

3 Churches News

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SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY

Today we celebrate the **Feast of Christ the King**, marking the last Sunday of the Church's year. We all congratulate Christ the King church community on the parish feast!

If this is the last Sunday, then next week must be the first of the new year – the First Sunday of Advent. A time for new beginnings, fresh starts... I would like to take this opportunity to invite those who have been considering becoming Catholic to take a step in faith at this time of new starts. Our **RCIA** groups that help people explore the faith are starting at this time, and always welcome new faces.

Now this might be you who are reading this, or it might be a spouse or relative; it might be a friend or work colleague; it could be *anyone* that you have heard express an interest! There are no strings attached at this stage – it is an opportunity to explore together with some friendly faces the faith that we all hold so dear. If you or someone you know has shown such interest, let them know. If they have never mentioned it, but you suspect, then make an invitation – you never know what the Lord has up his sleeve... Whoever you or they are, tell them to seize the moment and get in touch with me, Fr Matthew, in the first instance at the Presbytery. Contact details are at the top of this page.

RCIA stands for "The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults", a bit of a mouthful, but it could be understood more as a "come and see" opportunity. This was what Jesus said one day to the two disciples who had been followers of John the Baptist, but who were thinking of following Him instead. Whether we have been following another community within Christianity, or another faith or no faith at all, the Lord calls each according to her or his circumstances. Each one is different, and so the journey onwards, while sharing common teachings, practices etc, will be different for each one.

Fr Matthew



~~~~ Christ the King ~~~~



Response to Psalm **The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.**  
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Daniel 7: 13-14 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Apocalypse 1: 5-8 Gospel: John 18: 33-37

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### Father's News

#### NEW MASS TIMES

Please remember the new times of Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. Saturday 6.00pm at Christ the King; Sunday 9.00am at St Paul and Christ the King; 11.00am at St Brigid and 6.00pm also at St Brigid.

**Confessions** are now at Brigid's Saturday 10.00-10.30; at Christ the King Saturday 5.30pm; and at St Paul Friday before or after 9.30 Mass

**Ministries** Where times or locations have changed, I ask those who have exercised any ministry but now attend a different Mass, to let the coordinator of that ministry know so that you can become part of the team in the new Mass. Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, welcomers, intercessions writers, altar servers, musicians and singers – all should feel welcome in all our celebrations.

#### R.I.P.

We have all been shocked at the tragic death of parishioner **Peter O'Brien** in the steelworks tragedy on Wednesday. As well as his life as son, brother, husband and, not least father to six children, and many other activities, Peter has been very active in parish life, especially in Christ the King. In particular, with Marie he ran the Confirmation programme for 15 years, and has been running the Junior Youth Club for longer than that. He and his family are known, loved and respected by so many, and our hearts and prayers are with Marie and the children, and Bart and Sheila and their family at this time. Eternal rest grant to him, Lord.

### CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME - Talk on the new Environmental Encyclical

Please join us for an exciting and engaging overview of what Pope Francis says in his new Papal Encyclical on the environment - **Laudato Si'**, led by Kieran O'Brien from CAFOD Wales. This will be an opportunity to explore some of the key themes raised in the encyclical, as well as a chance to reflect on how we can respond to the challenges Pope Francis presents us. Join us at 7:30pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, St Joseph's Church Hall, Wordsworth Avenue, Penarth CF64 2RL. Contact CAFOD for further details - 2034 4882.

### HOW GREAT IS GOD'S LOVE FOR US?

The Catholic Bible School's final event in Wales for 2015 will be on Saturday 28 November in Treforest. It will be led by experienced preacher, teacher and missionary Gemma Wildsmith, who will be looking at the theme "Christ our Bridegroom", and leading us on a biblical and liturgical journey exploring how God's great love for us is often symbolised as a bridegroom to a bride. We will meet at 10am-3pm in St Dyfrig's Church Hall, Broadway, Treforest, Pontypridd, CF37 1DB. Please bring a packed lunch. Suggested donation £10. For info visit [www.catholic-bible-school.org/events](http://www.catholic-bible-school.org/events) [catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com](mailto:catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com)

### WALK WITH ME

These very helpful Advent booklets will be on sale at Masses next weekend, and will pay special attention to the Pope's "Year of Mercy" which begins on 8<sup>th</sup> December. Just £1 – enrich your Advent experience.

### Carols at the Ty Mawr – Saturday 5 December

This year we are hoping to finance the building of a much needed nursery unit (unfurnished) in Ramabanta, on behalf of the Seeds for the Future project.

Doors 7.30 – 8pm. Tickets £7,50 (including light refreshments) are available from any of the following; **Celia Bailey (2075 2413)**, **Sian Taylor (07850 122189)** or **Paul Brown (2031 7091)**

### CWL

The CWL monthly meeting takes place at St. Paul's on Monday 23 November at 2pm.

The C.W.L. Annual Christmas Dinner is at Cardiff Golf Club on Tuesday 8 December. The cost is £25 p.p. Any ladies of the 3 Churches who would like to go please contact Yvonne (2075 1881) or Bridget (2048 5713)

### Wales Climate Action Day – Sat 28 November

Inspired by Pope Francis' call to protect our common home, CAFOD is working with Stop Climate Chaos Cymru to organise a mass cycle to Cardiff Bay on Saturday 28 November. We are asking for as many people to get on their bikes and join us at Callaghan Square in Cardiff at 1:30pm, or simply join us in Cardiff Bay at 2pm for a rally. Help play your part to tackle climate change here in Wales – contact CAFOD South Wales for further information on 2034 4882 or email [southwales@cafod.org.uk](mailto:southwales@cafod.org.uk)

### Praying for our Neighbours

Please remember in your prayers this week our neighbours in **Portfield Crescent (part of), & Llanon Road (part of)** who have received prayer cards in the last few days.

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### CHILDREN'S LITURGY is MOVING TO ST BRIGID'S

After the announcement of the changes of the Mass times, it has been agreed that the two former 10.30 Children's Liturgy will now take place at St Brigid's at 11am. Can I please invite the parents and grandparents of Primary School children to come along to St Brigid's to support us in launching a new Children's Liturgy. With Christmas coming up, it will be lovely to see as many children as we can to celebrate this Holy Season together. Info: Esther Mahoney ([esther.milardi@btinternet.com](mailto:esther.milardi@btinternet.com)).

### **Cardiff Foodbank Collection Points at 3 Churches**

Many thanks for last weekend's donations of food items for the Cardiff Foodbank. Just a reminder that this is an ongoing project and the Collection Points will remain in each of our 3 Churches (in the porch at Christ the King; at the back of St Paul's and under the stairs at St Brigid's).

Any non perishable food items—dried, packet or tinned within their sell by date - will be greatly appreciated every weekend but at the moment there is a particular need for **Jam, Fruit Juice, Noodles/ Savoury Rice**. Thank you

### **A Christmas Evening 'At the Hop'**

- songs you will have forgotten but will love to sing along to  
Friday 11 December 7.30pm  
St Brigid's Hall  
2 Course Hot Supper  
Bar, Raffle  
All proceeds to Huggard  
Please see poster for further details  
Tickets £10 available after Sunday Masses  
or please tel: 2076 6318

### **COLLECTION OF WARM CLOTHING FOR THE HOMELESS**

Some fellow parishioners will be going out with the Soup Run on 29 November. We will be collecting hats, coats, scarves, gloves, socks and trainers (men and women's) this weekend so that they can be taken out with the Soup Run. Sleeping bags would also be much appreciated. Boxes will be provided at the back of the three churches and will be passed on to those doing the Soup Run the following weekend. Please contact Celia Bailey (2075 2413) with any queries. Thanks for your help.

## Other events

### **ARTS & CRAFTS WEEKEND**

Local potter— Molley Curley, 32 South Rise. Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 November 11am - 5pm

## Christ the King

### **Funerals**

The requiem Mass for Robert Stewart will take place at Christ the King on Monday 23 November at 2.15pm followed by cremation at Thornhill at 3.45pm.

Also the funeral of Henry Fortt will take place in St. Patrick's church, Grangetown on Wednesday 25 November at 12.00 noon followed by internment in New Cemetery Cowbridge Road at 1.30pm.

### **LINK**

The last date for articles and CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to be submitted to the next edition of LINK is 26<sup>th</sup> November. Please send to: [Mark.cherime@talktalk.net](mailto:Mark.cherime@talktalk.net) [j.v.rendle@talk21.com](mailto:j.v.rendle@talk21.com)

Donations for Christmas greetings will go to the Alzheimer's Society.

**Stapling will take place in the parish centre on Friday 11 December at 9.15am.**

### **Christmas Eve Vigil Mass**

The Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at Christ the King 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](mailto:marie.peter@btinternet.com)

### **QUIDENHAM CARDS**

There is a selection of Quidenham cards for sale in the church porch, bottom shelf of table - left side of church door. Please feel free to browse and purchase. There is an Honesty Box with prices along with the other plastic card containers on the bottom shelf of the table.

## St Brigid's & St Pauls

### **HELPING RETIRED CLERGY**

The care of retired or sick clergy is the concern of all of us. Donation envelopes towards our diocesan fund for helping them will be distributed this weekend and collected next weekend. Would UK tax payers kindly fill in the Gift Aid declaration provided.

**Cardiff Catenians are to make a short presentation after each Mass at St Brigid's & St Paul's next Sunday 29 November.**

### ***Parish Advisory Council Meeting***

The next PAC meeting is on Monday 23 November. If any parishioner has an item to be discussed at the meeting, please see or email Nigel Tuck (Chair) - [nigelgtuck@btinternet.com](mailto:nigelgtuck@btinternet.com) or any member of the PAC.

### **TEA/COFFEE AFTER 11am MASS**

Help is needed with teas after this mass- If you can help out, your turn would be on a rota every 4-5 weeks. Phone Mary Cosslett (2076 6192)

**Sunday November 22<sup>nd</sup> Christ the King**

|               |             |                                                                                                                   |                            |
|---------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Sat. 6.30pm   | C the K     | <b>Deceased members of Murphy &amp; McLaughlin Families (Family) &amp; Thomas &amp; Kathleen Keane (M Gannon)</b> |                            |
| Sun. 9am      | St Paul's   | <b>Janina Stalmaska</b>                                                                                           | Christ the King            |
|               | 9am         | <b>Mary Cronin (A Cronin) &amp; Denis &amp; Lil O'Shea (D &amp; M Bryon)</b>                                      |                            |
|               | 11am        | <b>Rita Daw; Kavanagh Family</b>                                                                                  |                            |
|               | 6pm         | <b>People of the Parish</b>                                                                                       |                            |
|               | 7.30pm      | <b>Sunday Praise</b>                                                                                              |                            |
| Mon. 9.30am   | St Brigid's | <b>Wilson Family</b>                                                                                              |                            |
|               | 2.15pm      | <b>Requiem Mass: Robert Stewart</b>                                                                               |                            |
| Tues. 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Maria Alessio (D &amp; M Bryon)</b>                                                                            | Martyrs of Vietnam         |
|               |             | <b>&amp; for Recovery of Maria Savage (C Bailey)</b>                                                              |                            |
| Wed. 9.30am   | St Paul's   | <b>William Martin (Camilleri)</b>                                                                                 | St Catherine of Alexandria |
| Thurs. 9.30am | C the K     | <b>Joseph Snee (R &amp; N Flynn) &amp; Molly Miles (A Forrest)</b>                                                |                            |
|               |             | St Columban                                                                                                       |                            |
|               | 7.30pm      | <b>Altar List</b>                                                                                                 |                            |
| Fri. 9.30am   | St Paul's   | <b>Thanksgiving (Rigby)</b>                                                                                       |                            |
| Sat. 9.30am   | St Brigid's | <b>Alfred &amp; Eileen Williams (Jones)</b>                                                                       |                            |

**Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

|          |           |                                                                               |                                  |
|----------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Sat. 6pm | C the K   | <b>Angela Williams (M Murphy) &amp; Fred and Teresa Dartnell (J Dartnell)</b> |                                  |
| Sun. 9am | St Paul's | <b>Altar List</b>                                                             | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent |
|          | 9am       | <b>Pat Worthington (R &amp; N Flynn) &amp; Jacques Munro (C Munro)</b>        |                                  |
|          | 11am      | <b>Eileen Manley</b>                                                          |                                  |
|          | 6pm       | <b>Raymond Hill</b>                                                           |                                  |
|          | 7.30pm    | <b>Sunday Praise</b>                                                          |                                  |



**Please send items to [luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk](mailto: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:*

Mary Amugan, Chris Babu, Brian Bermingham, Maureen Carroll, Sian Clark,  
 Mary Clarke, Terry Culbertson, Agnes Davies, Emily, Anna Forrest, Bobi Gower, Maria Hill,  
 Caitriona Lovell, Joseph (Benny) Lynch, Dean Maguire, Charles McDevitt,  
 Katrina Meades, Fr Modest, Vernon Morgan, Sarah Morris, Peter Murphy, Maureen O'Driscoll,  
 Kieran Ollin, Alan Paines, Rona Perry, Rita Purcell, Valentino Rascon, John Reardon,  
 Rhian Reardon, Cath Rees, Claire Richards, Adela Rogers, Dewi Thomas,  
 Emma Warlow, Dorothy Warren & Pat Watkins.

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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**  
 Friday before/after  
 9.30am Mass  
**Christ the King**  
 Saturday 5.30pm

**Last Week's Collection**

**Sts. Brigid & Paul**  
**Gift Aid** £ 747.25  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 435.82  
**Total** £ 1183.07  
**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the King**  
**Gift Aid** £ 371.20  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 303.92  
**S/O weekly av.** £ 304.04  
**Total** £ 979.16