

3 Churches News

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PEACE SUNDAY - 17 JANUARY 2016

Overcome indifference and win peace

In his World Peace Day message this year Pope Francis invites us to reflect on how we can hope for peace *without* working to challenge the causes of violence and injustice in our world today. Time and again he has spoken of our 'throw-away culture' which dehumanises and destroys the human person, whether through war and conflict or economic injustice.

Peace is to be worked at, and we are greatly heartened by the outpouring of empathy and action that surrounds the current crisis we face of refugees fleeing war and conflict. But unless we combine this with work to stop the causes of war – the global arms trade and our part within it; the billions spent annually on war and war preparations – we will not win peace.

Indeed, how can we hope for peace while we tolerate indifference, letting ourselves remain unmoved by the dramatic situation of so many of our brothers and sisters, and if we do not seek to understand the causes of so much pain and difficulty? Peace will only come when we ask ourselves and our political leaders *why* conflicts prove so hard to resolve: whose interests are being served by their continuation? Could the \$1776 billion spent annually on weapons and war preparations have anything to do with it? *What* is it that has displaced 59.5 million people from their homes and driven more than 19.5 million of them beyond their homelands' borders? How come a billion people still live on less than \$1.25 per day, that 32% of the world's population lacks proper sanitation and that 663 million people have no safe drinking water? Not to ask these questions, to be content with the status quo on which our own relative prosperity is based, is itself indifference – and it eats away at the soul.

We cannot do everything. But we can all do something, and make ourselves true friends and servants of the poor. It is inconvenient and hard at times, of course, to open our eyes and hearts; but infinitely worth it because, as Pope Francis promises us, beyond indifference is the prize we seek, the prize of peace.

As in recent years, a Peace Candle will move around each of our 3 Churches for three weeks at a time, starting with Christ the King. Sign up for one of the two day slots, and let the light of our Peace Candle inspire you to prayer and maybe challenge you to action.

Fr Matthew (incl, material from Pax Christi resources paxchristi.org.uk)



~~~~ Baptism of the Lord ~~~~



Response to Psalm **Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.**  
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia! Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I.  
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-5. 9-11 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Titus 2: 11-14. 3: 4-7 Gospel: Luke 3: 15-16. 21-22

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## 3 Churches

### Father's News

#### R.I.P.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Maria Lukaszewicz and Rosaleen McAlevey whose funerals take place at Briwnant Chapel Thornhill on Tuesday at 10.30 and in St Brigid's on Wednesday at 12.15 respectively. We remember also in our prayers their families and friends.

*Eternal rest grant to them, Lord.*

#### JOINT LITURGY GROUP

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

#### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A project for 2016 is the support of our married couples. On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January a couple from Marriage Encounter will speak at 9.00am Mass at Christ the King and 11.00am at St Brigid's. They will then lead a meeting in the afternoon at 3.00pm. "Take your relationship to another level". More details in next week's newsletter and please visit [wwme.org.uk](http://wwme.org.uk)

#### Praying for our Neighbours

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

#### 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) this Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 and times of Masses, the preparation classes for our 3 Churches, unlike in previous years, will be combined into one group.

Parental support during the preparation for these Sacraments is extremely important. The meeting will 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. The course will start on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30 am at St Brigid's Hall. Each class will last for approximately 1 hour and will always be finished in good time for 11am Mass.

**There will be Eucharistic Adoration for the unborn and their families on Thursday 14 January at St David's Cathedral 9am-6pm. Mass will be at 12.45pm and Benediction at 5.30pm. All welcome**

#### SPUC White Flower Appeal

SPUC will be holding its annual white flower appeal at all Masses this weekend (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.

#### UCM News

The members of the UCM wish to thank all of their friends and fellow parishioners who supported their fund raising events during 2015. Together they helped us to raise £1578.

This money will be divided equally between our two charities for 2015. Fr. Freddie's Charity: this is to help and support the development of child education in the Diocese of Dinapur, Bangladesh. Cardiff Cwtch: this is a play project giving disabled/special needs children an opportunity to have another avenue of play with non-disabled children in a safe, stimulating and caring environment. Once again, many thanks to all. Without your help we would not be able to aid these charities.

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### 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).

### 'Quiet Candlelight'

*Continue to find the light and peace of Christmas....*

**Christ the King Church is open every Friday evening for quiet contemplation, 6.30pm - 7.00pm.** Please note: we are reverting to opening the church at 6.30pm.

### Prayers for Peace

A short service to pray for peace in the world will take place on the 3rd Friday of each month at 6.15pm at Christ the King - immediately before the half hour 'Quiet Candlelight' - starting this Friday 15 January. Our troubled world has great need for our prayers. Please come along.

### 'I Will Follow You': Discipleship

On 15 January 2016 at 6.30pm in the Chapel of Christ the King, we shall focus on the last part of Chapter 9 of St Luke's Gospel (9:51-62) with the help of Canon Matthew.

As Jesus 'resolutely turned his face towards Jerusalem', many expressed their wish to follow Him. If you would like to understand this passage a little more, please come along to our meetings which are very informal.

Should you wish to receive further information, please contact Esther [esther.milardi@btinternet.com](mailto:esther.milardi@btinternet.com)

## 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 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.

### **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)

### **An Update on the Refugee Crisis**

Wednesday 20 January 2016 6-8pm Ty Hywel, Cardiff Bay  
Chaired by William Powell AM  
The session will feature contributions from the Wales Refugee Council and Oxfam Cymru. Refreshments will be provided. To secure a place contact Alexander Phillips - [Alexander.Phillips@Grayling.com](mailto:Alexander.Phillips@Grayling.com) or 2046 2507.

## 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.

### **Lost Property**

There are a lot of items of lost property in the porch of Christ the King. Please take a look to see whether any of it belongs to you. Anything not claimed by 25th January will be donated to charity.

## St Brigid's & St Pauls

### **ORGAN RESTORATION**

The organ at St Brigid's is being cleaned and restored over the next two weeks, the first time since installed. As a consequence, the church will not be open to visit for much of the time. Mass times should not be affected.

### **Evangelisation Programme**

During the last few months, as part of our Evangelisation Programme, Prayer Cards have been delivered each week to houses in the St Brigid's area. In a few weeks this will be started in St Paul's. Volunteers are needed from St Paul's, so that a rota can be drawn up to carry out this work - the more volunteers the better (less work all round!). To volunteer or for more information please contact Barbara Cole (2048 2334)

### **HELP NEEDED**

Please can anyone help with a lift to and from 6pm mass at St Brigid's Church occasionally? I am unable to drive for a period of time, and live on Cyncoed Rd near the village. Thank you, please contact Sheila Marks (2075 2866).

**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>                                                             |                     |
| Mon.   | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>Pvt Int (Manley); Elizabeth Carey</b>                                         |                     |
| Tues.  | 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Margaret Gorringer (Taylor Family) &amp; Peter O'Brien (L &amp; S Jones)</b>  |                     |
|        | 10.30am | Briwnant    | <b>Funeral Service: Maria Lukaszewicz</b>                                        |                     |
| Wed.   | 9.30am  | St Paul's   | <b>Maria Lukaszewicz</b>                                                         |                     |
|        | 12.15pm | St Brigid's | <b>Requiem: Rosaleen McAlevey</b>                                                |                     |
| Thurs. | 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Marion Savage (C Bailey) &amp; Terence O'Flynn (B Theeswaran)</b>             |                     |
|        | 7.30pm  | St Brigid's | <b>Len Perry</b>                                                                 |                     |
| Fri.   | 9.30am  | St Paul's   | <b>The Sick of the Parish</b>                                                    |                     |
| Sat.   | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>Rosaleen McAlevey</b>                                                         |                     |

**Sunday January 17<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

|      |        |             |                                                                      |                                         |
|------|--------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Sat. | 6pm    | C the K     | <b>Peter O'Brien (H Tracey) &amp; Kathleen Hickey (B Theeswaran)</b> |                                         |
| Sun. | 9am    | St Paul's   | <b>Dorothy Mitchell</b>                                              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |
|      | 9am    | C the K     | <b>Nonie Fleming (C Bailey) &amp; Alun Dukes (B Dukes)</b>           |                                         |
|      | 11am   | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parish</b>                                          |                                         |
|      | 6pm    | St Brigid's | <b>Available</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, Bev Tumelty,  
 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** £ 762.00  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 727.47  
**Total** £ 1489.47  
**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the King**  
**Gift Aid** £ 448.70  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 344.02  
**S/O weekly av.** £ 326.79  
**Total** £1119.51