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GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES

Guests at a Baptism are often surprised to be asked to turn around and face the back of the church at the beginning of the liturgy. We then explain that we are standing at the door of the church building, reminding us that Baptism is the door into the *real* Church – the People of God. Buildings come and go, but the real Church goes on, whether with buildings or not. However, as soon as Christianity became legal in the Roman Empire, and wherever it has taken root in our world, God's people have wanted a place to gather together for the Mass, a place to come for prayer and peace, a home for the Blessed Sacrament.

And so it is that this year we celebrate 50 years of St Brigid's Church – the building. Born of the expansion of our city in the decades after the war, and taking over from the smaller and simpler previous church, we have journeyed onwards in the beautiful Church bequeathed to us.

Anniversary Mass

We remember the years and the people today at 10.30 Mass, the anniversary of the first Mass in the church. **Jubilee Lunch**

We gather at the New House, where we celebrate our shared birthday!

Church display

In the Lady Chapel to the left of the altar you will find various liturgical items from the beginning of the parish. Why not take a look?

Parish booklets

Available from today are two booklets kindly prepared for us by parishioner David Mclees. The **story of the building of our church** provides a fascinating insight into the life and working of the parish and diocese 50 years ago. See the discarded proposals, and spot people from those days. The second booklet captures in words the amazing story of our patron **Saint Brigid of Kildare**. How much do you know about her? Not much, maybe. Enquire within...

Children's competition

We are running a competition for our younger parishioners between this weekend and the anniversary of the Blessing of the Church on 1st December. Come on and show the gifts of the young people of our own time! Pick up a folder from the back of our churches.

Lastly, many, many thanks to all of you who work in the present and for the future of all 3 of our Churches. May God bless and reward you all!

Fr Matthew



Response to Psalm **The Lord is close to all who call him.** Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!**



1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 6-9 2nd Reading: St Paul to Philippians 1: 20-24. 27 Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16

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Father's News

R.I.P.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Keith Warner and Alex Meldrum (father of Cath Riordan) of Christ the King, and Tom Moran and Audrey Mary Tew, of St Brigid's, who have died recently. We pray also for Paul Johnson, brother of Mark Johnson of Christ the King. Keith Warner's Requiem is this Wednesday at Christ the King, while that of Mary Tew will follow at St Brigid's next week. Eternal rest grant to them, and

Eternal rest grant to them, and peace to their families, relations and friends.

SUNDAY PRAISE

Our Sunday evening gathering for praise and worship, teaching and sharing, continues each week at 7.30pm.

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day Friday 3rd October Contribution envelopes will be

distributed at all Masses on September 27th and 28th. They will be collected on October 4th and 5th as a retiring collection. Those who are UK taxpayers are kindly asked to fill in the Gift Aid slips. Please be generous with your response.

QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT

St Brigid's & St Paul's will be holding a Quiz & Curry Night on Saturday 4 October in St Brigid's Hall. The proceeds will be for Fr Tomy's Order's Noon Meals' project in Kerala and Bangalore, India. Tickets (£7.50) are now available after Mass or please telephone 2076 6318. 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>Churches Together Events</u> <u>Llanishen Remembers</u>

Come and join us for a special day of remembrance and information on Llanishen and its men at a time of

> war. St Isan Church Saturday 27 September 11am – 4pm Admission Free Refreshments available. See poster for more info.

One World Week

The Cardiff/ Llanishen and District Churches Together **One World Week Service** 2014 will be held at Christ the King Catholic Church, Llanishen on Sunday 26 October at 6pm followed by refreshments in the Church Hall. All welcome. The theme this year is "Living Differently: Breaking Chains! Making Change!"

(www.oneworldweek.org).

For One World Week the Churches Together Social Concern Group has organised a **Bring, Share and Meet Lunch** on Saturday 18 October 12.30-2.30 in Christ the King Church Hall. We have invited the L'Arche Community from Brecon and this will be an opportunity to find out more about their community, L'Arche and Faith & Light. All welcome! (<u>www.larche.org.uk</u>) For more information please ring Gabriela Todd 07803 770962 or

e-mail gabriela.todd@yahoo.co.uk

Huggard Centre for the Homeless (CASH) will be holding a Tea Party to raise funds for the Centre on Wednesday 8 October at 2.30pm in the Lisvane Memorial Hall, Heol-y-Delyn, Lisvane. Hayley Byfield, a blues and jazz singer, will be providing some musical entertainment during the afternoon. Tickets are £8 and are available from Celia Bailey on 2075 2413. Please come along & support the event.

Macmillan Coffee Morning from 10 -12 on Tuesday 30 September at Christ the King Parish Centre. Macmillan provides crucial support at what can be a very difficult and challenging time. Please join us for tea/coffee and cake- and of course a chat and good fellowship. Come for the whole event or part of the event. If you are able to donate a cake it would be much appreciated. Bring in on the day.

Concert for Lesotho

The Tredegar Orpheus Male Voice Choir with local soloists led by Max Davies Saturday 18 October at 7pm in St Brigid's Church in support of local charity Seeds for the Future (Lesotho) Tickets £8 adult and £4 children Available after all masses on 4th/5th and 12/13 October. To reserve tickets or for information contact Elizabeth Taylor (2075 1401) taylelz65@gmail.com Donations of raffle prizes welcome

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"Unless we recognise that each individual is irrepeatable and valuable by virtue of simply being conceived human, we cannot begin to talk about human rights. This includes the right to be born, as all of us have enjoyed. True justice should be for each human being, visible and invisible, young and old, disabled and able, to enjoy fully their right to life. The accidental attributes that we acquire such as colour, sex intelligence, economic circumstances, physical or mental disability should not be used as an excuse to deprive a person of life." ~ Dr Margaret Ogola, from her speech 'On the dignity of African Women'. Dr Margaret Ogola, the Kenyan pro-life humanitarian died on Thursday 22nd September 2011. Info: Vice-Chairman SPUC South Wales, 02920 512397 michael.thomas17@btinternet.com

The next C.W.L. monthly meeting will be on Monday 22 September at 2pm at St. Paul's. We will be discussing the questionnaires that were filled in recently and also 'The Way Forward' for the League.

Llanishen Methodist Church, Melbourne Road, Cardiff CF14 5NH Bring a Friend to Church on Tuesday "GIFT OF GRACE" Dr Grace Kerry will talk about her ongoing work to provide education for children in Nigeria Grace needs our support and prayers – Come and hear HOW and WHY Tuesday 23 September 7.30pm Llanishen Methodist Church Hall

Other events

Catholic Medical Association present Catholic Healthcare Professionals Meet & Greet Cheese & Wine Evening Catholic Chaplaincy, 62, Park Place Wednesday 8 October 7.30pm

cardiffcmabranch@gmail.com

Christ the King

Altar Linen September: R Flynn

Mass Changes

Please note there is no evening Mass here on Wednesday as the requiem for Keith Warner will be taking place at 1.30pm on that day. Please keep Anne and all Keith's family in your prayers.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration in Christ the King will re-commence on Tuesday 23 September after 9.30am Mass until 1pm

SACRISTAN(S)

After many years Pat and Dennis Donovan are giving up their ministry as sacristans at Christ the King. We are incredibly indebted to them for this largely hidden service to the Lord and his Church. They will leave a great gap – could *you* help to fill it? This could be one or two dedicated people or perhaps a team, as in St Paul's. Is the Lord calling you?

Baby & Toddler Group

Christ the King Baby & Toddler group is back running every Wednesday term time 10.00 -11.30. New comers are always welcome. For further information please contact Becky Stephens (07811 184952) or Sally Donovan (07813 673002)

Tea & Coffee Sunday 28 September

We are sorry there will be no tea or coffee after next Sunday's 8.30am or 10.30am Masses as the caterers will be using the hall from 8am for the celebration meal taking place after the 10.30am Mass.

Junior Club Help

If anyone would like to volunteer to be a junior helper (once a month on a rota basis), please contact Marie O'Brien (2075 3771) No special skills required, just patience and a good sense of humour.

Junior Club Twitter

The junior club is on twitter– follow us @ctkjuniorclub

St Brigid's & St Pauls

MONDAY MORNING PRAYER

Following a gathering last Monday regarding Morning Prayer of the Church, it was decided to pray this part of the Divine Office on Monday morning before Mass at St Brigid, starting at 9.10am. This first week, however, we will start at 9.00am in order to further clarify how we proceed. All are welcome.

Gift Aid Envelopes

The new Gift Aid envelopes (green boxes) will be available at the back of both St Brigid's and St Paul's this weekend. Thereafter they will be available only at St Brigid's. Please would those taking part in the Gift Aid scheme collect their boxes as soon as possible. Anyone interested in joining this scheme, which is such a vital source of Parish Income, can ring Denis on 2076 1268 for further information.

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		Sunday September 21st 25th Sunday in Ordi	nary Time	3 Churches
6pm	St Paul's	Ints Madeleine & Hugh McMar	Parish Council Chairs Sts Brigid & Paul	
6.30pm	C the K	Colin Warshop (J Hall)		Stephen Jones
Sun. 8.30am	C the K	Pat Worthington (Gill, Lynda 8 25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	& Val)	07970 826283 stephen.jones @westernretail.co.uk
9am	St Paul's	People of the Parish		Christ the King
10.30am	St Brigid's	50 th Anniversary Thanksgiving	9	Chris Stevens 2074 7730
10.30am	C the K	All Parishioners		chris.stevens01 @btopenworld.com
6pm	St Brigid's	Len Perry		Christ the King
7.30pm	St Brigid's	Sunday Praise		Primary School Acting Headteacher
Mon. 9.30am	St Brigid's	Mathew Jones		Mrs R Woodward 2075 4787
9.30am	C the K	Sick and housebound of the p	arish	Corpus Christi
Tues. 9.30am	St Brigid's	Tom Moran	St (Padre) Pio	High School Acting Headteacher
9.30am	C the K	Kathleen Brown (B Brown)		Mrs A Thomas 2076 1893
Wed. 9.30am	St Paul's	Ints Hugh & Madeleine McMar	າus (Stone)	St David's College
1.30pm	C the K	Requiem: Keith Warner		Principal Mark Leighfield
Thurs. 9.30am	C the K	Mary Josephine McAuley (E Ll	oyd)	2049 8555
7.30pm	St Brigid's	Len Perry		Safeguarding Representatives
Fri. 9.30am	St Paul's	Holy Souls	Sts Cosmas & Damian	Sts Brigid & Paul
9.30am	C the K	Tom Rees (A Rees)		Angela Ciriello 2048 6893
Sat. 9.30am	St Brigid's	Ints SVP	St Vincent de Paul	angelaciriello @hotmail.com
		Sunday September 28th 26th Sunday in Ordi	nary Time	Christ the King
6pm	St Paul's	John & Norma Pathy		Heulwen Egerton 2068 9416
6.30pm	C the K	Christine Smith (B Theeswara	n)	heulwen21@hotmail.co.uk
Sun. 8.30am	C the K	Tony Hutchings (L Barry)	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Eucharistic Adoration
9am	St Paul's	Walter Connies-Laing		Christ the King
10.30am	St Brigid's	Bill Campbell		Tuesday 10am-1pm St. Paul's
10.30am	C the K	Celebration of 30 years of Chi	ldren's Liturgy	Wednesday 10am-3pm
6pm	St Brigid's	People of the Parish		St. Brigid's Thursday 8-9pm
7.30pm	St Brigid's	Sunday Praise		Cooremant of
				Sacrament of <u>Reconciliation</u> St Brigid's Saturday 10-10.30 St Paul's

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Please send items to luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk by Wednesday afternoon at the latest!	Last Week's Collection Sts. Brigid & Paul Gift Aid £ 750.30
<u>PRAYERS</u> Please remember the following in your prayers, who are unwell at this time: Keith Allen, Mary Amugan, Brian Bermingham, Maureen Carroll, Sian Clark, Mary Clarke, Win	Non Gift Aid £ 541.82 Total £ 1292.12 S/O month av. £ 807.50
Collins, Terry Culbertson, Agnes Davies, Jennifer Ellis, Emily, Anna Forrest, Jane Goldsworthy, Maria Hill, Julia Kent, 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 £ 464.30 Non Gift Aid £ 390.50 S/O weekly av. £ 403.21 Total £ 1258.01

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