

# 3 Churches News

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**Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup> 2014 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (YEAR A) Issue 04/14**

## A BISHOP IN BAGHDAD

This month we heard the news that **Father Saad Sirop**, the brother of Mrs Aida Aris and Mrs Maysoon Aziz, both from our 3 Churches, has been elected a Bishop. At 41 he is the fifth youngest Catholic Bishop in the world. Father Saad has visited us several times over the years, and some of us have watched his journey "from afar". He has now been named Auxiliary Bishop to the Patriarch of Babylon in the Chaldean Church. This is one of the Eastern Rites of the Church, historically linked to the Syro-Malabar Rite, to which many of our Keralite members belong, including Fr Tomy, and Frs James and Modest before him. It has about 20 bishops, mainly across Iraq and neighbouring Syria, Iran and Lebanon, but also a few in countries where there are large numbers such as the USA.

The Patriarchate is based at Baghdad, where Fr Saad was born 6 September 1972. After studying at university he entered the Chaldean Patriarchal Seminary. He finished his theological studies at Rome at the Pontifical Urbanian University, and on 13 October 2001 he was ordained priest.

After ordination he gained a Licence in Philosophy at the Gregorian University in Rome. From 2005 to 2006 he was Parish Priest of St James in Baghdad, Director of Studies at *Babel College*, and Vice-Rector at the faculty of Philosophy and Theology. His work was cut short when he and colleagues were kidnapped, a tragedy which made the headlines. Transferred to Rome, in 2008 he gained his doctorate in Philosophy, but in 2008 he was back in Baghdad. He became Parish Priest of the Chaldean Cathedral of St Joseph, and Professor of Philosophy at Babel College. He was Dean of the Chaldean priests in Baghdad, and Secretary of the Commission for Christian Youth there. He speaks Arabic, Italian, and English, and is familiar with German and Aramaic.

We cannot imagine the conditions for Christians in Iraq. Fanatics often identify them with the West, but the Chaldean Catholics have in fact been there since the very beginnings of Christianity. In an interview in 2010 Fr Saad said "I was kidnapped on 15th August 2006. I was the first priest in Baghdad who was abducted. For 28 days I was in the hands of a fanatical Muslim group. In that time I learned a lot about myself and about the relationship between the religions. In 2008 I came back to Baghdad, because I love Baghdad, I love Iraq and I love my people, so I wanted to continue working here as a priest. I also have a lot of Muslim friends here." Bishop Saad, we celebrate your dedication to priesthood, your appointment as bishop, *and* we pray for you and your people.

*Fr Matthew*



Response to Psalm **The Lord is my light and my help.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 8: 23-9:3 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Corinthians 1: 10-13.17 Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-23



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### Father's News

#### NEXT SUNDAY

Please note that next Sunday is 2<sup>nd</sup> February, the Feast of the **Presentation of the Lord**. As a "Feast of the Lord" it replaces our observing it as 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year. Readers and Bidding Prayer writers please take particular note.

#### PASS IT ON

Following our meeting with the Archbishop in November, 35-40 came together again this Monday. We reflected on five areas: sharing our faith, reaching our youth and school communities, reaching the local community, reaching inactive Catholics and prayer support. We were then offered a five week video-based programme called "**Pass It On**" by the evangelization team at the Cornerstone opposite the Cathedral. A five minute taster video led to discussion and we decided that it would make a good next step, a sort of foundation course for moving us along in our understanding of this great theme, so close to the heart of Pope Francis. The course will run for **five Mondays starting 17<sup>th</sup> February**. Meanwhile, some of the five discussion groups will progress their ideas. An account of the meeting will soon be on the newly updated website [www.3churches.org](http://www.3churches.org)

#### SUNDAY PRAISE

Come and join us for a time of lively praise, silence, teaching, and friendly fellowship and sharing. Every Sunday 7.30pm at St Brigid's.

#### CELEBRATION OF FAMILY LIFE

Working with CYTUN (Churches together in Wales), our Archdiocesan Commissions for Family Life and for Christian Unity invite everyone to join them in a special non-eucharistic liturgy in celebration of family life **at 12 noon in St David's Cathedral, Charles Street, on Saturday 8 March**. The family is a place not only for couples, siblings, children and parents but also for the single, communities of religious, the bereaved, the divorced and the lonely. The family can be a place of great joy and blessings, but there are also times when it may experience difficulties and challenges. Those moments are where the light of God can enter in. The service will reflect the reality of family life, blessed, broken but always living love. Please join us in celebrating God's love at work in our everyday lives, in happy and less happy times. Everybody is very welcome.

#### **Confirmation 2014 Registration**

There are now forms at the back of all 3 Churches for candidates to register for the preparation programme which will commence soon. Candidates should be year 8 or above. Please complete a form and return it to the box provided ASAP. Also leave your name on the list. A meeting for parents and candidates will take place in early February (date to be confirmed). For further details contact Marie & Peter O'Brien 2075 3771. Confirmation will be celebrated on Tuesday 3 June at 7.30pm at St Brigid's and at Christ the King on Friday 6 June at 7.30pm.

#### **Lent discussion groups 2014:**

##### **Scripture into Song**

Churches Together in Llanishen will again be organizing discussion groups over the six weeks leading up to Easter, starting in the week beginning Monday 3 March. The groups enable people from different churches to meet informally in homes to discuss a topic. This year's theme is Scripture into Song: how writers of hymns and songs for worship have drawn on the Bible, as well as their own personal experiences and the social conditions of the time. More details and application forms will be available in churches from late January. Please note that applications will need to be returned to Ian Thomas by Thursday 13 February. In case of any query please contact Ian Thomas (2075 4255) or Judith Salway (2076 6073).

##### **CASH**

Huggard Centre for the Homeless (CASH) is urgently in need of UNDERWEAR (Men and women's), Socks, Hats and Gloves. The 3 Churches Justice and Peace Group will provide boxes at the back of each of the 3 Churches on the weekends of 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> February and 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> February for any items you can donate. Thank you in advance for any help you are able to give us in this regard – Celia Bailey (2075 2413)

##### CWL

The next C.W.L. meeting will be on Monday 27 January at 2pm at St. Paul's. Please don't forget that your subs for 2014 are due at this meeting.

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### **CAFOD school volunteers needed!**

CAFOD South Wales is looking for volunteers to work with children and young people in schools and parishes to help them learn and to inspire them to take action with CAFOD. For further information please contact CAFOD South Wales on 2034 4882, email [southwales@cafod.org.uk](mailto:southwales@cafod.org.uk) or visit [www.cafodsouthwales.wordpress.com](http://www.cafodsouthwales.wordpress.com)

### **CARDIFF DEANERY EVENT**

There will be a Cardiff Deanery Formation Morning for Lay Ministers with Canon Matthew Jones and Deacon John Mullin at St. Brigid's Church from 10am-1pm on Saturday 29 March 2014. This will include Mass followed by workshops for the different ministries.

### **Appeal for Toys**

There is an urgent need for children's toys at the Initial Accommodation Centre for asylum seekers on Newport Road in Cardiff. The ages of the children can vary from very young to teenagers.

Some drawing/art material would be very welcome as well if that's possible. Please phone **2048 9800** to offer toys – it would be really helpful if they could be dropped off at the Welsh Refugee Council Office for the attention of Ruth Gwilym Rasool or Bronia Conway. If you need help transporting the toys please contact Frances Ballin on 2076 5077.

Please do not donate toys which require batteries.

### **RETREAT WEEKEND FOR YOUNG ADULTS (20's - 30's)**

An opportunity for some input, prayer and a chance to meet other young Catholics at Katherine House, Salford on the 14-16 February 2014. Cost - donation only (suggested £30 if waged). More information from Sr. Lynne fcJ, at [lynnefcj@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com).

## Christ the King

### **Altar Linen**

January: Maureen Greening  
February: Maureen Welsher

**The requiem Mass for Terry O'Neill takes place on Wednesday 29 January at 12.45pm. The evening Mass will take place as usual on that day.**

### **PAC NOMINATIONS**

The PAC now require new members to join our existing council replacing outgoing parishioners who have completed their term. Please consider putting yourself forward for this rewarding and interesting role - we meet 6 times per year to assist Canon Mathew in the management of all parish matters. If you are unable to take part you may know of someone who would be interested. In the event we receive more nominations than needed we may hold an election. Contact Bernard regarding nominations on [bernard@coneptpc.co.uk](mailto:bernard@coneptpc.co.uk), 07976 712719 or post in the parish letter box. Thank you.

### **Cake Sale at Christ the King Parish Centre**

The 3 Churches United for Justice and Peace (UJP) group will be having a cake sale this Sunday 26 January after 8.30 and 10.30 Masses.

### **POEMS and A GLASS**

We are re-starting our Poetry (or anything else that takes your fancy!) Evenings again this Sunday evening 26<sup>th</sup> 7pm in the Parish Centre. Everyone welcome with or without a poetry book.....remember to bring a bottle of your favourite tippie!

### **Appeal for unwanted gifts/ Christmas presents**

Christ the King Junior Club is appealing for any unwanted gifts that you may have (in good condition), suitable to be sold as Mother's Days presents to the children in a special sale at Junior Club in March.

All proceeds from the sale will go to the 'Leaves of Hope' charity That provides aid to Belarussian orphanages. If you have anything to donate please leave it in the box provided in the church porch or contact Marie O'Brien in the parish office. Thank you.

## St Brigid's & St Pauls

### **CAT (Christians Against Torture)**

Christmas Card Appeal 2013. It is with sadness that we received the news that one of the prisoners that we sent cards to, William Shaiboub has died in hospital in Egypt. William had served more than fourteen years of an unjust fifteen year prison sentence. Please remember his wife and children in your prayers.

Thank you for your support of him and others like him.

**Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

6pm	St Paul's	<b>Caryl Harrison</b>	
6.30pm	C the K	<b>Kathleen Bowley</b>	
Sun. 8.30am	C the K	<b>T Evans Birthday (M &amp; T Pinnell)</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9am	St Paul's	<b>Carlos Palau Garcia</b>	
10.30am	St Brigid's	<b>Len Perry</b>	
10.30am	C the K	<b>Terry &amp; Pat Thomas</b>	
6pm	St Brigid's	<b>People of the Parish</b>	
7.30pm	St Brigid's	<b>Sunday Praise</b>	
Mon. 9.30am	St Brigid's	<b>Int. Sister Dorothy (Daley)</b>	St Angela
9.30am	C the K	<b>Private Intention</b>	
Tues. 9.30am	St Brigid's	<b>Diocesan Seminarians Ints</b>	St Thomas Aquinas
9.30am	C the K	<b>Intention of the Nash Family (C Bailey)</b>	
Wed. 9.30am	St Paul's	<b>Shelagh Powell (Dominic)</b>	
12.45pm	C the K	<b>Requiem: Terry O'Neill</b>	
7.30pm	C the K	<b>Archana Benny</b>	
Thurs. 9.30am	C the K	<b>All Parishioners</b>	
7.30pm	St Brigid's	<b>Holy Souls</b>	
Fri. 9.30am	St Paul's	<b>Shelagh Powell (Joshua)</b>	St John Bosco
9.30am	C the K	<b>Doris Green</b>	
Sat. 9.30am	St Brigid's	<b>Len Perry</b>	St Brigid

**Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup> Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)**

6pm	St Paul's	<b>Frank Lord</b>	
6.30pm	C the K	<b>Intention of Kathleen Burke (Murphy)</b>	
Sun 8.30am	C the K	<b>Carmel English (M &amp; T Moore)</b> Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)	
9am	St Paul's	<b>Michael Mitchell (Donovan)</b>	
10.30am	St Brigid's	<b>Thanksgiving (Daw)</b>	
10.30am	C the K	<b>Harry &amp; Ann Norris (K Liddington)</b>	
6pm	St Brigid's	<b>People of the Parish</b>	
7.30pm	St Brigid's	<b>Sunday Praise</b>	

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**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Christ the King**  
Tuesday 10am-2pm  
**St. Paul's**  
Wednesday 10am-3pm  
**St. Brigid's**  
Thursday 8-9pm

**Sacrament of  
Reconciliation**

**St Brigid's**  
Saturday 10-10.30  
**St Paul's**  
Saturday 5.30pm.  
**Christ the King**  
Saturday 5.45-6.15pm

**Last Week's Collection**

**Sts. Brigid & Paul**  
**Gift Aid** £ 815.70  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 576.40  
**Total** £ 1392.10  
**S/O month av.** £ 807.50

**Christ the King**  
**Gift Aid** £ 514.50  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 528.31  
**S/O weekly av.** £ 377.21  
**Total** £ 1420.02

**Please send items to [luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk) by Wednesday afternoon at the latest!**

**PRAYERS**

*Please remember the following in your prayers, who are unwell at this time:*

Keith Allen, Mary Amugan, Maureen Carroll, Sian Clark, Mary Clarke, Win Collins, Mrs. Crock,  
Terry Culbertson, Agnes Davies, Jennifer Ellis, Anna Forrest, Rod Forrest,  
Jane Goldsworthy, Maria Hill, Caitriona Lovell, Joseph (Benny) Lynch, Dean Maguire,  
Dolores Meehan, Vernon Morgan, Maureen O'Driscoll, Kieran Ollin, Alan Paines, Rona Perry,  
Sue Power, Claire Richards, Pat Roberts, Peter Scott, Dewi Thomas, Emma Warlow,  
Dorothy Warren, Ken Welsher & Pat Worthington.