

3 Churches News

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Epiphany

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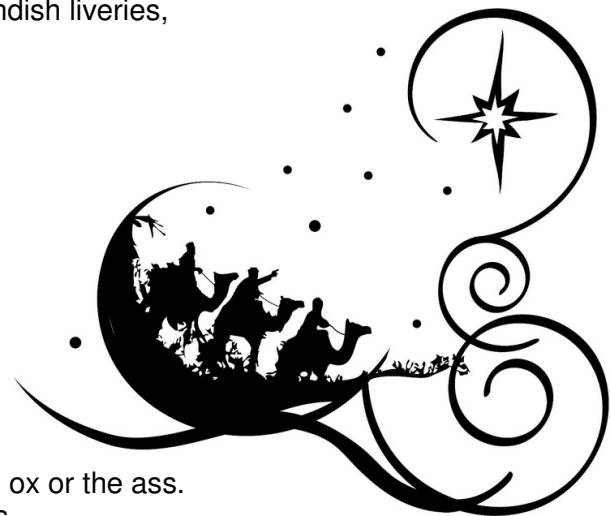
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PRAYER TO THE THREE KINGS

by convert to Catholicism Evelyn Waugh

Like me, you were late in coming.
The shepherds were here long before, even the cattle.
They had joined the chorus of angels before you were started.
For you the primordial discipline of the heavens had to be relaxed
and a new defiant light set to blaze amid the disconcerted stars.
How laboriously you came, taking sights and calculating,
where the shepherds had run barefoot.
How odd you looked on the road, attended by what outlandish liveries,
and laden with such preposterous gifts.
You came at length to the first stage of your pilgrimage
and the great star stood still above you.
What did you do? You stopped to call on King Herod.
Deadly exchange of compliments
in which there began that un-ended war
of mobs and magistrates against the innocent.
Yet you came, and were not turned away.
You too found room before the manger.
Your gifts were not needed, but they were accepted
and put carefully by, for they were brought with love.
In that new order of charity that had just come to life,
there was room for you, too.
You were not lower in the eyes of the holy family than the ox or the ass.
You are our special patrons, and patrons of all latecomers,
of all who have a tedious journey to make to the truth,
of all who are confused with knowledge and speculation,
of all who through politeness make themselves partners in guilt,
of all who stand in danger by reason of their talents.
May we, too, before and at the end find kneeling-space in the straw.
For His sake Who did not reject your curious gifts,
pray always for all the learned, the oblique, and the delicate.
Let them not be quite forgotten at the Throne of God
when the simple come into their kingdom.

Amen



~~~~ Epiphany ~~~~

Response to Psalm **All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6 Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

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## 3 Churches

### Father's News

#### CRIB OFFERING

The Archbishop has asked this year that Crib Offerings go to charity Safe Families for Children.

#### MANY THANKS...

...from Fr Matthew for your very generous Christmas Offerings.

#### BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Next Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord – readers, musicians and intercessions



writers please take note. The next day starts Week 1 in Ordinary Time.

#### JOINT LITURGY GROUP

The next meeting of the 3 Churches Joint Liturgy Group will now take place on **Tuesday 12th January** 7.30 at St Brigid's Hall Meeting Room, rather than the previous day. All are welcome. We will review Advent/Christmas and look to Lent, which starts early, on 10<sup>th</sup> February.

#### ACCOMMODATION DESPERATELY NEEDED

...by a woman in her late fifties who is in severe financial difficulties owing to legal costs. Has a limited budget but would also willingly cook, clean, shop etc. in return for shelter. Contact St. Peter's SVP on 07906 101015.

#### FIRST RECONCILIATION AND COMMUNION

A meeting for parents and children of all 3 Churches who wish to receive the Sacraments in 2016 will take place at 12 noon (directly after 11am Mass) on Sunday 10th January in St Brigid's Church.

A number of applications have already been received and there will be an opportunity to complete application forms at the meeting.

As a result of changes in the number of Masses and the times of Masses in all 3 Churches, the preparation classes for the 3 Churches, unlike in previous years, will be combined into one group.

Parental support during the preparation for these Sacraments is extremely important. The purpose of the meeting on January 10th is to outline the course to parents, provide the timetable and confirm the dates for the Sacraments in 2016.

Canon Matthew and the course catechists will be available to answer any questions you might have.

It is intended that the course will commence on Sunday 17th January at 9.30am at St Brigid's Hall. Each class will last for approximately 1 hour and will always be finished in good time for 11am Mass.

#### CWL

The next C.W.L. charity coffee morning will take place on Friday 8 January after 9.30am Mass at St. Paul's. Proceeds will be for Cardiff Women's Refuge.

#### 2016 Diaries and Calendars

If you have any unwanted diaries or calendars these would be much appreciated by inmates of Cardiff prison who attend the weekly prison mass. There is a collection box at the back of each church. Further information from Elizabeth Taylor (2075 1401).

**Mass on Tuesday 5 January at 9.30am at Christ the King will be offered for the deceased members of the 3 Churches, particularly those who died in October.**

#### SPUC White Flower Appeal

SPUC will be holding its annual white flower appeal at all Masses on the weekend of the 9 & 10 January. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

#### 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.



## Three Churches, Two Parishes, One Family

**Please remember the deceased members of the 3 churches whose anniversaries occur in January including:** Patricia Rafter, Carlos Palau Garcia, Alun Dukes, Theresa Thomas, Michael Sylvester Mitchell, Martin Rafter, Luis Maria Urtiaga, Angela Jackson, Kath Foils, Kate Haines, Terry O'Neill, Mary Veronica Neary, Ken Welsher, Mollie Peterson, Walter Connies-Laing, Genie Beach, Winifred Powell, Kathleen Hannay, Juliette Gabriel and Maureen Thomas.

Cardiff Foodbank Collection Points at 3 Churches

Food Collection Points 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. Thank you

**Llanishen & District Churches Together  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
(18-25 January 2016)**

***The Fellowship Meal (the 'Agape')***

-enjoy a simple meal with other local Christians on Tuesday 19 January 7.30pm at Bethel U.R.C Church Llangranog Road, Llanishen

At Tuesday's Fellowship Meal there will be available to take away for daily prayer use at home copies of the booklet entitled "The Salt of the Earth" on this year's theme, from the joint churches of Latvia, of answering the calling shared by all the baptised to holy living and to proclaiming the mighty acts of the Lord, as in 1 Peter and Jesus' metaphors of salt and light.

(Booklet also down-loadable from: [www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer](http://www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer))

***The United Service***

Sunday 24 January 6pm at Christ Church Roath Park, Lake Road North  
Preacher: Rev'd Delyth Liddell, M.Th. Methodist Chaplain, Cardiff University.

**Peace Sunday**

Peace Sunday 2016 will be celebrated in England and Wales on 17 January. The Catholic Church begins each year with a Peace Day and the theme chosen by Pope Francis for 2016 is "Overcome indifference and win peace", the press notice says: Peace is to be worked at: it is not something that one gains without efforts, without conversion of mind and heart, without a sense of creativity and positive engagement in discussion. Such an action must urgently have recourse to build a sense of responsibility and awareness creation about the serious problems and challenges afflicting our time" For more information visit - <http://paxchristi.org.uk/news-and-events/peace-sunday/>

***Lent Discussion Groups***

This year's theme is "Challenging Christianity". Exploring the relationship between Christian faith and everyday life. Where is God in work, money, personal relationships, environment and community? Starts week commencing 8 February. Pick up a leaflet - please return applications by Thursday 21 January. Further information from Ian Thomas (2075 4255)



**A Diocesan Day of Recollection and Refreshment for Ministers of Communion will take place in the Pastoral Centre / St Illtyd's on Saturday 27 February**

**Christ the King**

Junior Club

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

**"50 Club" Winners**

**December 2015**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Prize £25**  
**Jo Taylor [129]**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £20**  
**Chris Lewis [132]**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £15**  
**Mrs K Bailey [86]**

Through the 50 Club, the parish will continue to support Good Neighbours in North Cardiff for another year in 2016. Payments by cash or cheque can be made throughout the month of January after any Mass. Contact Tess Evans (2075 5528) for further details.

**Christmas Link**

Thanks to those who supported the Alzheimer's Society through the greetings pages, a cheque will be presented early in the New Year. Any contributions still to come, therefore need to be given as soon as possible to Cherime, Jane or Tess.

**This newsletter was edited by Luke Todd (2016)**

**Sunday January 3<sup>rd</sup> Epiphany**

|        |        |             |                                                                                                         |          |
|--------|--------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Sat.   | 6pm    | C the K     | <b>Peter O'Brien (Ward &amp; Price Family)</b>                                                          |          |
| Sun.   | 9am    | St Paul's   | <b>People of the Parish</b>                                                                             | Epiphany |
|        | 9am    | C the K     | <b>Deceased members of Kennedy (F &amp; M Callus) &amp; Intentions of the Clark Family (C Bailey)</b>   |          |
|        | 11am   | St Brigid's | <b>John &amp; Mary Kingston</b>                                                                         |          |
|        | 6pm    | St Brigid's | <b>Holy Father's Ints 2016</b>                                                                          |          |
|        | 7.30pm | St Brigid's | <b>Sunday Praise</b>                                                                                    |          |
| Mon.   | 9.30am | St Brigid's | <b>Peter O'Brien (Crowley Fam.)</b>                                                                     |          |
| Tues.  | 9.30am | C the K     | <b>Deceased members of the 3 Churches</b>                                                               |          |
| Wed.   | 9.30am | St Paul's   | <b>Harrington Ints.</b>                                                                                 |          |
| Thurs. | 9.30am | C the K     | <b>Deceased members of the Callus Family (F &amp; M Callus) &amp; Peter O'Brien (D &amp; M O'Brien)</b> |          |
|        | 7.30pm | St Brigid's | <b>Dec'd Camilleri Fam.</b>                                                                             |          |
| Fri.   | 9.30am | St Paul's   | <b>Glaser Family (Slowikowska)</b>                                                                      |          |
| Sat.   | 9.30am | St Brigid's | <b>Peter O'Brien (Peter Charles)</b>                                                                    |          |

**Sunday January 10<sup>th</sup> Baptism of the Lord**

|      |        |             |                                                                                  |                     |
|------|--------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Sat. | 6pm    | C the K     | <b>Private Intention (Peat Family) &amp; Margaret Griffiths (L &amp; S Lobo)</b> |                     |
| Sun. | 9am    | St Paul's   | <b>John Nelson</b>                                                               | Baptism of the Lord |
|      | 9am    | C the K     | <b>Luis Urtiaga (A Davies) &amp; Fiona Perrum (B Theeswaran)</b>                 |                     |
|      | 11am   | St Brigid's | <b>Pam Hawkes Int.</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,  
 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** £ ~~~~~  
**Non Gift Aid** £ ~~~~~  
**Total** £ ~~~~~  
**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the King**  
**Gift Aid** £ 448.10  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 273.41  
**S/O weekly av.** £ 326.79  
**Total** £1048.30