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### WORKS IN PROGRESS

Our schools close at this time of year for the annual summer break. I've celebrated end of year Masses at Corpus Christi over the past two weeks. As I watch children and young people move on, I've been particularly aware this year of how we are never finished on our way through life. We are always, as I said at Christ the King, "works in progress".

The children have a natural awareness of this as they slowly grow, change shoe sizes, need bigger clothes, change schools and so on. They seemed a little more surprised to realise that it's the same for grown-ups. Admittedly this has been a little clearer this year in our schools as Christ the King is saying goodbye to Headteacher Patrick Affley and his family, and Corpus Christi has bid farewell to acting Headteacher Mr David Cushion and twelve other teaching staff.

But I think it's something that we all need to remember – that we are *all* works in progress. This is a consoling thought. When we mess up, feel inadequate or fail, we can step back, see the bigger picture, and move on. It's also a humbling thought, and we need to hear that, too, from time to time. That day when we think we have got it made, that we have really arrived, achieved our goals and reached our targets, is probably the day before we fall apart...

I think the Old Testament image of the potter and the clay captures this very well. When the clay wobbles or even collapses, the potter simply starts again, not discarding the clay but learning how to do it better. Even if the clay flies right off the turntable, the experienced hand of the potter will lift it back onto the wheel of life so that a new start can be made.

So let us be patient with one another. That pesky person, that annoying neighbour or colleague, that awkward parishioner, is a work in progress. And so are you.

Fr Matthew

Response to Psalm O Lord, you are good and forgiving. Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, So that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

1st Reading: Wisdom 12: 13. 16-19 2nd Reading: Letter St Paul to Romans 8: 26-27 Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-43

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## **3 Churches**

#### Father's News

#### **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP**

The next meeting of the new monthly group for men will be this Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July. Make friends with other like-minded men; encourage, share with, support (and even challenge!) one another in our lives as Christian men, wherever we are. If you'd like to come or for further info contact Fr Matthew, or Paul Benson at pvbenson@gmail.com.

#### MEDJUGORJE FILM NIGHT

There will be a film and talk entitled "Why Medjugorje" this Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July at St Brigid's Hall 7.00 -8.30pm. June 24<sup>th</sup> 2014 was the 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the claimed apparitions at Medjugorje, and the Welsh Pilgrimage was there, with Fr Tomy. Come and find out why Medjugorje changes people's lives - 7.00pm Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July in St Brigid's Hall. For info contact Mr P Illsley tel 01443 203 305.

The Parents of Vincent Regan would like to convey their gratitude for the many Mass Intentions and sympathy cards from Parishioners of all 3 churches during the past few weeks. Many Thanks.

"Well I did it 26.2 miles in the rain and wind! I would like to thank all the amazing people of St Pauls, St Brigids and Christ the King for your kind donations. We raised an amazing £860.46 for Venlindre Hospital."

- Luisa Ciriello

#### Cardiff & Vale University Health Board

We are looking to train people who are firmly anchored to their religious Community, as **Chaplaincy Volunteers-** This involves a 6 week training course (one afternoon a week) before being deployed to a ward to visit patients on behalf of the Chaplains. Our next course begins:

Wednesday 10 September 2014, 2pm University Hospital of Wales, Heath Park. Contact us on 2074 3230 for an application form if you want to make a difference

Eucharistic Adoration for the Unborn The next date for Adoration in the Cathedral for the unborn, is Thursday 24 July from 9am-6pm finishing with Benediction at 5.30pm. Please try and come

ST FAITH'S CHURCH MORRIS AVE (off Templeton Ave, Llanishen) <u>Table Top Sale</u> Saturday 26 July 10.30am-12.00noon Variety of Stalls Refreshments Available Disabled Access at Rear of Church

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

There will be some changes to our Eucharistic Adoration as follows:-Christ the King - last day Tuesday 22 July and resting until Tuesday 22 September. St Paul's - last full day Wednesday 23 July then from 10/11 am, after 09.30am Mass, during the holiday period, restarting full time on Wednesday 24 September. St Brigid's - continuing at 8/9pm each Thursday evening after 7.30pm Mass

WITH THE SPONSORSHIP OF CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC **RENEWAL IN WALES** UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE WELSH BISHOPS. CATHOLIC RENEWAL IN THE SPIRIT OF PENTECOST THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL! RENEWAL CONFERENCE FRIDAY 22 AUGUST -SUNDAY 24 AUGUST 2014 TRINITY COLLEGE CAMPUS. JOB'S WELL ROAD, CARMARTHEN SA31 3EP. WITH MARIE BEIRNE FR. GARETH LEYSHON JESUS YOUTH HOLY MASS, RECONCILIATION, ADORATION, PRAYER MINISTRY **BOOKING FORMS:** DOWNLOAD at :http//ccrw.org.uk or PAT WILLIAMS' E-MAIL patriciamary1950@gmail.org.uk TELEPHONE: - 02920 617374 COST: WEEKEND FULL BOARD £120. **DAY VISITORS** £25 incl. LUNCH – TEA/COFFEE PROVIDED



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# Holy Mass in Honour of God the Father of all mankind

Please come and join us at Nazareth House, Colum Road, Cardiff CF10 3UN on Sunday 3 August at 3pm. We start with Holy Mass, Chaplet to God the Father is at 3.45pm, and Litany at 4pm. This is followed by tea and coffee. For more information, contact Mr Philip Illsley (01443 203305)

# Catholic Certificate of Religious Studies

This is designed for people who are engaged in the communication of their Catholic Faith, whether directly or indirectly. It is open to catechists, people involved in liturgical work and other interested adults. For more details of start dates, fees and your nearest centre, please visit the CCRS website,

www.brs-ccrw.org.uk or call 020 7901 1900

## **Christ the King**

Altar Linen July: Valerie Graham

This weekend we welcome George Timothy Webster-Mackerras and Poppy Paige Evans into our parish community as they are baptised. Please pray for George and Poppy, their parents and godparents in your prayers.

#### Junior Club Volunteers Needed

We are in need of adult volunteers to help at Junior club on a rota basis (usually no more than once a month). The club meets most Fridays of term time in the parish centre, 6.30 – 7.45pm. If you would like to volunteer please contact Marie O'Brien; 2075 3771, email marie.peter@btinternet.com

#### Sandwich Making

Sandwich making for the homeless takes place this Monday, 21 July in the parish centre at 1.15pm. New volunteers are always welcome.

#### Poems and a Glass

Poems and a Glass takes place next Sunday 27 July in the parish centre. All are welcome.

#### Petition Book

Periodically we send out a list of the petitions that have been entered in the petitions book during the previous couple of months to a group of parishioners who have agreed to pray especially for these petitions. If you would like to be part of this group just ring Ann on 2075 2900 or send an email to G.ANN.REES@gmail.com

#### **Petition Letters**

Letters to parishioners who have agreed to pray especially for those in the petition book are at the back of the church. If you haven't picked yours up yet, perhaps you would do so as soon as possible.

Many thanks.



# Baby and Toddler Group Thank you

Sincere thanks to all who have to donated toys to the baby & toddler group this year. We are delighted to be able to donate £150 to the Welsh Refugee Council on Newport Road. Christ the King Baby & Toddler group resumes on Wednesday 10 September, new faces are always welcome. For further information please contact Becky Stephens on 07811 184952 or Sally Donovon on 07813 673002.

#### **Church Grounds**

Work to clear the back border and put down a membrane to inhibit growth of brambles and weeds has been completed. Some new planting is needed and on-going maintenance. If anyone - or a group of people - is willing to take responsibility for this please contact Marie O'Brien in the Parish Office. (We have a contract for routine maintenance such as grass & hedge cutting and litter picking).

## St Brigid's & St Pauls

#### BAPTISMS

We joyfully welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism at St Brigid's this Sunday Amelia Mae Lewis.

#### JUBILEE LUNCH

On Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Mass in the present St Brigid's Church, there will be a **Jubilee Lunch** at the New House Hotel. Tickets for this event are on sale at £20 adults £10 children under 11. There will be a choice of two starters, mains and desserts plus vegetarian option on the day.

If there is anyone who can help with lifts, or who needs a lift, to and from 10 30am mass and \ or the New House Country Hotel, on Sunday 21 September for the 50th anniversary celebrations of St Brigid's Church, please contact, Bernice Rayer (2062 6829)

This newsletter was edited by Luke Todd (2014)

		Sunday July 20th 16th Sunday in Ordinar	v Time	
6pm	St Paul's	Brendan Heslop		3 Churches Parish Council Chairs
•	C the K	Des Curran (Friends)		Sts Brigid & Paul
Sun. 8.30am		Pat Worthington (M & L Halloran)		Stephen Jones 07970 826283
Sull. 0.30alli	Clier	16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time		stephen.jones @westernretail.co.uk
9am	St Paul's	Int Fr Jose Marti (Forbes)		Christ the King Chris Stevens
10.30am	St Brigid's	People of the Parish		2074 7730
10.30am	C the K	Annie Jones (P & D Donovan) Baptisms: George Timothy Webster-Mackerras & Poppy Paige Evans		chris.stevens01 @btopenworld.com Christ the King Primary School
11.45am	St Brigid's	Baptism: Amelia Mae Lewis		Headteacher
6pm	St Brigid's	Available		Patrick Affley 2075 4787
Mon. 9.30am	St Brigid's	Int Claire Hawes (Daley)	St Lawrence of Brindisi	Corpus Christi High School
9.30am	C the K	Private Intention (N)		Acting Headteacher
Tues. 9.30am	St Brigid's	Holy Souls	St Mary Magdalen	David Cushion 2076 1893
9.30am	C the K	Scaccaborozzi, Green and Cro (M Crowley)	wley Families Special Int	St David's College Principal Mark Leighfield
Wed. 9.30am	St Paul's	Pat Lord (Chris & Paul)	St Bridget of Sweden	2049 8555
7.30pm	C the K	Augustine Rodrigues (I Rodrig (I Tumelty)	Safeguarding Representatives Sts Brigid & Paul	
Thurs. 9.30am			<b>ish whose anniversaries</b> Sts John Lloyd & Philip Evans	Angela Ciriello 2048 6893 angelaciriello
	St Brigid's	Available		@hotmail.com Christ the King
Fri. 9.30am	St Paul's	The Sick of the Parish	St James	Heulwen Egerton
9.30am	C the K	Ann Rees– Thank you for kindness (M Crowley)		2068 9416 heulwen21@hotmail.co.uk
Sat. 9.30am	St Brigid's	Rosa & Joseph Cava	Sts Joachim & Anne	Eucharistic Adoration
Sunday July 27 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time				
6pm	St Paul's	Alan Cooke		Christ the King Tuesday 10am-1pm
6.30pm	C the K	John Gallagher (C Bailey)		<b>St. Paul's</b> Wednesday 10am-3pm
Sun. 8.30am	C the K	Pat Worthington (Catenian As 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	sociation- G Lynch)	St. Brigid's Thursday 8-9pm
9am	St Paul's	Int Cecilia Ware (Daley)		Sacrament of
10.30am	St Brigid's	Thomas Sherry & Sherry Family Ints		Reconciliation St Brigid's
10.30am	C the K	Sick & Housebound of the Parish		Saturday 10-10.30
6pm	St Brigid's	People of the Parish		<i>St Paul's</i> Saturday 5.30pm. <i>Christ the King</i> Saturday 5.45-6.15pm

Please send items to 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, Terry Culbertson, Agnes Davies, Jennifer Ellis, Emily, Anna Forrest, Jane Goldsworthy, Maria Hill, Tony Hutchings, Caitriona Lovell, Joseph (Benny) Lynch, Dean Maguire, Dolores Meehan, Vernon Morgan, Niamh Murphy, Maureen O'Driscoll, Kieran Ollin, Alan Paines, Rona Perry, Valentino Rascon, Cath Rees, Claire Richards, Pat Roberts, Peter Scott, Dewi Thomas, Emma Warlow, Dorothy Warren & Pat Watkins.

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Last Week's Collection Sts. Brigid & Paul

Non Gift Aid £ 392.56

S/O month av. £ 807.50

Christ the King

*Non Gift Aid* £ 390.73 <u>S/O weekly av.</u> £ 387.95

£ 1010.70

£ 1403.26

£ 603.90

£ 1382.58

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