

# 3 Churches News

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## 3 CHURCHES YOUTH

We are blessed with a wealth of dynamic young people in our 3 Churches, and surely we all feel it to be so important to cultivate this vibrant gift. Now a programme has been put together to give the younger members of our parishes a voice, and the opportunity for some fun together.

This initiative will take the form of a **3 Churches youth group for ages 11-13**, (pre-Confirmation), meeting each Sunday evening in term time for an hour and a half. We believe that people of this age want more from a youth group than simply socialising. So, taking inspiration from Pope Francis's letter "*Laudato Si*" we have devised a programme which enables our youth to get into some ecological discussion and action on a global, community and personal level.

The sessions will be friendly and informal, involving speakers, relevant videos and topical discussion, mixed in with games and refreshments. The goal is to encourage and support our young people in planning and carrying out initiatives themselves, while enjoying creating their own community and friendships.

We hope to plan walks and trips, perhaps start a parish garden or give an opportunity for music or drama, and so enable our rising generation to share their own gifts and talents. There will be scope for them, if they wish, to organise prayer services or Mass. We will also take a lead from them in planning nights out.....pizza, bowling, cinema.....

**Do you think this all sounds interesting, exciting?** It can happen - with *your* help. We would be so grateful for adult volunteers in three capacities: leadership, specific skills and supervision. As with all voluntarily run groups, the more people we have, the less often you will be needed. So...

**Can you lead and inspire young people?** We currently have three leader volunteers. We need more, in order to have a required minimum on any particular night and, at most, every fortnight.

**Do you have a skill you could share with our youth?** We hope to tap into the vast pool of skilled and talented adults in our churches. If you can volunteer to share your particular skill, or know someone else who could, we would be delighted to create one or more sessions around it.

**Can you give some precious time to the youth of our parish?** All this can happen only if we have a substantial number of adult volunteers to help supervise on a rota basis. (**continues inside...**)



~~~~ Third Sunday of Advent ~~~~



Response to Psalm **Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel**  
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!**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Zephaniah 3: 14-18 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 4: 4-7 Gospel: Luke 3: 10-18

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### Father's News

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Pope Francis says that 'young people have a new ecological sensitivity and a generous spirit' and that 'Christian communities have an important role to play in ecological education.' He goes on to say, 'we must not think that these efforts are not going to change the world. They benefit society, often unbeknown to us, for they call forth a goodness which, albeit unseen, inevitably tends to spread. Furthermore, such actions can restore our sense of self-esteem; they can enable us to live more fully and to feel that life on earth is worthwhile.'

We are inviting our youth to come forward with their ideas and vision. We appeal to our adults to join us in volunteering to help with this brave initiative for the benefit of our young people and all of us.

Fr Matthew and Helen McSherry  
for the 3 Churches Youth Task Group

### R.I.P.

Pray for the repose of the soul of **Margaret Dyson**. Her Requiem will be at St Brigid's on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00am. We remember Paul and his family in our prayers.

*Eternal rest grant to her, Lord.*

### Praying for our Neighbours

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

### ADVENT INTO CHRISTMAS

**God's Word** Read the accounts of the Christmas story in the opening chapters of the Gospels of St Matthew and St Luke. 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.

**3 Churches Carol Service** this year is at St Paul's on Tuesday December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm.

**Christmas Masses** 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 and St Teilo's.

### CAFOD

CAFOD is currently looking for a Community Participation Coordinator based at our volunteer centre in Cardiff to cover CAFOD's work in the dioceses of Cardiff and Menevia. This is part time (17.5 hours per week), fixed term contract to 31 July 2017. To read more and to apply please visit [cafod.org.uk/Work-with-us/UK-Jobs/CPC-South-Wales](http://cafod.org.uk/Work-with-us/UK-Jobs/CPC-South-Wales) and complete our online application form by the closing date of 3 Jan 2016. Contact CAFOD South Wales for further details on 2034 4882 or email [southwales@cafod.org.uk](mailto:southwales@cafod.org.uk)

### Carols at the Ty Mawr

Many thanks to everyone who attended the fundraising carol event last weekend. The event was very successful, raising approx £500 for 'Seeds for the Future (Lesotho)' which will help with upcoming building projects in Ramabanta. Thank you also to everyone who donated raffle prizes.

### St David's Catholic College Community Mass and Christmas Tea Party

The annual St David's Catholic College Community Mass and Celebration takes place at the college on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December from 12 noon until 3pm. Following the Mass, a buffet and a full entertainment programme with prizes and small gifts will be provided. For the housebound, it is a lovely opportunity to meet new friends. For the more active, it is an entertaining and vibrant social occasion where young and old enjoy each other's company. If you would like to go, please leave your name and contact number on the list at the back of the church and indicate if you need help with transport.

### Alpha 2016

All are invited to Alpha (<http://www.alpha.org/>): an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly and informal environment.

The course starts on Tuesday 12 January 2016 at 6.30pm at Holy Family Church Hall Fairwater and includes a full meal.

Subsequent sessions are every Tuesday at 7pm and last 1.5 hours with drinks and light refreshments provided. The last session is on Tuesday 22 March.

There is a weekend away at Belmont Abbey on 5 & 6 March. For further information contact Deidre Barker (01446 793224 [barkerdids@aol.com](mailto:barkerdids@aol.com)) or pick up one of the registration forms at the back of church.



### OPEN DOOR

Come and enjoy an afternoon at Christ the King Parish Centre on Thursday 17 December 2-4pm Crackers, buffet, raffle, friendship and a choir to entertain us! All welcome.

### **GOOD NEIGHBOURS in North Cardiff (formerly Llanishen Good Neighbours) Need volunteers**

You choose what to do— Transport or Shopping... You choose when - To suit you - occasional/regular. Please contact us...

Tel 2075 0751

[admin@goodneighboursinnorthcardiff.co.uk](mailto:admin@goodneighboursinnorthcardiff.co.uk)

## **Christ the King**

### Eucharistic Adoration

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration in Christ the King on Tuesday 22nd and 29th December. We will resume on Tuesday 5th January 2016

### **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.

### **CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**

There will be a collection for Christmas flowers after both Masses this weekend (12/13 December) Thank you all for your generosity.

### **FLOWER**

### **Poinsettias**

As always 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 24th December.

## **St Brigid's & St Pauls**

### **PETITION BOOK**

Letters for parishioners who are praying for those in the Petition Book are available at back of church. Please take yours as soon as possible. Thanks.

### Parish Advisory Council Meeting

The minutes of the recent PAC Meeting are now displayed at the back of both churches for parishioners to read - the following are some outcomes from the meeting which you are asked to be aware of -

### **DISABLED PARKING AT ST BRIGID'S**

If you are a blue badge holder who usually parks in one of the two disabled spaces during Mass please consider whether you could park elsewhere in the car park and leave these spaces for those parishioners with less mobility and who need to park near the Church door.

### **WELCOMERS AT ST BRIGID'S**

St Brigid's Welcomers are asked to remind parishioners, especially those new to the parish, to take a Hymn Book, Mass Book and a Pew Card as they arrive for Sunday Mass.

Welcomers are also asked to ensure that all inner and outer doors are opened before and after Sunday Masses to enable all parishioners to enter and leave the church safely

### **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)

### **REMINDER - PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION 2016**

Application forms for the 2016 preparation classes for St Brigid's and St Paul's are now available at the back of both of the churches. These should be returned to the Presbytery by 18 December 2015. Preparation classes will begin in January 2016.

Children in Year 3 or above are welcome to take part.

Further information is available from Philippa Widnall (2048 1351) or email [pipcole@btinternet.com](mailto:pipcole@btinternet.com)

### **ST PAULS CLEANING ROTA**

We are about to complete the Rota for 2016 but some of our ladies have done far more than their fair share and they now need to hang up their mops! If you think you could help with this very important ministry then please sign the list at the back of church.

The only commitment is about 1 hour every 6 weeks. We all like the church to look lovely but perhaps you could be that someone who helps!!!

### **Operation Christmas Child**

Many, many thanks to everyone from St Brigid's & St Paul's who kindly supported this year's 'Operation Christmas Child Appeal'. A total of 53 boxes and additional donations totalling £40, were sent. These have already been dispatched to Kyrgyzstan, Romania, Belarus and Macedonia.

13 'Link to Hope Romanian Shoeboxes' were also donated. Thank you all.

**Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

|               |             |                                                                                    |                                  |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Sat. 6.30pm   | C the K     | <b>Angela Williams (O'Brien) &amp; Henry Fortt</b>                                 |                                  |
| Sun. 9am      | St Paul's   | <b>Michael Nicholls</b>                                                            | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent |
| 9am           | C the K     | <b>Luis Urtiaga (A Davies) &amp; David Scanlan (D Scanlan)</b>                     |                                  |
| 11am          | St Brigid's | <b>Mary Gosnell</b>                                                                |                                  |
| 6pm           | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parish</b>                                                        |                                  |
| 7.30pm        | St Brigid's | <b>Sunday Praise</b>                                                               |                                  |
| Mon. 9.30am   | St Brigid's | <b>Gordon Cormack</b>                                                              | St John of the Cross             |
| Tues. 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Andrew Newton (S Williams) &amp; Forrest Family (A Forrest)</b>                 |                                  |
| 6.30pm        | St Brigid's | <b>Carol Service led by children of Christ the King Primary School</b>             |                                  |
| Wed. 9.30am   | St Paul's   | <b>Peter O'Brien (Sullivan)</b>                                                    |                                  |
| Thurs. 9.30am | C the K     | <b>Bethan Lewis (R &amp; N Flynn) &amp; Michael O'Driscoll (A &amp; W Forrest)</b> | Second part of Advent begins     |
| 7.30pm        | St Brigid's | <b>Len Perry</b>                                                                   |                                  |
| Fri. 9.30am   | St Paul's   | <b>Shelagh Powell</b>                                                              |                                  |
| 11am          | St Brigid's | <b>Requiem: Margaret Dyson</b>                                                     |                                  |
| Sat. 9.30am   | St Brigid's | <b>Florence Elizabeth Ashman</b>                                                   |                                  |

**Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

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|----------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Sat. 6pm | C the K     | <b>Advanil Mossini (S &amp; M Williams) &amp; Peter O'Brien (B &amp; V Adshead)</b>        |                                  |
| Sun. 9am | St Paul's   | <b>David &amp; Tim Cole</b>                                                                | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent |
| 9am      | C the K     | <b>James &amp; Marcia Cronin (A Cronin) &amp; Derek &amp; Bridget Roberts (J Dartnell)</b> |                                  |
| 11am     | St Brigid's | <b>Mary &amp; Les Dodd</b>                                                                 |                                  |
| 6pm      | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parish</b>                                                                |                                  |
| 7.30pm   | St Brigid's | <b>Sunday Praise</b>                                                                       |                                  |



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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** £ 679.00  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 505.56  
**Total** £ 1184.56  
**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the King**  
**Gift Aid** £ 554.80  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 402.14  
**S/O weekly av.** £ 304.04  
**Total** £1260.98

**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,  
Cath Rees, Claire Richards, Adela Rogers, Dewi Thomas,  
Emma Warlow, Dorothy Warren & Pat Watkins.