from Elizabeth Taylor (2075 1401, [seedsftf@gmail.com](mailto:seedsftf@gmail.com))

### **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:  
Monday 12 December 5 - 6pm  
Saturday 17 December 10.30am - 5.15pm  
Tuesday 20 December 5 - 6pm

### 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.

### **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)

### **Advent Invitation for Senior Parishioners**

St David's Catholic College is inviting all senior parishioners to their Community Mass and Christmas Celebration on Thursday 22 December 12 - 3pm. After Mass, there will be a buffet and entertainment.

RSVP

[ckelly@stdavidscollege.ac.uk](mailto:ckelly@stdavidscollege.ac.uk) / 2049 8555

### **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 to a meeting in the Church Hall on Wednesday 14 December at 11am, or phone Sue Peat on 07961 653274.

**The Annual Cathedral & University Chaplaincy Carol Service will take place on Sunday 18 December at 3pm in St David's Cathedral, Cardiff**

## Other events

### Christmas: The Story

Volunteers still needed in schools & town centre (St John's Church) for various roles including donkey handlers, stewards, gift givers, and puppeteers. Volunteer shifts for school are around 9.30am - 2.15pm, and in town are 10am - 1.30pm or 1 - 4.30pm. If interested to help please ring Sally (07876 464855), or Matt ([matthew.dixon@hotmail.com](mailto:matthew.dixon@hotmail.com)) 07715 573013)

### **Carols, Coffee & Mince Pies**

Saturday 17 December 1pm at Bethel Church Community Centre, Llanishen. The cost, to include sandwiches etc is £5, and places should be booked in advance by calling Sue (2057 6595)

**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.

### **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)

**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

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

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

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

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

### **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.

### **Live Streaming System**

The live streaming equipment has been installed at Christ the King. At the moment it is running on a test basis. The plan is to go live for the Masses on the weekend of 17 & 18 December. Further information in next week's newsletter.

### **50 Club**

The Parish Advisory Council decided that the beneficiary for the next 2 years should be the Warm Space project planned to run in the Parish Centre one day a week from January. Look out for an invitation for new subscribers to join - and thank you to existing subscribers for their continuing support.

**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 Vigil Mass at St Paul's Church***

We invite all young people to join the Children's Liturgy group at St Paul's for our Christmas Nativity. Come dressed as a character from the Nativity Story and join us in the Liturgy Room before Mass to prepare for the birth of Jesus. We have some spare costumes if anyone needs one. We look forward to seeing our children from Liturgy Group and any visitors who are most welcome to join us. We usually sing Away in a Manager and help people to remember the importance of the birth of the baby Jesus.

### **Christmas Flowers**

There will be a collection for Christmas flowers in St Brigid's this Sunday 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 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>                            |                        |
| Mon.   | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>George Caravias</b>                         |                        |
| Tues.  | 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Tony Pinnell (M Pinnell)</b>                | St Lucy                |
|        | 12.30pm | St Brigid's | <b>Requiem: Peter Mayled</b>                   |                        |
| Wed.   | 9.30am  | St Paul's   | <b>Bishop-elect Peter Collins</b>              | St John of the Cross   |
| Thurs. | 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Ronald Williams (S Williams)</b>            |                        |
|        | 7.30pm  | St Brigid's | <b>Available</b>                               |                        |
| Fri.   | 9.30am  | St Paul's   | <b>Michael &amp; Patricia Keating</b>          |                        |
| Sat.   | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>Holy Souls</b>                              |                        |

## Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup> Fourth Sunday of Advent

|      |         |             |                                               |                         |
|------|---------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sat. | 6pm     | C the K     | <b>Mary Taylor (Taylor Family)</b>            |                         |
| Sun. | 9am     | C the K     | <b>Luis &amp; Genoveva Urtiaga (A Davies)</b> | Fourth Sunday of Advent |
|      | 9am     | St Paul's   | <b>People of the Parishes</b>                 |                         |
|      | 10.30am | St Brigid's | <b>Ann Warner (Barry)</b>                     |                         |
|      | 6pm     | St Brigid's | <b>Available</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  
Glen View

### 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, 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, Hilary Tracey, Mike Tracey, Anne Wake, Gemma Ward,

### 3 Churches Parish Council Chairs

#### Sts Brigid & Paul

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#### Christ the King Primary School

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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

Christine Williams  
& Neil Powell  
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#### Bereavement Support Group

07594 217098

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Brigid's ~

Saturday 10.00am

Christ the King ~

Saturday 5.40pm

St Paul's ~

Friday 10.00am

Or by request...