

3 Churches News

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Epiphany

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EPIPHANY

Christmas is coming to a close. It is tempting to wrap up our sentiments with the decorations – to put away the good feelings of the season. But just when we thought it was over, along comes the Epiphany.

The Epiphany! Three wise men bent their knees in front of a Holy Babe born in a manger!

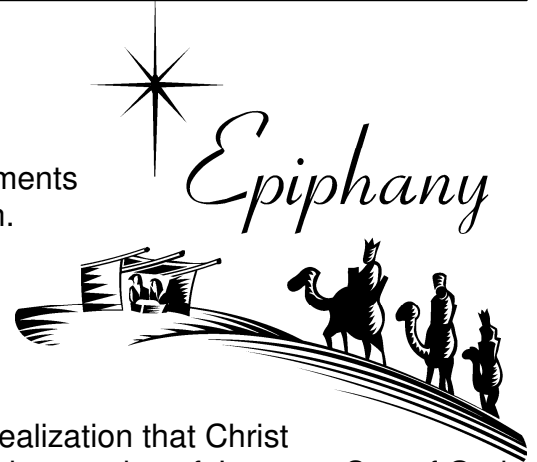
This Sunday, the church celebrates the feast of the epiphany - A realization that Christ is the Son of God! Adoration of the Magi consolidates the event of incarnation of Jesus as Son of God.

The Epiphany originally celebrated four different events: the Baptism of the Lord; Christ's first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana; the Nativity of Christ; and the visitation of the Wise Men. Each of these is a revelation of God to man.

The Epiphany is celebrated by the Kerala Christians of South India under different titles in a very grand manner with lights and fireworks.

We need epiphanies. Let us open our eyes and ears and all the more our hearts to witness and become part of the epiphany. A moment of ignorance and we may miss it badly. We need epiphanies so that there shall be peace; love and courage abound in this New Year.

Wish you all a Happy New Year!



Response to Psalm **All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose
and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!**



1st Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6 **2nd Reading:** Ephesians 3: 2-3. 5-6 **Gospel:** Matthew 2: 6-8. 1-12

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Father's News

A BIG THANKYOU...

...from Fr Matthew & Fr Tomy for your kind Christmas offerings, gifts & best wishes. May the Lord bless you throughout this New Year.

FEASTS

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany and next weekend that of the Baptism of the Lord. Next weekend we also have the opportunity to support SPUC with their White Flower Appeal.

CATECHISTS TOGETHER

All catechists involved in preparation for the Sacraments – Baptism, RCIA, First Reconciliation and Communion, Confirmation – are invited to come together for a 3 Churches special gathering. We will reflect on how we are doing, what we are using and where we are going. We will also reflect on the relevance of Pope Francis' teaching for us. Monday 12 January St Brigid's Hall 7pm.

DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS

The directory is full of information about the Catholic Church throughout Wales and Herefordshire. It includes the times of weekend Masses – handy when travelling! Available now in our churches priced **£2.60**.

KRAKOW 2016

The next **World Youth Day** is at Krakow, Poland in 2016. Our diocese is determined to send a good number of young people to Krakow. Let's be part of this great event by sending young people from our 3 Churches. Information and the registration form are on the diocese's WYD website - www.Cardiff2Krakow.org Log on, find out and sign up!

BBC RECORDING

On Monday 26 January BBC Radio Wales return to St Brigid's to record two services for their Sunday morning "Celebration" programmes, to be broadcast on the First Sunday of Lent and Third Sunday of Easter.



It was agreed with the BBC for the services to be in the style of our Sunday Praise gatherings, but all are invited to join in. Fr Matthew and Fr Gareth Leyshon will lead the services with the participation of many others. The recording begins at 6.30, and details will follow. Why not come along on a Sunday evening beforehand?

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will restart in the 3 Churches as normal w/c 5 January 2015. New Adorers most welcome.

9.30 Mass at Christ the King next Tuesday 6 January will be offered for the deceased members of the 3 churches and in particular those who died last October.

2015 Calendars and Diaries

These are in great demand by prisoners and donations of any spares would be much appreciated by the chaplaincy group which goes into Cardiff prison each week for mass. There is a collection box in each church. Further information from Elizabeth Taylor (2075 1401)

SPUC

The Society for the protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal on 17/18 January. In common with the Catholic church, SPUC defends the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. SPUC also provides trained speakers for schools and offers pro-life support for teachers, parents and medical professionals. Please give generously to this worthy cause

PEACE CANDLE 2015

Peace Sunday is celebrated this year on 18 January. The theme for 2015 is 'Slaves no more but brothers and sisters' 3 Churches parishioners are once again invited to have the Peace Candle at home for two days and spend some time praying for peace. There are so many conflicts all over the world Prayers for Peace are needed more than ever. Please sign the list at the back of each church, choosing 2 days which will suit you.

St Paul's will have the Peace Candle from 18 January- 7 February,
Christ the King 8-28 February,
St Brigid's 1-22 March
For more about Peace Sunday visit www.paxchristi.org.uk



Please remember the deceased members of the 3 churches whose anniversaries occur in January including: Kenneth Leighton Bater, William George Rocket, Eleanor (Betty) Thompson, Regina Mary Vickery, Patricia Rafter, Carlos Palau Garcia, Alun Charles Dukes, Theresa Thomas, Michael Sylvester Mitchell, Martin James Rafter, Luis Maria Urriaga, Angela Mary Jackson, Kathryn (Kate) Haines, Terence (Terry) O'Neill, Mary Veronica Neary, Ken Welsher, Mollie Peterson and Walter Connies-Laing.

**Advance Notice -
You cannot be serious
Lent 2015: An exploration of
some objections to Christianity**
Churches Together in Llanishen and District are again planning to organise discussion groups during Lent.

This year's 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.

Jack and the Beanstalk
presented by St Peter's Players in St Peter's Hall at 7pm, from Wednesday 7 to Saturday 10 January. Tickets £7.50/£4.50 from 07779 088623 or info@stpetersplayers.com

**Week of Prayer for
Christian Unity
18-25 January 2015
*The Well is Deep***

This year's theme comes from the churches of Brazil. Brazilians, have traditionally been tolerant of their various social classes and ethnic groups, are now living through a time of growing intolerance made manifest in high levels of violence, especially against minorities and the vulnerable.

For more information and to download resources visit the website at-
www.ctbi.org.uk



Christ the King

Altar Linen
January: L Davies

"50 Club" Winners
December 2014
1st Prize £50
Gareth Rein
2nd Prize £30
Sheila Drayton
3rd Prize £23
Michael Halloran

50 Club
For the past two years Seeds for the Future and Leaves of Hope have received the benefit from the 50 Club. The PAC now invite nominations for organisations/charities that we can support for the next two years. Previous beneficiaries can re-apply for further support. Please contact Chris Stevens or any member of the PAC

Parish Advisory Council - New members needed

Due to several resignations, the PAC is currently short of 4 members.

We will be holding elections to the PAC in the new year, and would welcome volunteers/nominations for these positions. Please consider taking on one of these roles which are vital to the continuing success of the Parish

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.

SOCIAL @ CHRIST the KING

A Taste o' Burns' Night '15
CTK PARISH CENTRE

Saturday 24 January
7.30pm for 8pm

Admission £ 7.50 ...
bring your own bottles!

Names please on list at rear of Church

or phone Ceri Davies
2073 2664 or 07795 540520

Please note that due to catering considerations total number must be restricted to 50...so book now!

The next sandwich making for the homeless is in the parish centre on Monday 5 January at 1.15pm.

**This newsletter was edited by
Luke Todd (2015)**

Sunday January 4th Epiphany

6pm	St Paul's	Bridget & Bernard Davey	
6.30pm	C the K	Intention of Angela Williams (L Williams)	
Sun. 8.30am	C the K	Rose & Michael Halloran (M & L Halloran)	The Epiphany
9am	St Paul's	Len Perry	
10.30am	St Brigid's	John & Mary Kingston	
10.30am	C the K	Leoni Hanlon (J Gilbard)	
6pm	St Brigid's	People of the Parish	
7.30pm	St Brigid's	Sunday Praise	
Mon. 9.30am	St Brigid's	Special Intention (Jones & Moore)	
9.30am	C the K	Anne Crowley & her mother (M Crowley)	
Tues. 9.30am	C the K	Deceased members of 3 Churches	
12 noon	St Brigid's	Requiem: Joe Pike	
Wed. 9.30am	St Paul's	Doreen & Ron James (Harrison)	St Raymond of Penyafort
7.30pm	C the K	Intentions of Clark Family (C Bailey)	
Thurs. 9.30am	C the K	Brian Crowley (M Crowley)	
7.30pm	St Brigid's	Available	
Fri. 9.30am	St Paul's	Maria Alessio (McManus)	
9.30am	C the K	Maria Alessio (A & C McDevitt)	
Sat. 9.30am	St Brigid's	Len Perry	

Sunday January 11th Baptism of the Lord

6pm	St Paul's	John Nelson (Barbara)	
6.30pm	C the K	Bea Hanley (M Murphy)	
Sun. 8.30am	C the K	Maria Alessio (F Ballin)	Baptism of the Lord
9am	St Paul's	Holy Souls	
10.30am	St Brigid's	People of the Parish	
10.30am	C the K	Charles and Hannah Brice (M Al-Haddad)	
6pm	St Brigid's	The Sick of the Parish	
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 £ 742.80
Non Gift Aid £ 504.87
Total £ 1247.67
S/O month av. £ ~~~~~

Christ the King
Gift Aid £ 389.00
Non Gift Aid £ 361.40
S/O weekly av. £ 382.06
Total £ 1141.46

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:

Bernard Adshead, 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.