

3 Churches News

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MARRIED LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL

Pope Francis says "Married life is beautiful and must be protected". Why not treat yourselves and your marriage to a **Marriage Encounter Weekend** in 2016?

As time progresses and the early romance begins to wear off, many married couples drift into taking each other for granted. Other things begin to take up more and more of their time, and the vision they had for their marriage can begin to fade. A Marriage Encounter Weekend gives a couple time alone together, helping them to rediscover that vision, no matter how long they have been married. A Weekend enables couples to grow in their love for each other, a time to rediscover romance and the joy of being married. The Weekend helps each couple to explore the choices they are making, their attitudes towards each other, their frustration and their joys, in a spirit of love and understanding. It is *not* a retreat, therapy or counseling. Rather it is a unique way for you to revitalise marriage away from the distractions, tensions and routine of everyday life.

The Weekend is residential – from Friday evening to late Sunday afternoon. It is a strictly private experience between each couple, with no "group dynamics". Presentations are given to the group, but after each presentation, the husband and wife have time for their own discussion in the privacy of their own room. The only time everyone is asked to speak out is to introduce themselves to the group at the beginning. However, it is a busy, structured Weekend, with little free time. The Weekend is presented by three Catholic couples and a priest, so is Catholic in orientation, but mixed faith couples or even those who have no faith at all are welcome and can benefit by enriching their relationship.

The next Weekend is 26th - 28th February 2016, at Lydiard House, Swindon. If you would like to hear more about the Marriage Encounter Weekend, **next Sunday 24th January** we will be at **9am Mass at Christ the King** and **11am Mass at St Brigid's**. In the afternoon we will lead an information meeting at **Christ the King Parish Centre at 3pm** or you can visit the web site www.wwme.org.uk where you can learn more and book your weekend direct. You can also 'phone us, Ian & Tessa MacCallum 01249 656145.

Edited from Ian & Tess's Marriage Encounter material



~~~~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~~~~



Response to Psalm **Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.**  
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia! God has called us through the Gospel to possess  
The glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 62: 1-5 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11 Gospel: John 2: 1-11

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### Father's News

#### A LIGHT FOR PEACE

In his World Peace Day message Pope Francis invites us to ask how we can hope for peace *without* working to challenge the causes of violence and injustice in our world today. It is inconvenient and hard at times 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 areas from this weekend 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.

#### INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT

There will be a Scripture **Saturday on 23 January** at St Philip Evans. The day led by Kate Duffin, Chaplain of Cardinal Newman Catholic High School in Pontypridd, is entitled '**Our Story is Their Story.**' The journey of the Hebrew people is one that would infuse history even to our present time, a journey in which the person of faith would see an unfolding of the history of salvation. This introduction offers an insight into how this story becomes our story. Sat 23 Jan 10am - 3pm St Philip Evans, Llanedeyrn Drive, CF23 9UL. Bring a packed lunch. Suggested donation £10. [www.catholic-bible-school.org/event](http://www.catholic-bible-school.org/event) email [catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com](mailto:catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com)

#### Lent Discussion Groups

Starts week of 8 February. Return applications by 21 January. Info: Ian Thomas (2075 4255)

#### FIRST FRIDAY PRAYER

Each first Friday of the month the Syro-Malabar (Kerala) community holds a Prayer Vigil at St Brigid's. On 5<sup>th</sup> February Fr Matthew leads the evening, and you are invited to come along as a preparation for Lent. 7.30pm Praise and worship. 8pm Mass 9.15 Adoration and Ministry. Come for all or part – you are welcome!

#### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT.

Would you like to become part of our 3 Churches Bereavement Support Group? Perhaps you have thought about it, but do not know enough. The Archdiocesan Family Life Commission in co-operation with Care for the Family will be running a day's course for those like you in the Pastoral Resource Centre on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February** at 9.30. The cost of course is £30 to include a light lunch. (Parishes will usually pay for this). Previously trained people are also welcome to join us. Places are limited, so if you wish to reserve a place please email [anstic2002@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:anstic2002@yahoo.co.uk) or phone 07799 704970

#### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

**Why?** To pray for an end to abortion, and for women who may be going in to seek an abortion, as they are victims too. To offer help if anyone asks for it, and to have the contacts and the means to support those who would like to avoid abortion.

**Where?** St Mary Street, opposite the abortion facility.

**When?** From 10<sup>th</sup> February (Ash Wednesday) until 20<sup>th</sup> March (Palm Sunday). Volunteers are needed for an hour between 11.00am and 4.00pm. If this is shared out, no one will find it too much to do. **Contact** Janet [jelthomas@btinternet.com](mailto:jelthomas@btinternet.com) or 07901 713077

#### THURSDAY EVENING MASS

Please remember that in our 3 Churches we celebrate a weekday evening Mass on Thursday 7.30 at St Brigid's. This may be of particular interest to people working. Note also that it is followed by an hour of Eucharistic Adoration.

#### SEMINARIANS

From time to time people ask about the men studying for the priesthood for our diocese. So please pray for our seminarians studying in Oscott (Birmingham) or Allen Hall (London): Laurence Bryce, Elliot Hanson, Robert James, Daniel Stanton and Nick Williams. Laurence and Nick are currently on pastoral placement in parishes.

#### FAITH IN POLITICS

This internship scheme sponsored by the Bishops provides recently graduated Catholics with an intensive experience of political and social action in a spiritual context. This year they are looking to offer up to eight internships, including placements with Christian MPs at Westminster; a parliamentary support role within the Bishops' Conference Secretariat; with the Catholic Agencies CAFOD and CSAN in social action and public policy roles, and a media and communications internship in Archbishop's House Westminster. There's still time to apply so if you fit the bill or know someone who does, please apply now. Visit [faithinpolitics.org.uk](http://faithinpolitics.org.uk)

#### Praying for our Neighbours

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

## 3 Churches

### **3 Churches Youth: Meeting for volunteers and all who would like to learn more about this exciting new initiative. This Monday 18 January, 7.30pm, St Brigid's Hall.**

The meeting will be led by the 3 Churches Youth Task Group. It consists of Fr Matthew and 3 Churches parishioners: Kieran O'Brien of CAFOD, Chris Ashman and Gary Thompson, both of whom have youth work experience and Helen McSherry, who participates in various parish groups.

This meeting will give us the opportunity to explain more about the vision and goals we have for the youth group and to illustrate our proposed framework. We want to give volunteers the opportunity to share any thoughts and ideas too.

### **We are in need of many more volunteers.**

This new initiative for a 3 Churches youth group for ages 11-13, (pre-Confirmation), is starting soon, meeting each Sunday evening in term time for an hour and a half.

More details available on

[3churches.org](http://3churches.org)

**We are inviting our youth to come forward with their ideas and vision. We appeal to our adults, of all ages, to join us in volunteering to help with this brave initiative for the benefit of our young people and all of us. Can you lead and inspire young people?**

**Do you have a skill you could share with our youth?**

**Can you give some precious time to the youth of our parish?**

To volunteer and for further details, please contact: Fr Matthew Jones

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Helen McSherry

[hmmcsherry@gmail.com](mailto:hmmcsherry@gmail.com)

(07720 053999)

### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

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

Tuesday 19 January 7.30pm at Bethel U.R.C Church, Llangranog Road, Llanishen

***The United Service*** - Sunday 24 January 6pm at Christ Church, Lake Road North

#### **Baptism Course**

The next baptism course will take place in St. Brigid's Sacristy on Wednesdays 3 & 10 February at 7.30pm. For information contact Cath Wieser

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## Christ the King

### **50 Club Subscriptions due**

Through the 50 Club, the parish will continue to support Good Neighbours in North Llanishen 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.

### **PAC Meeting**

The next meeting of CTK PAC is on Tuesday 2 February. If anyone has any matter they wish to bring to the attention of the PAC, would they speak to any member of the PAC

### ***RIP***

Please pray for Cath Rees who has died recently and also remember her husband Chris and all her family in your prayers. Chris Rees and family would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support over the last two and a half years of Catherine's illness. Her requiem mass takes place at St Peter's this Thursday 21 January at 1:15 followed by cremation at Wenallt Chapel.

### **Lost Property**

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

## St Brigid's & St Pauls

### **BAPTISM**

We welcome into the Church through Baptism at St Brigid's Isabella Pauline Contreras. Remember her and her parents and godparents in your prayers.

### **ORGAN RESTORATION**

The organ at St Brigid's is being cleaned and restored this week. Consequently the church will not always be open at the usual times. 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 start in St Paul's. Volunteers are needed from St Paul's, so a rota can be drawn up to carry out this work – the more volunteers the better (less work all round!) Info: Barbara Cole (2048 2334)

### **HELP NEEDED**

Can you help with a lift to & from 6pm mass at St Brigid's Church occasionally? I live on Cyncoed Rd & am currently unable to drive. Contact: Sheila Marks (2075 2866).

### **Parish Council**

Nominations invited for St Brigid's & St Paul's PAC which meets 6 times a year (usually Monday eve) to help & advise Fr Matthew. Complete a Nomination form (at back of churches), & return to Fr Matthew by Sunday 31st. Info: Nigel Tuck (PAC Chair)

**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>                                                           |
|        | 12.15pm | St Brigid's | <b>Baptism: Isabella Contreras</b>                                                    |
|        | 6pm     | St Brigid's | <b>Available</b>                                                                      |
|        | 7.30pm  | St Brigid's | <b>Sunday Praise</b>                                                                  |
| Mon.   | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>Raymond Hill</b>                                                                   |
| Tues.  | 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Peter O'Brien (Morris Family) &amp; Patrick &amp; Bridie Tucket (B Theeswaran)</b> |
| Wed.   | 9.30am  | St Paul's   | <b>Leszek Slowikowski</b> Sts Fabian & Sebastian                                      |
| Thurs. | 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Pat Ward (Hughes) &amp; Trudy Kersting (S Peat)</b> St Agnes                       |
|        | 7.30pm  | St Brigid's | <b>Mike Cassley (Daw)</b>                                                             |
| Fri.   | 9.30am  | St Paul's   | <b>Len Perry</b> St Vincent Deacon & Martyr                                           |
| Sat.   | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parish</b>                                                           |

**Sunday January 24<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

|      |        |             |                                                                                        |
|------|--------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat. | 6pm    | C the K     | <b>Jimmy Connolly (M Gaunt) &amp; Peter O'Brien (S &amp; L Lobo)</b>                   |
| Sun. | 9am    | St Paul's   | <b>Gerard &amp; Michael Mitchell (Donovan)</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |
|      | 9am    | C the K     | <b>Peter O'Brien (A &amp; C McDevitt) &amp; Christine Smith (B Theeswaran)</b>         |
|      | 11am   | St Brigid's | <b>Margaret Dyson (York)</b>                                                           |
|      | 6pm    | St Brigid's | <b>Marie Bradley (York)</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 Birmingham, 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,  
 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** £ 650.90  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 610.11  
**Total** £ 1261.01  
**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the King**  
**Gift Aid** £ ~~~~~  
**Non Gift Aid** £ ~~~~~  
**S/O weekly av.** £ ~~~~~  
**Total** £ ~~~~~