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Sunday October 30th 2016 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (YEAR C) Issue 40/16

LUX PERPETUA

The clocks go back this weekend, a sure sign that we are heading towards winter. The mornings and evenings darken, the weather often likewise. To cap it all, standing just at the entrance of November is Hallowe'en, which also seems to have been captured by darkness, in however light-hearted a way - or not - it is observed.

Yet Hallowe'en is the Eve of All Hallows, or in modern English, **All Saints**, and that is certainly not a dark feast! The day celebrates those who, in the words of the Mass for the Feast are at "the banquet of our heavenly homeland" (*Prayer after Communion*). The light of Easter shines throughout the year, yes even in Lent and November! So let us begin the month on Tuesday by gathering for Mass together to "celebrate the festival of your city, the heavenly Jerusalem, our mother, where the great array of our brothers and sisters already gives you eternal praise" (*Preface*)

The next day we pray that the faithful departed "may pass over to a dwelling place of light and peace" (*Prayer after Communion*). This is **All Souls**, properly called "The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed". As at all funerals we pray for *lux perpetua* - perpetual light - to shine upon them all.

We bring these prayers closer to home with our **Mass of Memories**, at 10am this coming Saturday at St Brigid's. Each year more come to remember, to seek mercy, to pray for peace... and for light, both for our loved ones and for ourselves. Names of those who have died since our last Mass of Memories are read out, and we have the chance to light a candle for them.

Equally personal are the **November Memorial Books** which will be available in all 3 Churches, and in which we can write the names of our loved ones.

By the end of November we will have honoured **Christ Our King** - and Our Light - on the 20th, and then a week later we will begin our **Advent** journey to Bethlehem, guided, like the Wise Men and Shepherds by *Lux Perpetua* - God's Everlasting Light. In the depths of winter darkness we will find that Light burning with love for us, in a manger at Bethlehem.

Fr Matthew



~~~ 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday 30 October 2016) ~~~~

Response to Psalm I will bless your name for ever, O God my King. Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Wisdom 11: 22-12:2 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1: 11-2:2 Gospel: Luke 19: 1-10

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# **"LIKE THE FATHER"**

We continue our series on the Spiritual Works of Mercy.

# 4. To bear wrongs patiently

We bear wrongs patiently when we don't retaliate or get angry or upset when others are behaving badly towards us. We live in an imperfect world, and there will be moments when we feel unjustly treated by colleagues, family, friends etc. Sometimes we overreact at the time, or on other occasions we do nothing - but seethe inwardly and dwell on how we could have been more assertive and given a stronger account of ourselves. This inner resentment can flare up in us without warning over and over again, even years later.

This Work of Mercy encourages us not to be bitter about wrongs done to us. Perhaps we could step back from the confrontation, take a breath and quietly ask God for patience. We may have no idea what problems the other people are experiencing in their lives, causing them to behave in such a way. We also have no idea how much good we could have achieved had we behaved in a more Christian manner. There must be many instances in our own lives where we have been in the wrong and it is our behavior that has caused distress. So this could also be a good time to pray for those we have treated badly.

### Father's News

# ALL SAINTS

Please remember that Tuesday, the Feast of All Saints, is one of the few remaining Holydays of Obligation in the Church's year.

# SUNDAY PRAISE

The "St Brigid's Sunday Praise" group invites you to a series of guest speaker evenings at St Brigid's 7.30pm on Sundays. Usually the meetings begin with a café-style gathering in the parish hall at 7.30, leading into an hour of praise and worship in church which concludes around 9.30pm, though some speakers may choose different formats. There is no charge, but donations are welcome.

Our upcoming speakers are: 30 October - Canon Matthew Jones: Praying with the Saints 6 November - Alan de Ste Croix: "The Mass in Scripture" 13 November - Sr Marie de Montfort: Lectio Divina 20 November - Kate Duffin: "The Deeper Meaning of the Eucharist" ST PHILIP EVANS MISSION St Philip Evans Parish invites you to join in the main events for its Sion Community Mission this week. **Mission Services** are at St Philip Evans Church at 7.30pm on Monday, Thursday and Friday. **Parish social** with a Christian Conjuror in the Hall 6.30pm Saturday 5 November, following 5.15pm Mass. All welcome!

# UCM News

The UCM will be holding their annual 'Winter Warmer' lunch on Saturday 12 November at 12.30pm. Members will be selling tickets after all Masses this weekend and w/e 5 & 6 November. Tickets will cost £5 with £2 for children on the day.

# CWL

The C.W.L. monthly charity coffee morning will take place on Friday 4 November after the 09.30 Mass at St. Paul's. Proceeds will be for C.W.L. charities. This month's coffee morning raised over £200 for Chris Babu. The family of the late Teresa Black wish to thank Cannon Matthew Jones, Father Grey and all friends and relatives for attending her funeral. We would like to thank all those who helped to organise this, everyone's kind words and for sharing happy memories of our mother with us.

> St Faith's Church Morris Ave, Llanishen **TABLE TOP SALE** SATURDAY12 NOVEMBER 10.30am – 12.00pm Variety of Stalls Refreshments Available Disabled Access at Rear Tel: 2062 0838 for further information

# Praying for our Neighbours

Please remember in your prayers this week our neighbours in St Isan Road Lady Mary Road Norwood who have received prayer cards in the last few days.

#### Volunteers Needed

The Cardiff Food Bank needs volunteers for food collections at the Tesco stores at Culverhouse Cross, Western Avenue and St Mellons from Thursday 1 to Saturday 3 December. Volunteers are asked to cover a 2 hour slot (9-11am, 11-1pm, 1-3pm, 3-5pm) and to chat to customers, hand out leaflets and receive food donations. If any parishioners can help or would like further information, please contact the Food Bank at

info@cardiff.foodbank.org.uk or call 2048 4120. (These collections are part of a national event and separately organised from the collection the 3 churches ran at Morrisons, Llanishen in July and which we hope to repeat in February)

### Service at Cartref Care Home

On Sunday 13 November, Remembrance Sunday, Christ the King is responsible for the monthly service at Cartref (Thomas House) Care Home as part of our commitment to the work of Llanishen and District Council of Churches. The service is at 3.30pm and lasts around half an hour. We need a group of people to help with the singing, prayers and readings. If members of any of the 3 churches, not just from Christ the King, can help please contact Elizabeth Taylor - 20751401 or tayleat@gmail.com

#### Mass of Memories

The annual 3 Churches Mass of Memories takes place on 5 November at 10am at St Brigid's. This is a special opportunity to come together to remember family, friends, fellow parishioners and others who have died, especially those who have died in the last year. Everyone is welcome. If you need transport contact Marie O'Brien (Christ the King Parish Office) 2075 3945 or Bernice Rayer (St Brigid's & St Paul's) 07887 641351.

# **Christ the King**

### RIP

Please pray for John Foley, a longstanding member of Christ the King who died this week. The Requiem Mass for John will take place here at Christ the King on Friday 11 November at 11am. Please also remember May and all the family in your prayers.

### <u>Thank you</u>

On the occasion of her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Julia Churchhouse would like to thank the parish of Christ the King for 44 years of friendship and care, with particular thanks to the Eucharistic minister.

# <u>LINK</u>

The last date for LINK contributions including Christmas greetings is Monday 7 November j.v.rendle@talk21.com mark.cherime@talktalk.net Thank you Traidcraft Christmas cards will be on sale in the parish centre every Sunday after 9am Mass from the beginning of November.

### Poems & a Glass

Sunday 30 October 7pm CTK Parish Centre Come and share your favourite poems... or just come and listen!

# St Brigid's & St Pauls

### <u>Baptism</u>

We welcome Amelia Ford into the Church through Baptism during 11am Mass at St Brigid's. May her faith be nourished throughout her life.

# FILM NIGHT AT ST BRIGID'S

The next Film Night at St Brigid's will be on Friday 11 November at 7.30pm when we will be showing 'ERIN BROCKOVICH' starring Julia Roberts and Albert Finney. Tickets (£6 to include a Fish & Chip Supper) are now available after Sunday Masses or please telephone 2076 6318. Supper and bar profits will go to Fr Tim Greenway's Mission in India.

#### Red Mission Boxes – APF-Mill Hill. Could you be a Parish Secretary / Treasurer?

There is a special appeal at all masses today in St. Brigid's & St. Paul's for an APF Parish Secretary/ Treasurer. Please see the leaflet for further details. Info: Brigid Brown (2031 7091) Thank you.

### Gift Aid Envelopes

There are still a large number of boxes of Gift Aid Envelopes at the back of St Brigid's. Please would those in the scheme, collect them as soon as possible?

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| Sunday October 30 <sup>th</sup> 31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                          |                                                  |                                                        |                                           | 3 Churches<br>Parish Council Chairs                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 6pm C the K Pauline & Francis Naudi (T Naudi)<br>& Stella Ryan (S North) |                                                  |                                                        |                                           | Sts Brigid & Paul                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
| Sun.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 9am                                                                      | St Paul's                                        |                                                        | in Ordinary Time                          | Maria Thompson<br>07989 404730<br>mariathompson1                                                                                                                                                                      |  |
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| Mon.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                          | St Brigid's                                      | Int Fr Alex (Slowikowska)                              |                                           | chris.stevens01<br>@btopenworld.com                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |
| Tues.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 9.30am                                                                   | St Paul's                                        | Decd. Carrol & Black Families (Teresa)                 | All Saints                                | Christ the King                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 12.45pm                                                                  | C the K                                          | All Saints                                             |                                           | Primary School<br>Mrs R Woodward                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |
| Wed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 9.30am                                                                   | St Paul's                                        | Altar Lists                                            | All Souls                                 | 2075 4787<br>Corpus Christi                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| Thurs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 9.30am                                                                   | C the K                                          | Eugene Flynn (B Brown)                                 | St Winefride                              | High School                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 7.30pm                                                                   | St Brigid's                                      | Una Mangan (Tunnicliffe)                               | Acting Headtea<br>Mrs A Thom<br>2076 1893 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| Fri.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 9.30am                                                                   | St Paul's                                        | Teresa Black (John) St C                               | harles Borromeo                           | St David's College                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |
| Sat.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 100am                                                                    | St Brigid's Mass of Memories<br>(Bernard Conway) |                                                        | Principal<br>Mark Leighfield<br>2049 8555 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Sunday November 6 <sup>th</sup> 32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |                                                  |                                                        |                                           | Safeguarding                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| Sat.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 6pm                                                                      | C the K                                          | Peter O'Brien & Thanksgiving Julia Churc<br>Birthday   | hhouse 90 <sup>th</sup>                   | Representatives<br>Sts Brigid & Paul<br>Pat Williams (St B)                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| Sun.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 9am                                                                      | St Paul's                                        | Teresa Black (Daley) $32^{nd}$ Sunday in Ordinary Time |                                           | 2061 7374<br>Carl French (St P)                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 9am                                                                      | C the K                                          | Intention of Bev Tumelty (R & N Flynn)                 |                                           | 2075 4418<br>Christ the King                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 11am St Brigid's Thomas Anthony Sherry; Franco Filice                    |                                                  | Heulwen Egerton<br>2068 9416                           |                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 6pm St Brigid's People of the Parish                                     |                                                  |                                                        |                                           | heulwen21<br>@hotmail.co.uk                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| Please send items to luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk by Wednesday afternoon at the latest!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                          |                                                  |                                                        |                                           | Eucharistic Adoration<br>Christ the King<br>Tuesday 10am-1pm<br>St. Paul's<br>Wednesday 10am-3pm<br>St. Brigid's<br>Thursday 8-9pm<br>Sacrament of<br>Reconciliation<br>St Brigid's<br>Saturday 10-10.30<br>St Paul's |  |
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| <u>PRAYERS</u><br>Please remember the following in your prayers, who are unwell at this time:<br>Mary Amugan, Chris Babu, Brian Bermingham, John Campbell, Maureen Carroll, Sian Clark,<br>Mary Clarke, Terry Culbertson, Agnes Davies, Emily, Anna Forrest, Bobi Gower, Maria Hill,                                                                                                 |                                                                          |                                                  |                                                        |                                           | Gift Aid £ 485.60   Non Gift Aid £ 503.37   Total £ 993.97   S/O month av. £ 846.77                                                                                                                                   |  |
| Evelyn Lloyd, Caitriona Lovell, Joseph (Benny) Lynch, Charles McDevitt,<br>Katrina Meades, Fr Modest, Vernon Morgan, Sarah Morris, Peter Murphy, Maureen O'Driscoll,<br>Kieran Ollin, Rona Perry, Rita Purcell, Valentino Rascon, John Reardon,<br>Claire Richards, Adela Rogers, Tessie Stamp, Shaun Stone, Dewi Thomas, Bev Tumelty,<br>Emma Warlow, Dorothy Warren & Pat Watkins. |                                                                          |                                                  |                                                        |                                           | Christ the King   Gift Aid £ 385.70   Non Gift Aid £ 291.16   S/O weekly av. £ 305.55   Total £ 982.40                                                                                                                |  |

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