

3 Churches News

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THE BASILICAS OF LOURDES

Saturday is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The shrine attracts millions of pilgrims, and over the decades this has required more and bigger churches, which can confuse, or even overwhelm the visitor at first. The Domaine, or Sanctuary area, covers 130 acres and while its heart is the simplicity of the Grotto where Our Lady appeared, there are now many places of worship, and three of these are "basilicas", a name given to a church as an honour, or distinction by the Pope. Entering the Sanctuary through St Michael's Gate, the pilgrim will find the first two. The first, the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, overlooks the second, the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary. The third basilica is underground and extends along the great esplanade of the processions.

The Basilica of the Immaculate Conception was started in 1866, and is the chapel requested by the Virgin Mary during the 13th apparition: "Go and tell the priests to build a chapel here and that people should come in procession". It bears the name revealed by the Virgin to Bernadette in the local dialect: "*Que soy era Immaculada Concepciou*". It is in a neo-Gothic style, and over 50 metres long, while the spire reaches 70 metres. The stained-glass windows detail the Apparitions, and the history of Lourdes and the Church.

The Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary is built in a Romano-Byzantine style, on a Greek cross plan, i.e. with four equal arms. It was consecrated in 1901, and features mosaics representing the mysteries of the Rosary covering 2,000 square metres inside, while the Mysteries of Light were added outside in 2008.

The Basilica of St Pius X was inaugurated in 1958 for the 100th anniversary of the Apparitions. The vast underground basilica is an architectural feat by its dimensions, while its design, elliptical in shape and resembling an upturned boat, is unique, thanks to modern means such as pre-stressed concrete. It is the place for the celebration of international Masses, large gatherings, the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the blessing of the sick at the end of each Eucharistic procession. It covers 12,000 square metres and has seating for 5,000 but can accommodate 20,000 people in total.

Fr Matthew, edited from the official website www.lourdes-france.org/en



~~~~ 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday 5 February 2023) ~~~~



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### **CONFIRMATION 2023**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by Archbishop Mark O'Toole on Saturday 8 July. We are looking to form a team of people who will accompany our young people as they begin their preparation. Could you help them in this important step in their Faith Journey? If you think you can help in any way, please let one of the clergy know. Full support will be given and it is open to anyone! All you need is enthusiasm and a sense of humour.

### **BAPTISM**

We welcome **Violet Evans**, to be baptised at Christ the King next Saturday, remembering her and her family and friends in our prayers.

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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Imelda MacDermott** (sister of Brenda Hudson), **Peter Treadwell** (father in law of Geraint Hudson) and **Shirley Winney** (mother of Roger, Amanda and Iris) who have died recently. Please pray for the family and friends who mourn them.

Mass on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30am at Christ the King will be offered for the deceased members of the 3 Churches and in particular for Shirley Sweeney, Margaret Keoghane, George Caravias and Peter Mayled who died in November.

### **First Holy Communion 2023**

Applications are open for First Holy Communion in the 3 Churches parish until 17 February. Apply here - [www.3churches.org/first-holy-communion](http://www.3churches.org/first-holy-communion) for children born before 1 September 2015. For info email [threechurchescommunion2023@outlook.com](mailto:threechurchescommunion2023@outlook.com)

### **STELLA MARIS MASS**

Stella Maris (formerly Apostleship of the Sea) invites you and your guests to join them at a Thanksgiving Mass for seafarers and fishers this Wednesday 8 February at 12.45pm at St David's Cathedral, Charles Street. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Mark O'Toole, with a reception afterwards. RSVP via 0207 901 1931 or [roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org](mailto:roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org)

### ***LENT IS COMING...***

Lent is not far away. We are hoping to hold Stations of the Cross each Saturday at St Brigid's, and to include reflections from parishioners once more. Would you like to contribute? It should not be too long, and if necessary we can ask someone else to deliver it. Your experience might well help others, so why not give it a try? Help is available. Let us know...

### **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.

### **WARM SPACE**

Christ the King Parish Centre  
Newborough Avenue  
Every Wednesday  
11am - 2pm  
ALL WELCOME

### **Sustainable Clothes & Book Market at Christ the King Parish Hall**

We are starting the market on the third Saturday in February (18<sup>th</sup>), then every third Saturday of the month from then onwards. We'll be setting out the clothes / books etc from about 11.30am, and opening the market from 1 - 5pm to the whole of the local community and parishioners, basically everyone! We will have teas and coffees during the market for people to stay for a chat, browse through some of the many books before taking them home, or even just to keep warm!

The aim of the market is "many fold" but basically; sustainability, outreach, proclaim, and to help in this financially difficult period etc. The third Saturday of the month **generally** coincide with the Sunday family Mass at Christ the King, and so the market would therefore be left out for parishioners to look through after Mass, as this has been successful in the past. If anyone would like to help in any way even if it's only a couple of hours, please contact Simon & Sylvia on [simon13sylvia@gmail.com](mailto:simon13sylvia@gmail.com) or 07394 931097.

### ***Spring Fashion Show***

Huggard Centre for the Homeless (CASH) will be holding a Spring Fashion Show to raise funds for the Centre on Thursday 2 March 2.30pm in the Lisvane Memorial Hall. The clothes are from Samantha B in Ewenny. Tickets are £10 and are available from Sue Peat (2076 2358 or 07961 653274), or Celia Bailey (2075 2413 or 07928 710238)

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### A Gap Year opportunity

Are you 18 - 30, or do you know someone who is? Do you want to develop a wide range of skills including leadership while learning about global justice and inspiring others to use their faith in action? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, believes in equipping and inspiring young adults to contribute to a more just and peaceful world. *Step into the Gap* is a fully funded year of volunteering, with food, accommodation, stipend and training within a UK placement plus a Rome and Assisi pilgrimage. Info: [www.cafod.org.uk/gapyear](http://www.cafod.org.uk/gapyear)

### Inspire Younger Generations

Do you **enjoy working** with **children** and **young people**? Could you help to **inspire** and **empower** children and young people in our Catholic schools and churches to bring alive their sense of global justice? Could you give an assembly in a local school or help with a Confirmation preparation session in church? Supported by **CAFOD** with full training and resources, you will relish the time you spend discussing issues of **global justice** with children and young people. You will add to **parish** and **school life**, complementing the work of teachers, priests and catechists. Get in touch with Therese on 07823 445112 or email [southwales@cafod.org.uk](mailto:southwales@cafod.org.uk).

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

*"Embrace your life together in Love"*  
**3 - 5 March 2023** at Campanile Swindon. Find out more at [www.wwme.org.uk](http://www.wwme.org.uk)

### **Living Faith 2023 - A call for witnesses!**

How has Our Lord touched or shaped your life or that of someone you know? See the first video for 2023 on the 3 Churches YouTube channel or the 2022 video playlist, on our website homepage. Moving accounts, thought-provoking props & inspirational music!

Last Sunday, of every month, at 9.40am (before 10.30am Mass at St Brigid's)

**Next date:** 26 Feb - Hear about the 'Rainbow of Hope'

Contact Phil

([philburkhard@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:philburkhard@hotmail.co.uk)) to share your story - you don't have to be good at public speaking!

## Christ the King

Christ the King Parish Advisory Council met on 24 January. Issues discussed included:

- \* Initial viewing figures for the live-streaming facility (around 130 on a Sunday, up to 100 on a Saturday, around 40 for weekday Masses)
- \* Completion of repair work on the church heating
- \* Appointment of a commercial agent to manage the letting of 71 Heol Hir
- \* Updates on the Warm Space and sustainable clothes and books market
- \* Progress on reviewing communications across the 3 churches.

### **New Welcomers**

We are looking for some new welcomers for the 9am Mass at Christ the King. If anyone is able to help or if you would like to know a bit more about what is involved, please contact Kate Congdon - 07739 357087 / [kate@1tca.co.uk](mailto:kate@1tca.co.uk)

### **Mass Cards**

There are a selection of Mass cards available in the porch priced £1.

### **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.

### Appeal for Beanbags for Junior Club

If you have a beanbag (one large enough to sit on) that you no longer want and would like to donate to the Junior Club please contact Marie in the Parish Office. 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.

### **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.

### **Living Faith**

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

### Year Books

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

## St Brigid's & St Pauls

### **MUSIC AT ST PAUL'S...**

We are appealing for anyone with any musical ability to help with worship at St Paul's Church. It could be any musical instrument at all or even just a wish to add extra joy to the Sunday services. Please let one of the clergy know if you feel you could take on the ministry.

# WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

## Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

|        |         |             |                                            |                                         |
|--------|---------|-------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Sat.   | 6pm     | C the K     | <b>Brendan Murphy (T Evans)</b>            |                                         |
| Sun.   | 9am     | C the K     | <b>Matt and Mary Timmons (J Dartnell)</b>  | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |
|        | 9am     | St Paul's   | <b>Holy Souls</b>                          |                                         |
|        | 10.30am | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parishes</b>              |                                         |
|        | 6pm     | St Brigid's | <b>Available</b>                           |                                         |
| Mon.   | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>Mathew Devlin</b>                       | Martyrs of Japan                        |
| Tues.  | 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Deceased members of the 3 Churches</b>  |                                         |
| Wed.   | 9.30am  | St Paul's   | <b>Paul Newsum</b>                         | St Josephine Bakhita                    |
| Thurs. | 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>William Charles Skinner (M Pinnell)</b> | St Teilo                                |
|        | 7.30pm  | St Brigid's | <b>Holy Souls</b>                          |                                         |
| Fri.   | 9.30am  | St Paul's   | <b>Michael Camilleri</b>                   | St Scholastica                          |
| Sat.   | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parishes</b>              | Our Lady of Lourdes                     |
|        | 11.30am | C the K     | <b>Baptism: Violet Lilian Evans</b>        |                                         |

## Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

|      |         |             |                                 |                                         |
|------|---------|-------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Sat. | 6pm     | C the K     | <b>Pat McConnell (D Tandy)</b>  |                                         |
| Sun. | 9am     | C the K     | <b>Diana Donovan (L Barry)</b>  | 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |
|      | 9am     | St Paul's   | <b>Kenneth Camilleri (Mary)</b> |                                         |
|      | 10.30am | St Brigid's | <b>Pat &amp; Trevor Watkins</b> |                                         |
|      | 6.00pm  | St Brigid's | <b>Kenneth Camilleri</b>        |                                         |

### 3 Churches Parish Council Chairs

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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  
**Blue House Road & Ty Gwyn 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...

### 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.