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# **BACK FROM HOLIDAYS...?**

Although many of you are already back from this year's holidays, I am just planning to go for it. While we all know what the holidays are for, I still find it interesting that we have certain days in the year dedicated to some very positive principles in life: love, caring, reverence, gratitude, family, fellowship and spirituality. What a concept the society has made it acceptable for us to take some time off work to remember what is important in life. Take some time for yourselves, your loved ones and your life.

There is a particular reason for me to choose this time of the year for my holidays in my homeland. That is to take part in the harvest festival of Kerala (my homeland) called "*Onam*" which is celebrated with joy and enthusiasm all over the state by people of all communities.

*Onam* is the biggest and the most important festival of the state of Kerala. According to a popular legend, the festival is celebrated to welcome King *Mahabali*, whose spirit is said to visit Kerala at the time of *Onam*. It is said that Kerala witnessed its golden era in the reign of King Mahabali.

Carnival of *Onam* lasts for ten days. Popularity and presentation of rich culture of the state during the carnival made *Onam* the National Festival of Kerala. Elaborate feasts, folk songs, elegant dances, energetic games, elephants, boats and flowers all are a part of this dynamic festival.

The rich cultural heritage of Kerala comes out in its best form and spirit during the ten day long festival. It is indeed a treat to be a part of the grand carnival. People of Kerala make elaborate preparations to celebrate it in the best possible manner.

The most impressive part of *Onam* celebration is the grand dinner prepared on the main day. It is a nine course meal consisting of 11 to 13 essential dishes. It is served on banana leaves and people sit on a mat laid on the floor to have the meal. You are cordially invited to take part in *Onam* together with me this year.

(Partially taken from internet) Fr.Tomy



Response to Psalm For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God. 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: Jeremiah 20: 7-9 2nd Reading: Letter St Paul to Romans 12: 1-2 Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27

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### Father's News

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS)

An invitation to any interested parishioners to join us at the Pastoral Resources Centre on Wednesday evenings, from 10 September, for an opportunity to deepen their knowledge and understanding of some key aspects of the Catholic faith. During the next academic year. modules in Old Testament. New Testament, Christology, Catholic Education and Religious Education will be delivered. Participants are welcome to attend a single module, or follow the complete course and submit assignments for the award of a CCRS certificate. For further details, contact Frances Bibey at the Pastoral Resources Centre / ccrs@rcadc.org / Tel 2036 2599

### JUBILEE LUNCH

On Sunday 21 September, 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.

Remember that the day is almost here. The hotel needs to know how many will be coming. The last day to advise them is 14 September. Tickets are obtainable from the social committee members, after Sunday Mass. If you are paying by cheque, please make it payable to "St.Brigid's parish".

# **3 Churches**

### WWI Commemoration Service

The Parish of Llanishen would like to extend an invitation to all members of Churches Together to attend a WW1 Commemoration Service on Sunday 28 September at 4pm in St Isan Church. If you would like to remember someone please forward names to the Vicar, Revd Michael Witcombe, at

fatherm@btinternet.com or to the Vicarage, 2 The Rise, Llanishen, Cardiff CF14 0RA. Names will be read out at the service. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

### <u>CWL</u>

The monthly C.W.L. coffee morning will be held on Friday 5 September after the 9.30 mass at St. Paul's. The proceeds will be for The Alzheimer's Society. C.W.L. ladies please don't forget to

bring your Cardiff Citizens questionnaires for Barbara on that day.

## 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

<u>you</u> want to make a difference

#### Time to Chat

On Saturday 6 September the 3 **Churches Bereavement Support** Group is holding a drop-in session at St Brigid's Church Hall from 10.15am. We hope to hold further sessions on the first Saturday of each month. We are not a counselling group but we offer a listening ear to those who have been bereaved - whether recently or some time ago. If you or anyone you know (they don't need to be a member of the 3 churches) would like to come along for a tea/coffee and a chat you will be welcome. For further information please contact Fr Matthew or any member of the Bereavement Support Group or email us at beareavementsupport@3churches.org

St Isan is unable to host the Prayer Link on Saturday 6 September at 10am as the parish church will be in use on that morning. Apologies for this cancellation.

9.30 mass at Christ the King on Tuesday 2 September will be offered for the deceased members of the 3 churches. We will remember in particular those from our community who died in June.

Send your newsletter items to: luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk and if you would like to be included on the mailing list to receive an eversion of this newsletter, please contact the same address.

# **3 Churches**

## Advance Notice Llantarnam weekend

This year's relaxing weekend will be from Friday 17- Sunday 19 October and it will be led by Fr Frank Thompson, M.H.M. Those wishing to attend should advise **Norbert Flynn (2075 7387 or 07971 972058)** 

Maximum number is 16

## Blankets for Romania

Calling all knitters! We're continuing with the 'B*lankets from Knitted Squares'* project this year, donating them to the local Romania Appeal. If you'd like to participate, details are available in the porch.

### <u>Lavish</u>

The next Lavish Cardiff event will take place at 7.30pm on Saturday 27 September at St Denys Church, Lisvane, CF14 0SJ. The speaker is Jo Coe, who will tell us about the God who heals today. Jo, a Christian counselor, is from Swansea and was sent to a mental institution as a young woman. Jo experienced a dramatic healing, and she has a powerful story to share with us.

More about LAVISH can be found at <u>http://lavishcardiff.wordpress.com/</u>about/

# **Christ the King**

### Altar Linen September: R Flynn

### RIP

Please remember in your prayers Neil Marriot, son-in-law of Dilys Scanlon who has died recently in the Wirral.

### "50 Club" Winners

August 2014 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £30 Anne Dean (128) 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £20 Maureen Greening (65) 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £10 David Evans (96)

### Mass Changes

Please note that there will be changes to the weekday Masses during the coming weeks. There will be no morning Mass on Mondays or Fridays. Please read your newsletter carefully.

## <u>CAFOD - A JUST AND LASTING</u> <u>PEACE IN GAZA</u>

The petition has been organised to be sent to Phillip Hammond, foreign secretary regarding the situation in Gaza. A copy of this is on the table at the back of the church and you are asked to sign the petition sheet, which accompanies it as soon as possible. We will return these signatures to CAFOD. Many thanks.

## Poems and a Glass takes place in the parish centre this Sunday, 31 August at 7pm. All welcome.

### Children's Liturgy 30 year Celebration

Please could anyone wanting to join the celebration lunch for the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Children's Liturgy sign the list at the back of the church so caterers know how many to cater for.

# JUNIOR CLUB

The Junior Club returns from its summer break on Friday 12 September, in the parish centre, 6.30pm – 7.45pm. All in years 3 – 6 are very welcome. For further details contact Marie O'Brien 2075 3771.

# Social @ CHRIST the KING Malvern RHS Show

We have been requested by a parishioner to consider running a trip to the Malvern RHS Autumn Show at Malvern Showground. If we proceed we will go on Saturday 27 September. The cost is likely to be around £25 including coach and entrance ticket. Children 12 and under about £15 (all of the prices will be confirmed prior to firm bookings)

Before we can make a firm coach booking (and the financial commitment) we need a definite indication of numbers by Sunday 7 September and a deposit of £10 per person very shortly afterwards. So if this is something which digs your garden then please add your names (and those of friends/ neighbours) to the list at the back of church as soon as possible Queries to: Desmond Woods (2076 3095) <u>desmondwoods@talktalk.net</u> Cash to: Peter Charles (2065 1046) <u>peter.charles7@ntlworld.com</u>

# St Brigid's & St Pauls

# Liturgy Group

St Brigid and St Paul's Liturgy Group will meet on Wednesday 3 September at 7.30pm in St Brigid's hall. Everyone is welcome, if someone is unable to attend but has a matter they would like discussed, please telephone 2062 6829.

# Parish Advisory Council Meeting

The next PAC meeting will be on Monday 1 September. If any parishioner has an item they would like discussed at the meeting please contact Stephen Jones (Chair) or any member of the PAC.

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		Sunday August 31 <sup>st</sup> 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	3 Churches
	St Paul's	Gerald Lynch	Parish Council Chairs Sts Brigid & Paul
6.30pm	C the K	Pat Worthington (Catenian Ladies)	Stephen Jones 07970 826283
Sun. 8.30am	C the K	Betty & Bernard Murphy (Friends)	stephen.jones
		22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	@westernretail.co.uk
	St Paul's	School children of the Parish	Christ the King Chris Stevens
10.30am	St Brigid's	People of the Parish	2074 7730 chris.stevens01
10.30am	C the K	Private Intention	@btopenworld.com
6pm	St Brigid's	Ann Ockleston	Christ the King
7.30pm	St Brigid's	Sunday Praise	Primary School Acting Headteacher
Mon. 9.30am	St Brigid's	Len Perry	Mrs R Woodward 2075 4787
Tues. 9.30am	C the K	Deceased members of the 3 Churches	Corpus Christi
Wed. 9.30am	St Paul's	Holy Father's Ints St Gregory the Great	High School Acting Headteacher
7.30pm	C the K	Tony Hutchings (M & T Moore)	Mrs A Thomas 2076 1893
Thurs. 9.30am	C the K	All souls in Purgatory especially deceased members of FOSS (M & T Pinnell)	St David's College Principal
7.30pm	St Brigid's	Pvt. Intention (Jossy)	Mark Leighfield 2049 8555
Fri. 9.30am	St Paul's	Noel's Intention (Birthday)	Safeguarding
Sat. 9.30am	St Brigid's	Colm Murray	Representatives Sts Brigid & Paul
		Sunday September 7 <sup>th</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Angela Ciriello 2048 6893
6pm	St Paul's	Len Perry	angelaciriello
6.30pm	C the K	Intentions of Ann Culbertson (H & M Tracey)	@hotmail.com Christ the King
Sun. 8.30am	C the K	Gordon Robinson (P Robinson)	Heulwen Egerton
9am	St Paul's	People of the Parish	2068 9416 heulwen21@hotmail.co.uk
10.30am	St Brigid's	Claire Hawes	Eucharistic Adoration
10.30am	C the K	Henry & Kathleen Murphy	Euclidinstic Additation
6pm	St Brigid's	Harrington Intentions	Christ the King Tuesday 10am-1pm
	St Brigid's	Sunday Praise	<i>St. Paul's</i> Wednesday 10am-3pm <i>St. Brigid's</i> 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

Please send items to luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk by Wednesday afternoon at the latest!	Last Week's CollectionSts. Brigid & PaulGift Aid£ 482.40	
<u>PRAYERS</u> 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,	Non Gift Aid £ 451.59   Total £ 933.99   S/O month av. £ 807.50	
Agnes Davies, Jennifer Ellis, Emily, Anna Forrest, Jane Goldsworthy, Maria Hill, Caitriona Lovell, Joseph (Benny) Lynch, Dean Maguire, Katrina Meades, 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.	Christ the King   Gift Aid £ 546.50   Non Gift Aid £ 328.58   S/O weekly av. £ 403.21   Total £ 1278.29	

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