

# 3 Churches News

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**Sunday January 15<sup>th</sup> 2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (YEAR A) Issue 2/23**

## **FIRST IMPRESSIONS**

The words of John the Baptist about Jesus in today's Gospel "Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world", are the first ones spoken about him in St John's Gospel. They are, if you like, our first impression of Our Lord, at least according to St John. That made me think about first impressions, and find out what others have said on the subject...

J.K.Rowling said "A good first impression can work wonders", while Will Rogers pointed out that "you never get a second chance to make a first impression". Elliott Abrams reminds us that "first impressions matter. Experts say we size up new people in somewhere between 30 seconds and two minutes." So first impressions are important. However, some people warn us of the dangers involved in trusting first impressions: "I don't know if you've ever noticed this, but first impressions are often entirely wrong." (Daniel Handler). Famous author Franz Kafka went further: "First impressions are always unreliable." One point made by Sherrilyn Kenyon is that "It is sometimes difficult to get rid of first impressions," while Daniel Tosh issues a salutary warning: "You know who makes a great first impression? Liars." We have been warned...

So there seem to be widely differing positions on the subject. Take two famous Russians. Back on positive grounds, Tolstoy advises "In difficult circumstances always act on first impressions." But fellow Russian author Anton Chekhov warns: "Each of us is full of too many wheels, screws and valves to permit us to judge one another on a first impression or by two or three external signs." Well, now I really don't know what to make of it all.

Does this have anything to say to us church-type people? Oh yes! I leave the last word to someone called Nelson Searcy. We might all pay attention to what he has to say about arriving at a church... "Seven minutes is all you get to make a positive first impression. In the first seven minutes of contact with your church, your first-time guests will know whether or not they are coming back. That's before a single worship song is sung and before a single word of the message is uttered." Food for thought...

*Fr Matthew*



~~~~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday 15 January 2023) ~~~~



**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 49:3. 5-6 **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Corinthians 1:1-3 **Gospel:** John 1: 29-34

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### **BAPTISM**

We welcomed Lara Hulme through the sacrament of Baptism at Christ the King on Saturday, and will welcome Coragh Rose O'Keefe next Saturday at St Brigid's. Please remember them and their parents, family and godparents in your prayers.

### **WHITE FLOWER APPEAL**

This weekend we take the White Flower Appeal collection in our 3 Churches.

### ***R.I.P.***

Ian Tumelty and Marie Andrews ask us to "pray for the repose of the soul of **Anne Lilian Tumelty**, who passed peacefully at the Swn y Mor Care Centre at Aberavon on Wednesday 4 January. Anne was a member of St Brigid's for many years before her illness. She will be buried from St Joseph's (Cathays) on Wednesday 25 January at 1pm." May she rest in peace.

### **Christ the King School PFA**

Christ the King School PFA has been nominated for Asda's Green token appeal, which offers charitable donations to members of the community.

If we have the most votes, we will receive £500 towards our fundraising goal!

[www.asda.com/green-tokens](http://www.asda.com/green-tokens)

It takes 3 steps to register the vote:

1. Select *Cardiff Coryton*
2. VOTE *Christ the King PFA*
3. Confirm your vote via a link sent to your email.

You can vote once EVERY 7 DAYS. Voting runs until 30 April.

### **Sick List**

Requests for names to be added to / removed from the list in this newsletter can be sent to the editor, Luke Todd

([luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk))

If the person making the request is not an immediate family member they should check with the family first and confirm in the request that this has been done.

### **January Baptismal Course**

The next 2 week baptismal course will take place at 7pm on Tuesdays 17 & 24 January. The course will be held in the sacristy in St Brigid's, entry via the front door of the church. Should you have any queries or require further information please contact Ann Martin

([stevenmartincardiff@gmail.com](mailto:stevenmartincardiff@gmail.com))

The next 2 week course after January, will take place in St Teilo's Church in March. Details of this course will be published closer to the March dates.

### ***First Holy Communion 2023***

Applications for First Holy Communion for St Brigid's, Christ the King and St Paul's will open on Friday 27 January for children born before 1 September 2015. You will be able to apply via our webpage - [www.3churches.org/first-holy-communion](http://www.3churches.org/first-holy-communion).

Classes will begin in March.

For more information, please email Clare,

[threechurchescommunion2023@outlook.com](mailto:threechurchescommunion2023@outlook.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.

### **Mass Intentions**

These should include the name of the person (or occasion) for whom the Mass is to be offered, any specific date requested for the Mass, as appropriate the name of person making the request and any Mass offering - with any cheques made payable to Canon Matthew Jones. For St Brigid's and St Paul's Mass requests should be sent to St Brigid's Presbytery or put through the letterbox. Requests for Christ the King Masses should be sent to the Parish Office or put into the white box by the Parish Centre door.

### **3 CHURCHES FREE FOOD MARKET**

The next 3 Churches Free Food Market is on SATURDAY 21 JANUARY, 10.30 - 11.30 at St Brigid's Hall. Free fresh and non perishable food is available to anybody from our parishes and/or local community who is in need - with no questions asked. Last month 47 families benefited from the Food Market. 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. Donations, via cash or cheque (payable to St Brigid's Parish), are very welcome - please use one of the small, brown, labelled envelopes which are at the back of each of the 3 Churches. Many thanks to those parishioners who make frequent, generous donations to support the Food Market in these difficult times.

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### WARM SPACE OPENING SOON

in Christ the King Parish Hall on Wednesday 18 January 11am - 2pm ALL WELCOME. FREE Tea, Coffee, hot and cold Snacks. Also on offer :- crafts, board games, music, newspapers, WiFi or just come along for a chat. Please pop in & tell your friends and neighbours about our LOCAL NEW WARM SPACE. Any questions phone Sue Peat on 07961 653274

### **Living Faith 2023**

Hear real stories of how people, inside and outside the 3 Churches, have been touched by God...

**When:** Every last Sunday of the month (Jan - June)

**Date (1 of 6):** 29 January (9.40am - 10.30am)

**What:** 'ME, God and my Journey - healed after 23 years illness' (Christalla Bailey)

**Where:** St Brigid's Church, before Mass, or watch via the webcam.

**For info:** See the inspiring videos, from 2022, on the 3 Churches in Cardiff YouTube channel. Volunteer your story or discover more: call Phil Burkhard (07816 756509)

### Living Prayer - with Simon & Garfunkel and Hillary Scott...

How do you approach your friendships? You are invited to informal sessions, to develop your relationship with Our Lord. A down to earth video stimulates lively discussion, uplifting music & fellowship. Facilitated by Christian Mahoney, Phil Burkhard & special guests!

**Dates:** Thursdays 26 January & 9 February

**Time:** Refreshments 7 - 7.10pm. Ends 8.30pm

**Venue:** St David's Catholic Sixth Form College / see videos at [www.prayercourse.org](http://www.prayercourse.org). Contact Phil

## Other events

### **Coed Caerdydd: Tree Planting**

Please join us for our community tree planting events -  
Monday 6 February 12.30 - 2.30pm at Gleider Field, Llanishen  
Friday 10 February 10 - 11.30am at Gaerwen Close, Llanishen  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/coed-caerdydd-46791623513>

## Christ the King

### **50 Club**

In 2023 contributions from the 50 Club will be used to support the 'Warm Space' project planned to run in the Parish Centre one day a week from January. Subscriptions of £12 for the year from those paying in cash or by cheque will be collected at the back of the Church after the Masses this weekend and next weekend. New subscribers are especially welcome. You can pay in cash, with a cheque or by bank transfer – account details will be available. There will be a monthly draw with three prizes each month. Thank you for your support. For further information contact Sheila Drayton on 07979456598

### **Junior Club**

The Junior Club is back, Friday evenings 6.30 - 7.45pm in the Parish Centre. All in years 3 - 6 of any school are welcome. If you can volunteer help, even on an occasional basis, please contact Marie (07753 438567) Thank you.

### Baby and Toddler Play Group

The Baby and Toddler Play Group meets every Monday of term time in the Parish Centre, 10 - 11.30am.

### **Christ the King Parish Advisory Council**

The PAC will meet on Tuesday 24 January. The draft agenda for the meeting is on the PAC noticeboard in the church porch. If anyone wants to comment on any of the issues indicated or wants any other issues considered please contact the Chair - Elizabeth Taylor (2075 1401 / [tayleat@gmail.com](mailto:tayleat@gmail.com))

### Living Faith

The new Living Faith booklets are now available at the back of the church priced £1

### **Quiz Night**

Our next Parish Quiz will take place in the Parish Centre on Thursday 12 January 7pm for 7.30pm start. Bring along your own drinks / snacks - glasses and corkscrews provided! Come as a team or come along and join a team on the night. Everyone welcome.

### Mass Sheets

From 14 / 15 January copies of the sheets already in use at St Brigid's and St Paul's containing the readings will be available at Christ the King. The response to the Psalm and the Gospel Acclamation will no longer be printed in the newsletter. Those attending 6pm Vigil Mass are asked to return the sheets to the porch after Mass so that they are available for Sunday morning Mass

### **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.

# WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

## Sunday January 15<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

|               |             |                                              |                                         |
|---------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Sat. 6pm      | C the K     | <b>Maree McGee (M Taylor)</b>                |                                         |
| Sun. 9.30am   | C the K     | <b>Edith Baker (R&amp;U Perera)</b>          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 9am           | St Paul's   | <b>Maria Hertogs Munoz (Slowikowska)</b>     |                                         |
| 10.30am       | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parishes</b>                |                                         |
| 6pm           | St Brigid's | <b>Special Int (Church)</b>                  |                                         |
| Mon. 9.30am   | St Brigid's | <b>Sean Standage (Daley)</b>                 |                                         |
| Tues. 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Alun Dukes (B Dukes)</b>                  | St Anthony Abbot                        |
| Wed. 9.30am   | St Paul's   | <b>Christian Unity</b>                       |                                         |
| Thurs. 9.30am | C the K     | <b>Recovery from illness (MS) (C Bailey)</b> |                                         |
| 7.30pm        | St Brigid's | <b>Barbara Evans</b>                         |                                         |
| Fri. 9.30am   | St Paul's   | <b>Leoni O'Hanlon</b>                        | St Sebastian                            |
| Sat. 9.30am   | St Brigid's | <b>Nancy Kiddle (Daley)</b>                  | St Agnes                                |
| 10.30am       | St Brigid's | <b>Baptism: Coragh O'Keefe</b>               |                                         |

## Sunday January 22<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

|          |             |                                                          |                                         |
|----------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Sat. 6pm | C the K     | <b>Thanksgiving for life of Brendan Murphy (P Lydon)</b> |                                         |
| Sun. 9am | C the K     | <b>Ken &amp; Betty Bailey (Family)</b>                   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 9am      | St Paul's   | <b>Brian Mark</b>                                        |                                         |
| 10.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>Anne Lilian Tumelty</b>                               |                                         |
| 6.00pm   | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parish</b>                              |                                         |

### 3 Churches Parish Council Chairs

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#### Safeguarding Representatives

#### Sts Brigid & Paul

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#### Bereavement Support Group

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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  
**The Paddock**

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

### 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, Norbert Flynn, 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 & Marie York.