

# 3 Churches News

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**First Sunday of Advent (YEAR B)**

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## THE COMING

Welcome to the season of Advent, "The Coming". We celebrate the fact that we believe in God who comes to us. He came at Bethlehem, he will come again at the end of time, and meanwhile he comes to us in Word and Sacrament among other ways. Truly God-who-comes, God who is with us - Emmanuel!

At Nain, years later, the people who had watched Jesus raise the widow's son proclaimed that God had visited his people. We have this season, then, to prepare for our greatest visitor, Jesus, true God and true Man. The world is ahead of us in its commercial preparation for the secular Christmas. We start today, the beginning of a new Church year, to show the world what it really means to prepare for Christ-mas, the Mass-of-Christ.

1. I invite you to take time to absorb the **Word of God** this Advent. Take a look at the accounts of the Christmas story in the opening chapters of the Gospels of St Matthew and St Luke, then move on to the first chapter of St John to see his wonderful meditation on those same events. Use the various publications and online resources that are available to help you.
2. Pope Francis has proclaimed a special Year of Mercy to start on 8<sup>th</sup> December, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The next day, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> we in the so-called Northern Arc of parishes, will celebrate an **Evening of Mercy**. Fr Isaac, Fr Leyshon and myself will be in St Brigid's to celebrate mercy through the sacrament of Reconciliation from 6.30pm until 7.30pm. We will then concelebrate Mass for the beginning of the Year of Mercy. I will preside and Fr Isaac will preach. This special evening will replace our normal Advent Penitential service.
3. Our **3 Churches Carol Service** this year takes place at St Paul's on Tuesday December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm. This will be a great opportunity to usher in the Christmas season together, after school events have ended and most of your home preparations are done. Put it in your diary!
4. Our **Christmas Masses** will be at the same times as last year. Christmas Eve 6pm at all three churches. **10pm** at Christ the King and St Brigid's. Christmas morning 9am St Paul's, **10am** Christ the King, **11am** St Brigid's. There will be Midnight Mass at St Philip Evans.

So take note of these ways of celebrating the Coming this year – and happy Advent!

*Fr Matthew*



~~~~ First Sunday of Advent ~~~~

Response to Psalm **To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**  
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us see, O Lord,  
Your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!**



**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Jeremiah 33: 14-16 **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Thessalonians 3: 12-4:2 **Gospel:** Luke 21: 25-28. 34-36

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## 3 Churches

### Father's News

#### MUSIC MEETING

All those who are or would like to be involved in music in the liturgy in our 3 Churches are warmly invited to a gathering this Thursday after 7.30 Mass at St Brigid's. We will review what we are doing at the present before moving on to plan for the future, especially in the light of our new Mass schedule. All those interested are welcome, whether a singer or a musician or just enthusiastic, whether young or not-so-young!

#### RCIA

If you, or someone you know, are interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith, please contact Fr Matthew as soon as possible (*details above*).

#### ST DAVID'S COLLEGE CHRISTMAS

Once again the College invited our senior parishioners to join them for their Christmas celebration. Details to follow.

#### 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.

**Please remember the deceased members of the 3 churches whose anniversaries occur in December including:** Colin Payne, John Davies, Rachel Sherlock, Josephine Camilleri, Michael Fox, Joan Carne, Max Graham, Louise Fielding, Carmel English, Mary Saunders, Joe Pike, Maria Driscoll, Nada Lazic, Dorothy Mitchell and Johanna Rogers.

#### The transfiguration

On Friday 4 December at 6.30pm we shall gather in the Lady's Chapel at CTK church to reflect with the help of Canon Matthew on 'The Healing of a Boy with an Evil Spirit' (Luke ch 9, 37-50). Everyone is welcome, so please come along and join us. For more information, please contact Esther Mahoney [esther.milardi@btinternet.com](mailto:esther.milardi@btinternet.com)

#### Lay Ministries –

##### 9am Mass – Christ the King

Following the confirmation of the new Sunday Mass schedule, the rotas for lay ministries of Welcoming, Reading and Eucharist at 9am Mass at Christ the King are being reorganised. The base line will be to include the people on the existing 8:30 and 10:30 rotas. Please could existing lay ministers let us know if they do not wish to be included in the new 9am rotas. If you are not currently on the existing rotas and would like to join one of them please also let us know. This invitation is also open to anyone from St Brigid's who has/is intending to change the Mass they normally attend as a result of the new schedules. The new rotas will operate from Sunday 3 January 2016. If you wish to leave or join any of the rotas please could you contact Bernard Adshead on [bernard@adshead.me.uk](mailto:bernard@adshead.me.uk) or 2076 2189 not later than Sunday 13 December.

#### UCM

Members of the UCM will be selling raffle tickets following all Masses this weekend and next weekend (5/6 December). They will be raffling a Christmas Hamper and several other prizes. The raffle is in aid of their two charities for this year.

**The UCM also wish to thank their friends in the Parish who supported their recent Winter Warmer lunch. Thanks to them we raised a magnificent £322 for our charities.**

#### 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 next C.W.L. charity coffee morning will be on Friday 4 December after the 9.30am Mass at St Paul's. Proceeds are for the Wallich Centre which is a charity based in Wales, helping the homeless.

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)

#### Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism Preparation Course will be run over 2 sessions on Thursdays 3 & 10 December. If anyone would like to attend would they please contact Brigid Lee on [andylee63@talktalk.net](mailto:andylee63@talktalk.net) for info

#### 9.30 Mass on Tuesday 1

**December** at Christ the King will be for the deceased members of the 3 Churches, particularly those who died in September

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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)).

### **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

Nazareth House Fund Raising Committee present their-  
**Christmas Fayre**  
Saturday 5 December  
Doors open at 10.30am  
Stalls include: Christmas Plants, Irish Coffee, Games, Fancy Goods, Cakes, Christmas Raffle, Bottle Stall and much more...  
Father Christmas will be visiting. For further information call - 2037 4495.

### **Praying for our Neighbours**

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

### **United for Justice and Peace Group**

Thank you everyone for the very generous response to the appeal for men and women's winter clothing last weekend. Many coats, gloves, scarves, trainers, sleeping bags and hats were donated and they will be distributed over the coming weeks. Thanks so much for your support - Celia Bailey (2075 2413)

### **Application to St Joseph's RC Primary School- September 2016**

All completed applications must be received by the school no later than Monday 11 January 2016. If you wish to apply for a place for your child in our Reception Class—September 2016, please contact the School Secretary, Mrs S Ekstrom-Gabb.

## Other events

### **ARTS & CRAFTS WEEKEND**

Local potter— Molley Curley, 32 South Rise. This weekend; Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 November 11am - 5pm  
In aid of Good Neighbours in North Cardiff

### **Cardiff Metropolitan Cathedral Choir & String Orchestra Christmas Concert**

Tuesday 1 December 1pm  
St David's Hall, Cardiff  
Tickets: £5.75  
Box Office: 2087 8444

## Christ the King

### **Stapling for LINK**

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

### **Appeal**

There will be a collection for sick and retired clergy this weekend.

### **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 the parish office [ckadmin@3churches.org](mailto:ckadmin@3churches.org) tel: 2075 3945

### **Junior Club**

Please note there will be no Junior Club until after Christmas.

## St Brigid's & St Pauls

### **CATENIANS**

We welcome a speaker at the end of Mass today to talk briefly about the Catholic men's organization the Catenians.

### **HELPING RETIRED CLERGY**

The care of retired or sick clergy is the concern of all of us. Your donation envelopes towards our diocesan fund for helping them will be collected this weekend.

### **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)

### **Lost Property**

A pair of glasses was mislaid at last Sunday evening Mass in St Brigid's (22 November) They were left on the right/hand side of the middle section of the pews. Please contact Francis Ballin on 2076 5077 if you have any information.

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

|        |        |             |                                                                                        |                                  |
|--------|--------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Sat.   | 6.30pm | C the K     | <b>Angela Williams (M Murphy)<br/>&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    | C the K     | <b>Pat Worthington (R &amp; N Flynn)<br/>&amp; Jacques Munro (C Munro)</b>             |                                  |
|        | 11am   | St Brigid's | <b>Eileen Manley</b>                                                                   |                                  |
|        | 6pm    | St Brigid's | <b>Raymond Hill</b>                                                                    |                                  |
|        | 7.30pm | St Brigid's | <b>Sunday Praise</b>                                                                   |                                  |
| Mon.   | 9.30am | St Brigid's | <b>Peter O'Brien (Stone)</b>                                                           | St Andrew                        |
| Tues.  | 9.30am | C the K     | <b>Deceased members of the 3 Churches</b>                                              |                                  |
| Wed.   | 9.30am | St Paul's   | <b>Camilleri Family</b>                                                                |                                  |
| Thurs. | 9.30am | C the K     | <b>Gill Court (R &amp; N Flynn)<br/>&amp; Intentions of Reynolds Family (C Bailey)</b> | St Francis Xavier                |
|        | 7.30pm | St Brigid's | <b>Shelagh Powell</b>                                                                  |                                  |
| Fri.   | 9.30am | St Paul's   | <b>Ben Morris (Pat)</b>                                                                | St John Damscene                 |
| Sat.   | 9.30am | St Brigid's | <b>Len Perry</b>                                                                       |                                  |

**Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

|      |         |             |                                                                                             |                                  |
|------|---------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Sat. | 6pm     | C the K     | <b>David Michael Rowe (S Williams)<br/>&amp; Forrest Family (A Forrest)</b>                 |                                  |
| Sun. | 9am     | St Paul's   | <b>Terrence Carroll (Black)</b>                                                             | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent |
|      | 9am     | C the K     | <b>George &amp; Jean Richardson (M &amp; L Halloran)<br/>&amp; Peter O'Brien (C Bailey)</b> |                                  |
|      | 11am    | St Brigid's | <b>Maria O'Driscoll (Regan)</b>                                                             |                                  |
|      | 12.30pm | C the K     | <b>Baptism: Harry Garner</b>                                                                |                                  |
|      | 6pm     | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parish</b>                                                                 |                                  |
|      | 7.30pm  | St Brigid's | <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** £ 699.00  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 596.58  
**Total** £ 1295.58  
**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the King**  
**Gift Aid** £ 412.00  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 519.90  
**S/O weekly av.** £ 304.04  
**Total** £1235.94