

3 Churches News

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Fr Matthew wishes all parishioners and friends of our 3 Churches
A joyful and peace-filled Christmas



~~~~ Fourth Sunday of Advent (Sunday 20 December 2015) ~~~~

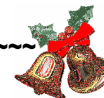


Response to Psalm **God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.**  
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord:  
Let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Micah 5: 1-4 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 10: 5-10 Gospel: Luke 1: 39-44



~~~~ The Holy Family (Sunday 27 December 2015) ~~~~



Response to Psalm **They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.**
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord,
To accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!**

1st Reading: Samuel 1: 20-22 2nd Reading: 1 St John 3: 1-2, 21-24 Gospel: Luke 2: 41-52

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Father's News

NEWSLETTER

Please note that this newsletter covers two weeks.

ADVENT INTO CHRISTMAS

3 Churches Carol Service this year is at St Paul's this Tuesday December 22nd at 7pm. One of our key words at the moment is "together" – so what more appropriate way to open up the Christmas season than by singing and celebrating – together at St Paul's! Minced pies and mulled wine to follow. All are very welcome!

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. We are very grateful for the help of Frs Gareth Leyshon, Ambrose Walsh and Ray O'Shea for our Christmas Masses. Please note that morning Masses on **St Stephen's Day (Boxing Day)** and **Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day)** are both at 10.00am rather than 9.30.

The three Sundays after Christmas are respectively, the **Holy Family**, the **Epiphany** and the **Baptism of Our Lord**. Readers and Bidding Prayer writers especially please take note.

Praying for our Neighbours

Please remember in your prayers this week our neighbours in **St Martin's Crescent (part of), Heol Gwyndaf, Deganwy Close & Bardsey Crescent (part of)** who have received prayer cards in the last few days.

3 CHURCHES YOUTH

A 3 Churches group for ages 11-13 will soon start on Sunday evenings in term time for an hour and a half. This age range want more from a youth group than simply socialising, fun and refreshments. Inspired by Pope Francis's "Laudato Si", the programme will involve them in ecological discussion and action on a global, community and personal level, and will encourage and support them in their own initiatives, while enjoying their own community and friends. We would be grateful for adult volunteers, from all age groups, in three areas: a) more leaders to inspire young people, in order to have a minimum of two on any particular night and, at most, every fortnight. b) adult volunteers to help supervise on a rota basis and c) people with a particular skill, talent or experience to share, or know someone else who could, so that we would be delighted to create one or more sessions around it.

Further details will be available soon on the 3 churches website.

To volunteer or find out more, contact Fr Matthew:

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Eucharistic Adoration

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration in the 3 Churches over the festive period. We will resume week commencing 4 January 2016.

CHRISTMAS EVENING

Many thanks to all who supported the recent very enjoyable Christmas Evening at St Brigid's. £1026 was raised which will be sent to Huggard for their work with single people who are homeless.

UCM Raffle

The winners of the UCM Raffle were:

1st Prize, Kyler Roach (2076 4847)

2nd Prize, Carmel O'Grady (07894 087479)

3rd & 4th Prizes, Helen Owen (2069 2635)

We want to thank all who supported our raffle. With your help, we raised a wonderful £284 for our charities.

St Brigid's & St Pauls

SERVERS

Altar servers are requested to a) children and adults, to sign the lists in St Paul's and St Brigid's sacristies for Christmas Masses b) be enrolled or renewed in the Stephen Guild on Sunday, Holy Family at their normal Mass. (see below)

Archconfraternity (Guild) of St Stephen

Our annual Guild of St Stephen, Enrolment/ Renewal Ceremony will take place during the 9am Mass at St Paul's on Sunday 27 December 2015. All Altar Servers are invited to attend.

3 CHURCHES FOODBANK

Please don't forget that each of our 3 Churches have collection points for Cardiff Foodbank. Any non-perishable items of food are greatly appreciated - especially now at Christmastime.



Christ the King

RIP

Please pray for Vera Strand who has died recently. The requiem Mass for Vera will take place at Christ the King on Thursday 31 December at 12noon. Please remember all her family in your prayers.

Parish Office

Please note that the CTK Parish office will not be open after Christmas until Monday 4 January. If you have any urgent messages please contact St Brigid's presbytery.

Junior Club

Junior Club will return on Friday 15 January at 6.30pm in the parish centre. All in years 3-6 are welcome.

LAY MINISTRIES AT CHRISTMAS

There is a sheet in the porch, for names and contacts of Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Welcomers for each of the three Christmas Masses in Christ the King. Please place your name and contact details on the list ***TODAY*** if you would like to take part in any of these ministries. We urgently need this list filled by the end of this weekend (19/20 December) in order for necessary arrangements to be made in advance of the Christmas Masses. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

Children attending the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass are invited to wear nativity costumes if they wish.



6pm Vigil Mass

The 6pm Family Vigil Mass will be relayed by video to the parish centre. Once the church is full, the welcomers will invite people to sit in the parish centre. The church will be open from 5pm, and those children who are taking part in the mass are asked to arrive by 5.15.

Help is needed to set out chairs etc in the Parish Centre in preparation. If you can assist with this, please turn up at Christ the King at 10am on 24 December. Help is also needed with parking arrangements for the evening. Thank you!

10pm Vigil Mass

There will be Christmas carols from 9.30pm.

Thank you

Marie & family would like to thank everyone for all the kindness, help and support that has been given to them over the past few weeks. You have all been amazing, thank you.

Sunday December 20th Fourth Sunday of Advent

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| Sat. | 6pm | C the K | Advanil Mossini (S & M Williams) & Peter O'Brien (B & V Adshead) | |
| Sun. | 9am | St Paul's | David & Tim Cole | 4 th Sunday of Advent |
| | 9am | C the K | James & Marcia Cronin (A Cronin) & Derek & Bridget Roberts (J Dartnell) | |
| | 11am | St Brigids | Mary & Les Dodd | |
| | 6pm | St Brigid's | People of the Parish | |
| | 7.30pm | St Brigid's | Sunday Praise | |
| Mon. | 9.30am | St Brigid's | Margaret Dyson (Byard) | |
| Tues. | 9.30am | C the K | Christina Thomas & Mary Cronin (A Cronin) | |
| Wed. | 9.30am | St Paul's | Josie Camilleri | |
| Thurs. | 6pm | St Paul's | John Kennelly & Power Family | Christmas Eve |
| | 6pm | St Paul's | Vigil Mass | |
| | 6pm | C the K | Vigil Mass for Christmas- Children of the Parish | |
| | 10pm | St Brigid's | Dec'd Carey Family | |
| | 10pm | C the K | All Parishioners | |
| Fri. | 9am | St Paul's | People of the Parish | Christmas Day |
| | 10am | C the K | Sister Kathleen Brown | |
| | 11am | St Brigid's | People of the Parish | |
| Sat. | 10am | St Brigid's | Shelagh Powell | St Stephen |

Sunday December 27th The Holy Family

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| Sat. | 6pm | C the K | Rita Hall (J Hall) & The O'Brien Family (A Culbertson) | |
| Sun. | 9am | St Paul's | People of the Parish | Holy Family |
| | 9am | C the K | Mary Cronin (A Cronin) & Agnes Lush (C Lush) | |
| | 11am | St Brigid's | Thomas Anthony Sherry | |
| | 6pm | St Brigid's | Raymond Hill | |
| Mon. | 9.30am | St Brigid's | The Sick of the Parish | Holy Innocents |
| Tues. | 9.30am | C the K | Nancy Hanssen (B Brown) | St Thomas Becket |
| Wed. | 9.30am | St Paul's | John Harrington | |
| | Thurs. 12 noon | C the K | Requiem Mass: Vera Strand | St Sylvester |
| | 7.30pm | St Brigid's | Deceased of 2015 | |
| Fri. | 10am | St Paul's | People of the Parish | Mary, Mother of God |
| Sat. | 9.30am | St Brigid's | Len Perry | |

Sunday January 3rd Epiphany

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| | 6pm | C the K | Peter O'Brien (Ward & Price Family) | |
| Sun. | 9am | St Paul's | People of the Parish | Epiphany |
| | 9am | C the K | Deceased members of Kennedy (F & M Callus) & Intentions of the Clark Family (C Bailey) | |
| | 11am | St Brigid's | John & Mary Kingston | |
| | 6pm | St Brigid's | Holy Father's Ints 2016 | |
| | 7.30pm | St Brigid's | Sunday Praise | |



Please send items to luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk by the afternoon of 30 December 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.

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Eucharistic Adoration

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration during the festive period. Adoration will recommence W/C 4 January 2016

**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 £ 615.20
Non Gift Aid £ 504.73
Total £ 1119.43
S/O month av. £ 846.77*

Christ the King
*Gift Aid £ 512.92
Non Gift Aid £ 404.51
S/O weekly av. £ 357.20
Total £ 1274.63*