

3 Churches News

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DOING ADVENT

Celebrate Why not try to join in the celebration of an extra weekday Mass?

Reconcile Confession is available at the **normal times** on Saturday (10am at St Brigid's, 5.30 at St Paul's, 5.45 at Christ the King). We are once again part of the diocesan "**The Light is On**" project, so there will also be a priest at St Brigid's and Christ the King on Wednesday 3rd and 17th at 7.00-7.30pm, and also at most other Catholic churches. On Wednesday 10th December "The Light Is On" will take the form of our 3 Churches Advent

Penitential Service 7.00pm at Christ the King.

Call in St Paul's and St Brigid's are open most of daylight. Christ the King now open Fridays 6.30-7pm during Junior Youth Club

Read Take a "**Walk with me**" booklet to follow during the season. Available in all 3 Churches.

Log on Follow "**Made for Glory**" – a thought on video for each day of Advent made by young people, including some from our diocese www.youtube.com/user/madeforgloryuk Every day visit "**Sacred Space**" an online daily prayer throughout the year at www.sacredspace.ie

Reflect We will use this prayer after Communion this Sunday; use it through the week too!

Lord Jesus,

Open our hearts and minds to the truth, that You will return when we least expect it. And, as we begin our Advent journey, Help us to accept Your challenge

- to stay awake
- to be alert
- and to be prepared for the unexpected as we wait for Your coming.

Move us to respond to Your plan

- for us
- and for the world in the small acts of our everyday lives.

Arouse in us a desire to notice opportunities to be generous

and to be compassionate

towards those we know and those we do not know.

And give us the confidence to joyfully share the message of Your love with others.



Fr Matthew



Response to Psalm **God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord,**

Your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!



1st Reading: Isaiah 63: 16-17. 64: 1.3-8 **2nd Reading:** First Letter Corinthians 1: 3-9 **Gospel:** Mark 13: 33-37

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Father's News

50 YEARS OF BLESSING

This Monday 1st December we welcome Archbishop Stack to St Brigid's to concelebrate Mass with us at 7.30pm to celebrate 50 years of our church building. Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Hall. All are welcome from the 3 Churches. Invite former parishioners too!

New! This Sunday our second anniversary publication – “**The Life of St Brigid**” by parishioner David Mclees, to whom we are very grateful

CHRISTMAS AT 3 CHURCHES

Carol Service Monday 22 December 7pm at Christ the King. Bring your friends!

Christmas Eve Mass at 6.00pm at **all 3 Churches**. Mass at 10.00pm at St Brigid and Christ the King.

Christmas Day Mass 9.00am at St Paul's, 10.00am at Christ the King, and 10.30 at St Brigid's.

SUNDAY PRAISE

All are welcome to gather for praise and worship, teaching and sharing, each Sunday 7.30pm at St Brigid's.

CALLING ALL CATECHISTS

A special evening is planned for Monday 12 January for all those involved in preparing parishioners for the Sacraments – Baptism, RCIA, First Reconciliation and Communion, and Confirmation. At the start of a new year we aim to deepen our own faith and the sharing of it with others, enabling us to plan for the future. Please put this note in your diary. Details to follow.

Confirmation

Confirmation has been booked for the 4 & 5 June for Christ the King and St Brigid's respectively. We shall be taking names in the New Year. Should you have any queries please contact Charlotte Mathews on 07800 647515

charlotte.mathews@hotmail.co.uk

Carols at the Ty Mawr

Tickets are now available for 'Carols at The Ty Mawr' on **Friday 12**

December. All proceeds in aid of Seeds for the Future. Tickets can be obtained from Celia Bailey, Anne Dean and Brigid Brown. Please try to support this event, which contributes to the education of children in child-led families.

Collection

United for Justice & Peace St Brigid's, St Paul's and Christ the King: Collection of men's hats, scarves, gloves, coats and trainers, this weekend (29/30 November) Please place items in box at back of 3 churches. Further information from Celia Bailey 2075 2413

Prayer Link

The final Churches Together Prayer Link for this year will be held at Christ Church, Lake Rd North, on Saturday 6 December, 10-11am. All are welcome.

Late Night Shopping Evening

This one-off event will take place at Fair Do's on Tuesday 2 December 5pm-8pm. Fairtrade refreshments provided & a warm Christmas atmosphere guaranteed! In conjunction with this event, Chapter Arts Centre will be offering a fairtrade treat in their café. Fair Do's, 10 Llandaff Rd, Canton, CF11 9NJ (029) 2022 2066 www.fairdos.com

Christmas Music Concert

Streetplus Community Choir is giving a short concert of Christmas Music at Llanishen Methodist Church on Tuesday 2 December at 7.30pm. There is also music for two lutes and organ. A retiring collection will be made for Llanishen Good Neighbours.

Walk with Me booklets for Advent are available at the back of the church priced £1 each.

CWL Christmas Dinner

The C.W.L. annual Christmas dinner will be on Tuesday 9 December at Cardiff Golf Club, 7 for 7.30pm. Cost for three courses plus tea/coffee with mints is £22. Any ladies who are interested in coming please contact Barbara Cole (2048 2334) or Chris John (2054 1524) *The ladies of the C.W.L. will be holding their usual monthly coffee morning this Friday 3 December after the 09.30 mass at St. Paul's. Proceeds will be for Bobath Cymru.*

St David's Sixth Form College Community Mass and Christmas Party

Thursday 18 December 12pm - 3pm for the Senior Citizens of our parishes and local area. Buffet tea party with festive trimmings and Entertainment including the St David's College Choir, music, comedy and much more. Please contact Clare Kelly on 2043 1857 or email ckelly@st-davids-coll.ac.uk Alternatively, leave your name on the list at the back of the church.

The Sisters at Nazareth House are holding a traditional Carol Service on Sunday 7 Dec in the chapel at 2.30pm. The music is being provided by Cathays Brass. All are invited.

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Christmas Film Night

2 Short Films:

A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS IN WALES
&

THE CHRISTMAS CHOIR

St Brigid's Hall

Saturday 13 December

7.15pm (Doors open 6.45pm)

Tickets £5

(to include Cawl supper)

now available after Mass or

2076 6318

Irish Bingo, Raffle and Bar

All proceeds for

Huggard's Christmas Appeal

9.30 mass at Christ the King on

Tuesday 2 December will be

offered for the deceased members of the 3 Churches and in particular those who died in September

Time to Chat

On Saturday 6 December the 3 Churches Bereavement Support Group is holding a drop-in session at St Brigid's Church Hall from 10.15am. 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 bereavementsupport@3churches.org

Promise of Christmas Concerts

with the St David's Praise Choir and Orchestra on Saturday 6 December at 3pm and 7.30pm. An opportunity for all the family to join in musical celebration of the Advent and Christmas season. Tickets £13 & £11 from the St David's Hall box office (2087 8444).

Christ the King

Altar Linen

December: V Graham

Weekday masses at Christ the

King - can you help? The team which serves weekday masses is getting older (average age somewhere around 75). A new rota starts in January & new, preferably younger, members are needed. If you think you might be able to help please contact Fr Matthew or Elizabeth Taylor (2075 1401) for further information.

Open Church

This Advent there will be an opportunity to take time out from the Christmas rush and find a moment of peace. Christ the King Church will be leaving its doors open each Friday in Advent between 6.30pm and 7pm.

LINK

Stapling the LINK will take place on Friday 5 December after morning Mass.

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

The Christmas Eve Vigil Mass will be a Family Mass. If any child or young person would like to take part, please leave your name and contact number on the list at the back of the church or contact Marie O'Brien (2075 3771) email marie.peter@btinternet.com

Christmas Cards for Prisoners of Conscience

Christmas cards for prisoners of conscience will be available next weekend.

Poems & A Glass

Poems and a glass will take place in the parish centre this Sunday 30 November at 7pm. All welcome.

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?

UCM Christmas Raffle

Tickets for the raffle will be on sale this weekend and 6/7 December. Price £1. Charities this year are 'Heath Hospital Lourdes Group' and 'Life for African Mothers'. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

St Brigid's & St Pauls

Help needed to make the tea after 10.30am mass at St Brigid's. Your turn will come around once every 5 weeks. Please contact Mary Cosslett 2076 6192 or e-mail paul.cosslett@btinternet.com.

MONDAY MORNING PRAYER

Morning Prayer is said each Monday at St Brigid's, at 9.10am before Mass. All are welcome.

SERVICE AT ST PAUL'S

To keep a church going a variety of responsibilities need to be carried out. At present St Paul's needs people to help with a) the flowers to decorate the Church b) cleaners to keep it looking at its best and c) sacristans to join the team of those who prepare for our services and look after everything that is used. If you could help, let Fr Matthew or one of the helpers know, or pop into the sacristy after Mass to find out more.

Sunday November 30th 1st Sunday of Advent

6pm	St Paul's	Julia Kent (Cole)	
6.30pm	C the K	Bea & Michael Hanley (M Murphy)	
Sun. 8.30am	C the K	Jean & George Richardson (M & L Halloran)	
		1 st Sunday of Advent	
9am	St Paul's	People of the Parish	
10.30am	St Brigid's	Pauline & Terence Coakley	
10.30am	C the K	Michael Driscoll (D Driscoll)	
6pm	St Brigid's	Elwyn Helyar	
7.30pm	St Brigid's	Sunday Praise	
Mon. 9.30am	C the K	Intention of Rebecca Griffiths (B Theeswaran)	
7.30pm	St Brigid's	Anniversary Mass (Margaret Whittle)	
Tues. 9.30am	St Brigid's	Frances Leonie Whittle	
9.30am	C the K	Deceased members of the 3 Churches	
Wed. 9.30am	St Paul's	Mollie Morgan	St Francis Xavier
7.30pm	C the K	Deceased members of Bryan & O'Shea Families (D & M Bryon)	
Thurs. 9.30am	C the K	Intention of Adela Rogers & Family (L Barry)	
		St John Damascene	
7.30pm	St Brigid's	Ben Morris (Pat)	
Fri. 9.30am	St Paul's	Maria Alessio (Cole)	
9.30am	C the K	All souls in purgatory especially deceased members of FOSS (M & T Pinnell)	
Sat. 9.30am	St Brigid's	Alfred & Eileen Williams (Jones)	St Nicholas

Sunday December 7th 2nd Sunday of Advent

6pm	St Paul's	Len Perry	
6.30pm	C the K	Intention of Hilary & Mike Tracey (A Culbertson)	
Sun. 8.30am	C the K	Pat Worthington (J Worthington)	2 nd Sunday of Advent
9am	St Paul's	Int Mena Sharkey (Black)	
10.30am	St Brigid's	Daw Family Int	
10.30am	C the K	Private Intention (F)	
6pm	St Brigid's	Elwyn Helyar	
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 £ 727.10
Non Gift Aid £ 559.40
Total £ 1286.50
S/O month av. £ 807.50

Christ the King
Gift Aid £ 366.05
Non Gift Aid £ 493.28
S/O weekly av. £ 361.20
Total £ 1220.53

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, Terry Culbertson, Agnes Davies, Emily, Anna Forrest, Jane Goldsworthy, Maria Hill, Caitriona Lovell, Joseph (Benny) Lynch, Dean Maguire, Charles McDevitt, Katrina Meades, Vernon Morgan, Sarah Morris, Maureen O'Driscoll, Kieran Ollin, Alan Paines, Rona Perry, Valentino Rascon, John Reardon, Rhian Reardon, Cath Rees, Claire Richards, Pat Roberts, Adela Rogers, Peter Scott, Dewi Thomas, Emma Warlow, Dorothy Warren & Pat Watkins.