

3 Churches News

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Baptism of the Lord (YEAR B)

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ON BAPTISM AND BEYOND

Catechists for our 3 Churches

Today is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We celebrate that extraordinary moment at the river Jordan when Jesus went down into the water. Three years later he would send out his apostles – and the Church – to teach all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The celebration of the Sacraments are central to our Catholic life – grace-filled moments that are truly gifts from God. To celebrate them as worthily as possible should be a joy for the community, but this is also a challenge to all of us.

A beautiful development in the period after Vatican II is the role of **catechists** in preparation for the Sacraments. They accompany those who are preparing, or their parents, for Baptism or Reception, for Holy Communion and Reconciliation or for Confirmation. They share the journey of faith from their own experience of it. We are extremely grateful to all those who are or have been catechists in our 3 Churches.

This Monday all catechists – including those interested in becoming one – are invited to spend a couple of hours together. We will reflect on our role, especially in the light of the Church's teaching on evangelization, so important to Pope Francis, and then have the opportunity to review our individual programmes and methods. We will conclude with a time of prayer and blessing.

Some questions to ponder in preparation – How do I see my role? What part does my own faith play in that role? What is the purpose of our particular programme – one day's celebration or for life? How can we develop our ministry and what help could we seek?

St Brigid's Centre this Monday 12th January 7.00-9.00pm.

Fr Matthew



Response to Psalm **With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.**
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said:
This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Alleluia!**



1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-11 **2nd Reading:** First letter of St John 15: 1-9 **Gospel:** Mark 1: 7-11

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Father's News

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. Please see front page. Monday 12th January St Brigid's Hall 7.00pm.

R.I.P.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Nadia Lazic**, **Dorothy Mitchell** and **Maria Driscoll**, whose Requiem Masses all take place this week at St Brigid's on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday respectively (see back page for times). Also pray for **Graham Perryman** whose Requiem will be at Christ the King the following Wednesday. Let us also remember their families and loved ones in our prayers. Eternal rest grant to them, Lord.

BBC RECORDING

On Monday 26th 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 services 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?

The next Open Door Club will be in Christ the King Parish Centre on Thursday 15 January, 2-4pm. All are very welcome.

HEALING VIGIL

A Healing Evening Vigil will be held at St. Brigid's on 6 February from 7 – 9.30pm. The vigil will include hymns, healing Mass, praise and worship, sermon and healing service. It will be led by Fr. Soji Olikkal, who has been conducting healing services and missions for over a decade. He leads a service in Birmingham on the second Saturday of each month which draws a congregation of over 3000 people. There are many testimonies of healing and miracles that take place during these services. Fr. Soji is from the Sehion Ministries in Birmingham. He came to the UK in 2009, and before that, he was the Assistant Director of Sehion Retreat Centre, Kerala. The initial retreats in Birmingham drew around 40 to 50 people. Miracles and healings started to take place and eventually the venue was moved to a convention centre.

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) hold its annual appeal on 17/18 January. SPUC defends the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. Give generously

A moment of peace & candlelight- Christ the King opens its doors every Friday term-time between 6.30pm and 7pm. St Brigid's and St Paul's remain open daily during daylight hours.

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

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 at the back of the 3 churches, or by calling Ian Thomas (2075 4255) Applications will need to be returned by Thursday 22 January. Groups start with a social evening in week beginning 16 February, followed by 5 informal weekly meetings, concluding with a celebration evening.

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AN EVENING OF MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT WITH THE SINGER JEFF HOOPER

St Brigid's Hall
Friday 6 February
2 Course Hot Supper
Licensed Bar, Raffle
Tickets (£12.50) available after weekend Masses
or please telephone 2076 6318.
All proceeds to Velindre Cancer Centre

Circle of Friends

If you enjoy reading good books, watching good films and more importantly meeting good friends then 'The Circle of Friends' may be just the group for you. Our next meeting is on Monday 12 January at 8.15pm in the Three Arches pub. Do come along to find out more about our other group activities, including theatre visits, walks and even holidays abroad.

Llanishen and District Churches Together

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sunday 18 to Sunday 25 January

The United Service

Sunday 18 January 6pm
Llanishen Baptist Church
Fidlas Road

Preacher: Rev'd Michael Witcombe
Vicar, St. Isan Church

The Fellowship Meal (the 'Agape')

-enjoy a simple meal with other local Christians

Tuesday 20 January 7.30pm

At Christ The King Church
Newborough Avenue, Llanishen
At the United Service there will be available to take away for daily prayer use at home copies of the booklet entitled "The Well Is Deep" on this year's theme, from the joint

Brazilian churches, of promoting respect for diversity and dialogue, as in the encounter between Jesus and the woman of Samaria at the well. (Booklet also downloadable from:- www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer)

Christ the King

Altar Linen

January: L Davies

50 Club

Thank you to everyone who supported the 50 Club in 2014. £762 was distributed as monthly draw prizes and each of the beneficiary charities, Leaves of Hope and Seeds for the Future (Lesotho), received £381. The Parish Advisory Council meeting on 27 January will decide the charity/charities to run and benefit from the 50 Club in 2015 - any nominations to Chris Stevens (2074 7730) or any PAC member. New subscriptions & cash subscriptions- £12 a year- will be collected in February with a double draw at the end of February.

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 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

Liturgy Group

The next meeting of the liturgy group will be held on Tuesday 13 January at 7.30 in the parish centre. All are welcome to attend to help plan the liturgy for the Lent/ Easter period. Agenda items should be emailed to Anne Taylor at annecarys@hotmail.com.

A Taste o' Burns' Night

CTK PARISH CENTRE
Saturday 24 January
7.30pm for 8pm
Admission £7.50 ...
bringing your own bottles!
Names 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!

St Brigid's & St Pauls

Readers/ Eucharistic Ministers

New Rotas for the first half of 2015 are now available at the back of the Church. If you are unable to attend your allocated time please arrange for someone to cover your absence and note the sheet on the Noticeboard.

ST BRIGID'S AND ST PAUL'S LITURGY GROUP

The next Parish Liturgy Group Meeting will take place on Wednesday 14 January at 7.30pm in the Hall. Anyone unable to attend but would like an item included on the agenda telephone Barbara Cole (2048 2334)

Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

A meeting for parents and children about to start preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion (St Brigid's and St Paul's only) will take place this Sunday 11 January at 11.30am at St Brigid's Church. Preparation Classes will commence on 18 January at 11.45am in the side room of St Brigid's Hall. Application forms are available at the back of St Brigid's and St Paul's Churches for those who wish to take part in this year's preparation course and have not yet enrolled. Contact Philippa Widnall pipcole@btinternet.com.

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	Elizabeth Carey	
7.30pm	St Brigid's	Sunday Praise	
Mon. 9.30am	St Brigid's	Holy Souls	(1 st Week in Ordinary Time)
9.30am	C the K	Private Intention (S)	
Tues. 9.30am	St Brigid's	Len Perry	St Hilary
9.30am	C the K	Paul Johnson (A & C McDevitt)	
Wed. 9.30am	St Paul's	Maria Alessio	
2.30pm	St Brigid's	Requiem: Nadia Lazic	
7.30pm	C the K	Johanna Foley (M MacNamara)	
Thurs. 9.30am	C the K	Lesley Pinnell (F & M Callus)	
10.45am	St Brigid's	Requiem: Dorothy Mitchell	
7.30pm	St Brigid's	Joyce Johnson (Lea)	
Fri. 9.30am	St Paul's	Shelagh Powell	
9.30am	C the K	Intention of Nash Family (C Bailey)	
11.15am	St Brigid's	Requiem: Maria Driscoll	
Sat. 9.30am	St Brigid's	Available	St Anthony, Abbot

Sunday January 18th 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

6pm	St Paul's	Ann Donovan (Martin)	
6.30pm	C the K	Alun Dukes (B Dukes)	
Sun. 8.30am	C the K	Lesley Pinnell (M & T Pinnell) 2nd	Sunday in Ordinary Time
9am	St Paul's	Dorothy Mitchell	
10.30am	St Brigid's	People of the Parish	
10.30am	C the K	Deceased members of McCarthy & Donovan Families (P & D Donovan)	
11.45am	St Brigid's	Baptisms	
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 £ 621.00
Non Gift Aid £ 482.53
Total £ 1103.53
S/O month av. £ ~~~~~*

Christ the King

*Gift Aid £ 576.70
Non Gift Aid £ 430.42
S/O weekly av. £ 382.06
Total £ 1389.18*

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.