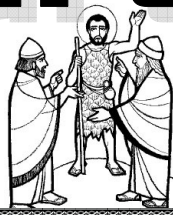


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GIVE SOME JOY

John the Baptist is presented by Jesus as one of the greatest persons ever born. Yet he missed the privilege being born into the age of Christ, a privilege that has been made available to us. We could do well to emulate John in preparing ourselves for Jesus to become really part of our lives.

John was strong. He was a man of integrity. He was not one of the rich and famous. He was no pop star – all sound and no substance. He would never have made a glamorous icon for *Hello* magazine. Yet many people went out to hear him, to be challenged by him, to have their lives radically changed by his words.

Actually, our Christian vocation is similar to his. We are called to prepare the way for Jesus to come into our own hearts but also to prepare other people's hearts so that they, too, may "experience the joy of salvation", that healing, wholeness and holiness we all long for and which alone gives real meaning to our lives. Christmas is a time of gifts – both giving and receiving. Let us make sure that among the gifts we offer to others is some of the Christian joy which we ourselves have received.

From the reflection for today at "Sacred Space" livingospace.sacredspace.ie

Reflect A prayer for today and for the week:

Lord Jesus,
you are Light for the World,
a lamp to our feet,
our guide, guard and protector in dark places.
During this time of patient waiting and joyful expectation
help us to open our hearts to welcome you;
be with us as we seek to show your infinite love
to all we meet;
and create in us a desire
to bring the light of your love
to those whose lives are filled with darkness,
sadness and loneliness.
Amen



Response to Psalm **My soul rejoices in my God.**
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me.**
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!



1st Reading: Isaiah 6: 1-2. 10-11 2nd Reading: First letter Thessalonians 5: 16-24 Gospel: John 1: 6-8. 19-28

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Father's News

ADVENT AT 3 CHURCHES

Celebrate Come to Mass during the week...

Reconcile In addition to normal times for Confession "The Light is On" during Wednesdays in Advent. This Wednesday Confessions at St Brigid and Christ the King 7.00-7.30pm.

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 Read your "Walk with me" booklet.

Log on to "Made for Glory" daily Advent videos at

[www.youtube.com/user/](http://www.youtube.com/user/madeforgloryuk)

[madeforgloryuk](http://www.youtube.com/user/madeforgloryuk) or "Sacred Space"

at www.sacredspace.ie

CHRISTMAS AT 3 CHURCHES

Carol Service Monday 22 December 7pm at St Brigid's. Mince pies to follow - bring your friends!

Christmas Eve Mass at 6pm at all 3 Churches. Mass at 10pm at St Brigid and Christ the King.

Christmas Day Mass 9am at St Paul's, 10am at Christ the King, and 10.30 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.

KRAKOW 2016

The next **World Youth Day** is at Krakow, Poland in 2016. We all saw the amazing sights from Rio de Janeiro last year. Our diocese is determined to send a good number of young people to Krakow.

Information can be found on the diocese's WYD website - www.Cardiff2Krakow.org - where you can also pick up the registration form. Let's be part of this great event and adventure by sending young people from our 3 Churches. I'm sure too that our parish councils would be prepared to support in any way we can, including financially. So log on, find out and sign up – crack on for Krakow!

SUNDAY PRAISE

Gather for praise and worship, teaching and sharing, each Sunday 7.30pm at St Brigid's. All welcome!

Advance Notice - You cannot be serious. Lent 2015: An exploration of some objections to Christianity

Churches Together in Llanishen and District are planning to organise discussion groups during Lent. The theme is "You cannot be serious": an exploration of some of the problems raised by critics of Christianity and which often trouble Christians as well, including the existence of God, God's involvement in the world and the problem of evil, the Bible, the Church and the Trinity. There will be more details and leaflets with application forms available in churches early in the New Year. Applications will need to be returned by Thursday 22 January.

Eucharistic Adoration

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration during Christmas and New Year weeks. Adoration will recommence W/C 5 January 2015

Rainbow of Hope

Huge thank you to all those who contributed items of warm clothing or, a few weeks back, hot food for the Homeless. Please keep them coming! The next time our Rainbow of Hope Team goes out will be on 28 December. If you would like us to collect hot items, e.g. sausage rolls, pies, pizza etc, please call 2076 5077 or if you need containers returned. Have a wonderful Christmas and a New Year full of blessings. Celia and the Paradise Run Team.

Open Door Club

Everyone is welcome to come along next Thursday 18 December 2-4pm at Christ the King Parish Centre for our Christmas party. Do Come!

Are you celebrating Christmas and the festive season alone this year? If you are looking for some company and would welcome spending sometime with others at this period call Gabriela on 20480 343

Please note: next week will be a double edition of this newsletter to cover the Fourth Sunday of Advent and The Holy Family (20/21 & 27/28 December).

Other events

A Reunion for Lady Mary HS Class of 1976 (and anyone in the 5 years before/after) at St Peter's Rugby Football Club, Minster Road (off Newport Road) on Saturday 27 December 7.30pm. Free entry. To confirm places contact Bernie Mark (07866 847623) or Jackie Hoskins Ryan (07780 220667)

Christ the King

Altar Linen

December: V Graham

Christmas cards for prisoners of conscience

Many thanks for your response last week – all cards were sold and they have been posted. In case you wanted to send one and they were all gone, there will be a few more available this weekend on the table at the back of the church.

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

Petition Book

Letters for parishioners who have agreed to pray especially for those who have asked for prayers in the petition book are available at the back of the church. Please take yours as soon as possible.

CAFOD Ebola Appeal

We raised £1071 at Christ the King for the Ebola campaign. Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Flower Collection

There is a collection for Christmas flowers after all Masses this weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

Poinsettias

As usual we hope to decorate the area surrounding the crib with poinsettias. If you would like to remember a loved one by donating a poinsettia please leave them in the porch before the 24 December

If you are a reader, Eucharistic Minister or welcomer and are able to take part in your ministry at one of our Christmas masses, please add your name to the sign-up sheet which is on the notice-board on the left-hand side of the porch as you leave the church.

Christmas Gifts from Lesotho

Looking for something different? Handmade crafts from Lesotho on sale in the Parish Centre after 8.30 and 10.30 masses this Sunday; and the opportunity to 'buy' a contribution to educating a child as a gift. Proceeds to Seeds for the Future (Lesotho) supporting community development in Ramabanta. Further information from Sian Taylor email missstaylor@gmail.com tel 07850 122189

St Brigid's & St Pauls

There will be a collection for Christmas flowers in St Brigid's and St Paul's after all masses this weekend. Thank you for your support and generosity.

MONDAY MORNING PRAYER

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

Children's Liturgy: Nativity Tableau

Children's Liturgy are thrilled to be organising a children's Nativity Tableau during the Christmas Vigil at St Brigid's, on Wednesday 24 December at 6pm. Rehearsals will be during children's liturgy at the 10.30am Sunday Mass for any children who would like to participate. Final rehearsal will be on 21 December in St Brigid's after Mass. Any children who would like to participate but who cannot make rehearsals please come dressed as shepherds and angels on the night and meet in the church hall at 5.30pm.

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.

PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION 2015

Application forms for the 2015 preparation classes are now available at the back of both of the churches. These should be returned to the Presbytery by **December 19th 2014**.

Children in Year 3 or above are welcome to take part. Further information is available from Philippa Widnall Tel. 2048 1351 or email pipcole@btinternet.com

Sunday December 14th 3rd Sunday of Advent

6pm	St Paul's	Shelagh Powell (Mary)
6.30pm	C the K	Intention of Terry Culbertson (A Culbertson)
Sun. 8.30am	C the K	David Scanlan (D Scanlan) 3 rd Sunday of Advent
9am	St Paul's	People of the Parish
10.30am	St Brigid's	Gordon Cormack
10.30am	C the K	Luis Urtiaga (A Davies)
6pm	St Brigid's	Elwyn Helyar
7.30pm	St Brigid's	Sunday Praise
Mon. 9.30am	C the K	Private Intention (F)
7.30pm	St Brigid's	Ann Ockleston
Tues. 9.30am	St Brigid's	Dennis Daley
9.30am	C the K	Christine Smith (B Theeswaran)
6.30pm	St Brigid's	Carol Service led by children of Christ the King Primary School
Wed. 9.30am	St Paul's	Sr Josephine Brady (Black)
7.30pm	C the K	Peter Austin Fry & Gillian Elizabeth Matthews (G Matthews)
Thurs. 9.30am	C the K	Lidwina Linawati (S Mitchell)
7.30pm	St Brigid's	Len Perry
Fri. 9.30am	St Paul's	Int Claire Hawes (Daley)
9.30am	C the K	All souls in purgatory especially deceased members of FOSS (M & T Pinnell)
Sat. 9.30am	St Brigid's	Holy Souls

Sunday December 21st 4th Sunday of Advent

6pm	St Paul's	Davis & Tim Cole
6.30pm	C the K	Intention of Angela Williams (L Williams)
Sun. 8.30am	C the K	Keith Warner (L Barry) 4 th Sunday of Advent
9am	St Paul's	Len Perry
10.30am	St Brigid's	People of the Parish
10.30am	C the K	Jim Marshall (O'Brien)
6pm	St Brigid's	Mathew Jones (Taylor)
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 £ 736.50
Non Gift Aid £ 546.84
Total £ 1283.34
S/O month av. £ 807.50

Christ the King
Gift Aid £ 512.92
Non Gift Aid £ 404.51
S/O weekly av. £ 357.20
Total £ 1274.63

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 Birmingham, 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.