

3 Churches News

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Sunday December 18th 2022 Fourth Sunday of Advent (YEAR A)

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A LITTLE CHILD AND I

The Fourth Sunday of Advent in the Year of Matthew - Year A in the lectionary - gives prominence to St Joseph's role in the Christmas story. This is a poem written from his point of view, that I found - a little sentimental but charming.

Let's not forget St Joseph!

"We walked through the field of wheat

- a little Child and I.

His face was as fair as the dawn,

his eyes as bright as the sky.

O'er hillside and valley we went,

through blossom strewn meadow and glade.

He held my hand as I told him the names

of all the flowers he made.

We worked at the carpenter's bench
a beautiful Child and I.

The air was still as the star light,
and the Mother of Grace was nigh.

The burden of labour and toil
were sweet, though hard was my trade,
for I taught the heavenly Child to use
the tools which he had made.

We gathered for even tide prayer
- a Child, the Mother and I.

The only sound was the vesper song
of the birds that were flying by.

We gazed at the sinking sun

As the light began to fade

and saw a flame from

the heart of the Child

by whose power all things were made"

Fr Matthew



~~~~ Fourth Sunday of Advent (Sunday 18 December 2022) ~~~~



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: 18-24**

St. Brigid's and Christ the King are parishes of the Archdiocese of Cardiff. A Registered Charity No. 242380.

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## 3 Churches

### BISHOP PETER COLLINS

Rt Rev Peter Collins, a priest of our diocese, was consecrated as Bishop of East Anglia on Wednesday at the Cathedral 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 **Eirian Wallace**, mamgu of Dylan and Evan, who has died recently. We remember their families and friends in our prayers. Eternal rest grant to them, Lord.

### THE WELSH ARCHBISHOPS ON CHRISTMAS

Archbishop Mark and Archbishop Andy John, the Anglican Archbishop of Wales, have written a joint Christmas message, in which they speak of the hope we find in the Person of Jesus Christ in the midst of these difficult times, and encourage people to come to church in this season to discover this hope. You can read the message: <https://rcadc.org/first-joint-christmas-message-from-wales-catholic-and-anglican-archbishops/>

**Christ the King Primary School are holding their Carol Service this Tuesday 20 December 6pm at St Brigid's, to which all parishioners are very warmly welcomed.**

### 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 this Sunday 18 December and after the Carol Service at St Brigid's on 20 December.

Further information from Elizabeth Taylor (2075 1401, [seedsfff@gmail.com](mailto:seedsfff@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 this 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

### Recruitment

The Archdiocese of Cardiff is seeking to appoint a Chief Operating Officer. Closing date is 3 January. For job description and application forms, please visit their website: <https://rcadc.org/job-advertisement-chief-operating-officer>

### An Advent Prayer

Come Lord, your wounded world is yearning for you to come again.  
Come Lord, your weary world is crying out for you to lift us up out of our despair, our hunger, our thirst for something better, our need for the food that will last.  
Come Lord, come again, we need to begin again.  
(Sue Allerton / CAFOD)

## Other events

### **CAFOD Community Rosary**

CAFOD is delighted to pray the rosary with you in their Zoom community each week - every Thursday morning at 9am. For more information and to register visit: <https://cafod.formstack.com/forms/rosary>

### **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

### **Live Streaming from Christ the King**

To access the live stream go to the 3 Churches website ([www.3churches.org](http://www.3churches.org)) and click on the tab 'Our webcams' and select 'Christ the King'. The picture is on 24/7 and there is sound when the church sound system is on. Anyone in church who doesn't want to be seen on camera should sit behind the first row in the side sections or behind the second row in the centre sections. During Mass the camera will show the backs of those in the front rows, the altar, the ambo (lectern) and the side chapel. At communion the camera position will change to show just the altar - those coming to communion will not be visible. If any reader, server or eucharistic minister does not want to be seen on camera please talk to the rota organiser. For services involving children, if parents do not want them to be seen on camera please let the organiser know so that suitable arrangements can be made.

### Christmas Eve Family Mass

If you are coming to the Christmas Eve Family Mass, the church will be open from 5pm. Please be aware that once the church is full, people will be directed over to the parish centre where Mass will be streamed on the big screen.

Car parking is limited. Please be mindful of where you park as we would like to give priority to those with mobility problems. There are spaces available at the Wolf's Castle car park.

**Children attending any of our Christmas Masses are invited to dress in nativity clothes and also to bring their Baby Jesus crib figure for a blessing and a home made decoration to hang on the Christmas tree if they wish.**

### ***Baby and Toddler Play Group Christmas Party***

The Baby and Toddler Play Group Christmas Party will take place on Monday 19 December, 10 - 11.45am in the Parish Centre. All are very welcome. This will be the final meeting until 9 January.

### **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.

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

### **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.

### **St Paul's Bambinelli**

Children attending at St Paul's this Sunday (18 December) will have the opportunity to have their home crib figure of the Baby Jesus blessed at the start of Mass. The figures will be left in the Crib for the duration of Mass and collected at the end of Mass. The St Paul's Children's Liturgy Group will meet as normal and have an activity related to this special tradition. There are similar opportunities at Christmas Vigil and Christmas Day Masses in St Brigid's and Christ the King. Please see Advent Leaflet.

**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.**

# WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

## 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>                                           |                         |
| Mon.   | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>Margaret McCann</b>                                     |                         |
| Tues.  | 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Dom Barry (L Barry)</b>                                 |                         |
| Wed.   | 9.30am  | St Paul's   | <b>Lena Sullivan (Slowikowska)</b>                         | St Peter Canisius       |
|        | 10am    | C the K     | <b>End of term Mass for Christ the King Primary School</b> |                         |
| Thurs. | 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Katherine Skinner (M Pinnell)</b>                       |                         |
|        | 7.30pm  | St Brigid's | <b>Kathleen Parry</b>                                      |                         |
| Fri.   | 9.30am  | St Paul's   | <b>Josephine Camilleri</b>                                 | St John of Kanty        |
| Sat.   | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>Holy Souls</b>                                          | Christmas Eve           |

## Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day

|      |         |             |                                                          |                        |
|------|---------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Sat. | 6pm     | C the K     | <b>Vigil Mass for Christmas Maria Al Haddad (Family)</b> | Christmas Vigil Masses |
|      | 6pm     | St Paul's   | <b>Tony Greenman</b>                                     |                        |
|      | 8pm     | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parishes</b>                            |                        |
| Sun. | 9am     | C the K     | <b>Christmas Sister Kathleen Brown (B Brown)</b>         | Christmas Day          |
|      | 9am     | St Paul's   | <b>David &amp; Tim Cole</b>                              |                        |
|      | 10.30am | St Brigid's | <b>Maureen Muscat</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  
**Watton 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, Liz, Avirachen Mathai, Una Meades, 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, Hilary Tracey, Mike Tracey, Anne Wake, Gemma Ward, Emma Warlow & Dorothy Warren.

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#### Bereavement

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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...