

3 Churches News

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POPE FRANCIS CLOSES THE SYNOD

Commentators have praised Pope Francis's closing comments at the recent Synod. Here are some extracts, starting with some "temptations"....

"One, a temptation to hostile inflexibility or rigidity, that is, wanting to close oneself - within the written word, (the letter) and not allowing oneself to be surprised by God, by the God of surprises, (the spirit); within the law, within the certitude of what we know, and not of what we still need to learn and to achieve. From the time of Christ, it is the temptation of the zealous, of the scrupulous, of the solicitous and of the so-called "traditionalists" and also of the intellectuals.

The temptation to a destructive tendency to "goodness" that in the name of a deceptive mercy binds the wounds without first curing them and treating them; that treats the symptoms and not the causes and the roots. It is the temptation of the "do-gooders," of the fearful, and also of the so-called "progressives and liberals."

The temptation to come down off the Cross, to please the people, and not stay there, in order to fulfill the will of the Father; to bow down to a worldly spirit instead of purifying it and bending it to the Spirit of God."

Later Pope Francis talked eloquently about the Church:

"This is the Church, the vineyard of the Lord, the fertile Mother and the caring Teacher, who is not afraid to roll up her sleeves to pour oil and wine on people's wound; who doesn't see humanity as a house of glass to judge or categorize people. This is the Church, One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic and composed of sinners, needful of God's mercy. This is the Church, the true bride of Christ, who seeks to be faithful to her spouse and to her doctrine. It is the Church that is not afraid to eat and drink with prostitutes and publicans. The Church that has the doors wide open to receive the needy, the penitent, and not only the just or those who believe they are perfect! The Church that is not ashamed of the fallen brother and pretends not to see him, but on the contrary feels involved and almost obliged to lift him up and to encourage him to take up the journey again and accompany him toward a definitive encounter with her Spouse, in the heavenly Jerusalem.

...We still have one year to mature... the proposed ideas and to find concrete solutions to so many difficulties and innumerable challenges that families must confront; to give answers to the many discouragements that surround and suffocate families."

Fr Matthew



Response to Psalm I love you Lord, my strength.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Open your heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!



1st Reading: Exodus 22: 20-26 **2nd Reading:** St Paul to Thessalonians 1: 5-10 **Gospel:** Matthew 22: 24-40

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Father's News

NOVEMBER

Our **Mass of Memories** on Saturday 1 November 10.00am at St Brigid's leads us into the month of November. The Feast of **All Saints** will be celebrated next Sunday, so **All Souls** moves to Monday 3rd. **Memorial books** will be available in all 3 Churches, and Masses celebrated for those who are named in them.

CHARLES WHITEHEAD AT ST BRIGID'S

Charles Whitehead, a leading figure in Catholic spirituality and teaching, and former Chairman of the International Catholic Charismatic Office in Rome, speaks on **Saturday 8 November**, at a **Day of Renewal** at St Brigid's. After Mass at 9.30am, the day will include two sessions with Charles, speaking on "A Deeper Life in the Spirit", time to share in groups, and a period for prayer and ministry, ending by 4.30pm. Bring a packed lunch – tea and coffee provided. On the Friday evening, he will speak at the monthly **Vigil of Prayer**, that begins with Rosary at 7pm. Fr Matthew will celebrate Mass at 7.45 and then Charles will speak on the Call to Holiness.

JOURNEY OF FAITH

Have you, or someone you know, shown interest in things Catholic? Maybe a family member, neighbor or colleague has "asked questions"? We will soon be starting our annual meetings to help people explore the Faith. If interested please contact Fr Matthew as soon as possible.

50 YEARS OF BLESSING

On Monday 1st December Archbishop George Stack will join us at St Brigid's in celebrating 50 years since his predecessor Archbishop Murphy blessed the new church. **Mass at 7.30pm** will be followed by refreshments in the Hall. All are welcome from the 3 Churches. Invite former parishioners too! The **competition** for younger parishioners is still running – packs at the back of church.

EVANGELIZATION

A steering group is now meeting to further the process started earlier this year. Next meeting Monday 7.30pm at the Presbytery.

A DIFFERENT HALLOWE'EN

Our diocesan Parenting Support and Evangelisation Team invite families to an evening of activities to mark Hallowe'en as a Christian celebration of 'The Light of the World'. This Friday October 31st from 6.30pm at The Cornerstone, Charles Street. Hallowe'en can be transformed from a night associated with darkness into a truly Christian festival once again. A light supper will be available.

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

NOVEMBER: THE MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

Life After Death is the subject of the first of three half-hour talks which take place at the Cornerstone in Charles Street, Cardiff (opposite St. David's Cathedral) on Tuesday 28 October at 12.30pm. The speaker will be Mr Des Robertson who will consider what our Catholic faith teaches us about death, and why we dare to hope that in death,

life is changed, not ended? Refreshments will be served afterwards. This talk will be repeated on Tuesday 25 November at the same time.

Looking ahead to the following week, on Wednesday 5 November, the Cornerstone will be "open to the public" from 11am to 2.30pm as a place of reflection for anyone who feels conscious of bereavement. Drop in at any time during these hours to find a warm welcome.

Refreshments will be available. Information on each of these events will be published in this newsletter or visit www.cardiffcatholic.com

This Sunday 26 October – it's the One World Week Service at Christ the King Church 6pm. This year's service looks at the theme of **Living Differently**, and will include a talk about climate change from Christian Aid's Steven Worneham.

Thank you to everyone who supported the concert at St Brigid's on 18 October in aid of Seeds for the Future (Lesotho). The event raised £950.

Church Kneelers

Christ the King has a pair of church kneelers (previously used for weddings etc) that are surplus to requirements as we now have new ones. They are free to anyone who would like them. Please phone the parish office if you are interested.

The next 3 Churches Baptism preparation course will take place on Tuesdays 4 & 11 November at 7pm in St Brigid's Presbytery (please note both sessions must be attended). If you would like to attend the course please contact Cath (c.wieser@btinternet.com)

Paradise Run

As it's getting colder and darker some extra food that can be warmed up would be much appreciated! If you're making a pizza, quiche, pie or anything tasty that can be taken warm to the homeless, please contact 2076 5077 and let us know. Please bring it to the church porch labelled or we can pick it up. Next date of the Run is 2 November. Thank you very much.

CWL

The next Catholic Women's League meeting will take place on Monday, 27 October at 2pm. at St. Paul's. We will be discussing The Way Forward for the League. After the meeting, we will be assembling shoe boxes (size 8) for the elderly in Eastern European countries. Leaflets about this are available at the back of the church. Any one who is interested in donating items listed on the leaflets or who would like to make up their own boxes, please contact a member of C.W.L.

Christian Aid Office Volunteer Needed

We have a volunteering opportunity at the Cardiff office for those with a particular interest in databases – I'm sure they're out there!! In order for us to maximise our efficiency and productivity, and for us to serve our supporters as best we can, we need our database to be as accurate as possible. There is quite a lot of work involved, and it is a project that's likely to last a few months, so more than one volunteer is needed. Volunteers will receive all relevant training and be supported by a member of staff. All volunteering expenses will be paid. For further details please contact Aled Pickard on 2084 4646 or email apickard@christian-aid.org

Christ the King

Altar Linen

October: M Greening
November: M Welsher

The full TRAIDCRAFT stall including a selection of Christmas cards & Quidenham cards will be available in the parish centre this Sunday after 8.30 and 10.30am Mass.

Lost Property Parish Centre

There is a table of items in the porch of the parish centre that have been left unclaimed for several months. If any belong to you please take them. Any unclaimed items will be disposed of by the end of the month. Thank you.

Baptism

This weekend we welcome baby Theo Evans in baptism at 8.30am Mass. Please pray for Theo and his parents and godparents.

Poems and a Glass takes place in the parish centre this Sunday evening, 26 October at 7pm.

LINK

Preparation will be starting soon for our next issue of LINK. This will again be including Christmas greetings. Email any contributions asap to: mark.cherime@talktalk.net or j.v.rendle@talk21.com. Thanks

SACRISTAN(S)

Our appeal for helpers in the behind-the-scenes work of the sacristy moves on. We will be bringing together those who already share some of the work with some new faces. Could **you** be one of them?

GIFT AID - A PAINLESS WAY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CHURCH

Did you know that if you pay income

tax the Church can reclaim 25p for every pound that you contribute to the Church without it costing you anything? Over the last few years this has brought in nearly 10,000 a year for the Church. This has helped to replace the roof and develop the Parish Centre. To gift aid your contributions is simple - you can place the money that you give at the collection into an envelope and place it in the basket or, if you prefer, a standing order payment can be made weekly,

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monthly or annually. If you have not considered gift aiding please take a moment to do so. If you wish to join the scheme or discuss it further please contact John Dean on 2062 5697. Thanks to all our existing contributors. As you can see from the newsletter you are contributing nearly 900 pounds a week bringing in 225 pounds from HMRC every week!

R.I.P.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Giuseppe Amadeo and Maria Alessio, whose funerals take place on Wednesday at Thornhill and Thursday at St Paul's respectively. We offer our condolences and prayers for the deceased and those who are bereaved.

Morning Prayer of the Church is now prayed each Monday at St Brigid's, at 9.10am before morning Mass. All are welcome.

Parish Advisory Council Meeting

The next PAC meeting will be on Monday 3 November. Any parishioner who has an item they would like to be included on the Agenda please see Stephen Jones (Chair) or any member of the PAC.

Sunday October 26th 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6pm	St Paul's	Rob Voisey & Family (Leigh)	
6.30pm	C the K	Harry & Ann Norris (K Liddington)	
Sun. 8.30am	C the K	Helen Owen 90th Birthday in thanksgiving Baptism: Theo Ray Christopher Evans (Hudson Family) 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9am	St Paul's	Beeze Mullen (Horton)	
10.30am	St Brigid's	People of the Parish	
10.30am	C the K	Peter Murphy (family)	
6pm	St Brigid's	Anne & Lynn Jones	
7.30pm	St Brigid's	Sunday Praise	
Mon. 9.30am	St Brigid's	Int. Diane Garfield (Daley)	
9.30am	C the K	Marjorie & Gerard Nolan (M & F Callus)	
Tues. 9.30am	St Brigid's	Julia Daley	Sts Simon & Jude
9.30am	C the K	Tony Welch (G. Welch)	
Wed. 9.30am	St Paul's	Julia Kent (Nelson)	
7.30pm	C the K	Paul Johnson (A Rees)	
Thurs. 9.30am	C the K	Molly & Joseph Foxall (A Forrest)	
12 noon	St Paul's	Requiem: Maria Alessio	
7.30pm	St Brigid's	Len Perry	
Fri. 9.30am	St Paul's	Julia Kent	
9.30am	C the K	Keith Warner (M & F Callus)	
Sat. 10am	St Brigid's	Mass of Memories	

Sunday November 2nd All Saints

6pm	St Paul's	Maria Alessio	
6.30pm	C the K	Dolores Meehan (C Bailey)	
Sun. 8.30am	C the K	Danny, Bill & John Callaghan	All Saints
9am	St Paul's	Julia & Jim Kent (John)	
10.30am	St Brigid's	People of the Parish	
10.30am	C the K	Mr & Mrs Keane (M Gannon)	
6pm	St Brigid's	Holy Souls	
7.30pm	St Brigid's	Sunday Praise	

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Eucharistic Adoration

Christ the King
Tuesday 10am-1pm
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 £ 848.05
Non Gift Aid £ 459.16
Total £ 1307.21
S/O month av. £ 807.50

Christ the King
Gift Aid £ 377.73
Non Gift Aid £ 258.12
S/O weekly av. £ 374.46
Total £ 1010.31

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, Brian Bermingham, Maureen Carroll, Sian Clark, Mary Clarke, Win Collins, Terry Culbertson, Agnes Davies, Jennifer Ellis, Emily, Anna Forrest, Jane Goldsworthy, Maria Hill, Caitriona Lovell, Joseph (Benny) Lynch, Dean Maguire, Katrina Meades, Vernon Morgan, Sarah Morris, Niamh Murphy, Maureen O'Driscoll, Kieran Ollin, Alan Paines, Rona Perry, Valentino Rascon, John Reardon, Cath Rees, Claire Richards, Pat Roberts, Adela Rogers, Peter Scott, Dewi Thomas, Emma Warlow, Dorothy Warren & Pat Watkins.