

3 Churches News

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OF DEACONS AND DEANS

It was not only Donald Trump who was elected on Tuesday! On the same day Archbishop Stack gave me two pieces of news. I had been elected **Dean of Cardiff** by the city's clergy, and our 3 Churches were being sent Rev **Daniel Stanton**, a deacon, in January to see him through the last phase of training before hopefully ordination as a priest sometime next year.

Each diocese is divided into deaneries - we have six. Cardiff deanery includes the parishes of the city plus Penarth/Dinas Powys and Barry. There are at present about 17 or 18 priests serving the area. The Dean's job description includes "to promote and coordinate pastoral action" and keep an eye on the clergy - their behavior (!), health, etc. It's all in canons 553 - 556 of the Code of Canon law. It seems to me it's what you make of it. I'm following Canon Pat O'Gorman and John Maguire in the role. Regarding Daniel, in the formation of a priest great importance is given nowadays to the practical experience of working in parishes. Seminarians will spend a shorter time each year, very often the summer, in a parish, and then during the last year they will have an extended placement. By then they will have been ordained a deacon, sometimes called a "transitory deacon" to distinguish them from the permanent deacons who also minister in each diocese, like Steve Melhuish in our Northern Arc.

Deacons can preach, celebrate Baptisms, Marriage Services and Funeral Services, and the idea is to get an all round experience of life in a busy pastoral situation. He will live with me at St Brigid's Presbytery. Our deacon, Rev Daniel Stanton, was here on Vocations Sunday back in May, so some will have already met him. He hails from Maesteg and has been in formation at St Mary's College, Oscott outside Birmingham. He will join us after Christmas, and stay hopefully until closer to an as yet undecided date for ordination as a priest.

Both these developments will have consequences, but I am sure that as usual we will move on, and especially that we will give Deacon Daniel a warm welcome - and a thorough pastoral experience, without putting him off!

Fr Matthew



~~~~ 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday 13 November 2016) ~~~~

Response to Psalm **The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia! Stay awake, praying at all times**

**For the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man. Alleluia**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Malachi 3: 19-20 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12 Gospel: Luke 21: 5-19

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## 3 Churches

### “LIKE THE FATHER”

*We continue our series on the Spiritual Works of Mercy.*

#### 6. Comfort the Sorrowful

The emphasis on Evangelisation and the celebration of the Year of Mercy have reminded us that we cannot live our lives in isolation, and has made us aware of the great commandment not only to love God, but to show that love to our neighbours. How do we do this? One way is to Comfort the Sorrowful.

There are many lonely or sorrowful people in our society today and many who have hit a bad patch in their lives through, for example, employment problems, poor health, family issues and bereavement. Just extending the hand of friendship and being there at a time of need with a few words of encouragement and, if appropriate, a prayer may help to restore hope and self-esteem. Some may like to go further and join a bereavement or pro-life support group. These problems surely all exist among our neighbours in the 3 Churches area, who receive **Prayer Cards** each week. So when we are asked to pray for them, perhaps we could think more deeply about what we are doing. Who knows how many people may be uplifted to know that the Church cares? Where may that lead? So who is my neighbour and how can I make comforting the Sorrowful part of my life?

### Father's News

#### SUNDAY PRAISE

The “Sunday Praise” group invites you to a series of guest speaker evenings at St Brigid’s on Sundays. Gather in café-style in the hall at 7.30 for teaching and/or sharing, leading into a time of praise and worship in church, concluding around 9.30pm. Donations welcome.

Our current speakers are:  
13 November - **Sr Marie de**

**Montfort:** “Lectio Divina”

20 November - **Kate Duffin:** “The Deeper Meaning of the Eucharist”

#### Generational Healing Service

Friday 25 November at St Peter’s Church, Roath. 6:15pm **Rosary**; 6:30pm. Penitential Candle Procession; 7pm Mass celebrated by Tony Furlong (including prayers for Generational Healing); 7.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Prayers and Personal Ministry; Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick also available. For more information see poster or go to [www.stpetersprayergroupcardiff.org.uk/generationalheal.htm](http://www.stpetersprayergroupcardiff.org.uk/generationalheal.htm)

#### FR CODY RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Ted Cody IC, formerly of St Joseph’s who died recently. His Funeral Mass will take place in St Peter’s, Cardiff on Wednesday 23 November at 11.30am

#### Praying the Psalms

The Psalms are “the prayer book of the Church” so here is a chance to understand them and pray the better. A day to include teaching and prayer, led by Sarah Beresford, Director of the Catholic Bible School. All are welcome, free. Saturday 26 November at 10am - 3pm St Helen’s RC Church, Court Road, Barry CF63 4ET. Packed lunch. For more information see [www.catholic-bible-school.org/event](http://www.catholic-bible-school.org/event) or email [catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com](mailto:catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com)

#### Christmas Preparation Retreat

An opportunity to stop and listen to God’s voice is a retreat day of prayer run according to Ignatian Spirituality, two talks, imaginative contemplation, silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and group sharing. Led by Christian and Esther Mahoney. Why not try something new in your prayer life? The day is open to people of all faiths and none and is free of charge. Saturday 3 December 10.30am - 3pm at St David’s Catholic College. Lunch provided. Spaces limited please book early to avoid disappointment - Tel Christian Mahoney **07764 515864**.

#### 3CY

This week 3CY are having a Fair Trade Bake Off. Come & make a ‘showstopper’ with fair trade ingredients. Please wear old clothes as this may be messy! Sessions every Sundays during term time from 6.30 - 8pm in Christ the King Parish Centre. All year 7, 8s & 9s are welcome.

### Volunteers Needed

The Cardiff Food Bank needs volunteers for food collections at Tesco stores at Culverhouse Cross, Western Avenue & St Mellons from 1 - 3 December to cover a 2 hour slot (9-11am, 11-1pm, 1-3pm, 3-5pm) and chat to customers, hand out leaflets & receive food donations. If any parishioners can help/would like further information, contact the Food Bank at [info@cardiff.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@cardiff.foodbank.org.uk) or 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.)

### **Gift Aid Scheme**

To all parishioners who have contributed to the church through the Gift Aid scheme (Envelopes and Standing Orders through bank) Letters are now available in Christ the King Church to confirm your donations for the year April 2015 to March 2016. Please collect as soon as possible. If you wish them to be sent to St Brigid's Church please let me know asap - Brenda Hudson [bmhudson@talktalk.net](mailto:bmhudson@talktalk.net)

### **Christ the King Primary School - Reception Class 2017 Applicants**

Applications now available for children due to start Reception Class in September 2017. Contact the school (2075 4787) or download an application from website [www.schoolswire.org](http://www.schoolswire.org) use our postcode CF14 5AS to gain entry. Applications must be received by 9 January 2017.

### **Lay Dominicans in Cardiff**

A Lay Dominican Fraternal Group is being set up in Cardiff by two lay Dominicans who are members of the Bristol Fraternity but who live in Cardiff. Michael McLoughlin and Sean Loughlin (St Brigid's parish) will be meeting on the second Saturday of every month. Michael and Sean will be at Newman Hall (the Cardiff University Catholic Chaplaincy at the back of Nazareth House on North Road, Cardiff) on Saturday 10 December following the 10am Mass in Nazareth House (ie from about 10:40 onwards) and on the second Saturday of the month thereafter. Info: [www.laydominicans.org.uk](http://www.laydominicans.org.uk)

## **Other events**

### Open Studio

Artist-Potter Molly Curley is opening her studio on 19 & 20 November 11am - 5pm in aid of the Good Neighbours Charity. Lots of pots, paintings and cards will be for sale, and we hope to see lots of our old friends from Christ the King, and their friends! The address is 32 South Rise, Llanishen.

## **St Brigid's & St Pauls**

### **Finance & Maintenance**

The next meeting of the St Brigid's / St Paul's Finance and Maintenance Committee will take place at St Brigid's Presbytery on Wednesday 30 November at 7.30pm

## **Christ the King**

### **Safeguarding**

I would like to make a warm but serious appeal for us all to consider. After some years of very dedicated service as the Christ the King Safeguarding Officer, Heulwen Egerton is standing down. Therefore we are looking for a volunteer to take on this role, whose importance we all know about very well. Please contact Fr Matthew or Heulwen (contact details on back page)

### **Sick and Retired Clergy Fund**

Please return your envelopes with any donation to church ASAP and complete the gift aid declaration if you are a tax payer. Thank you.

### Toddler Group

The Wednesday morning Toddler group needs extra volunteers. If you can help please contact the Parish Office - 2075 3945

### **LINK**

Collating & stapling for LINK will take place on Friday 25 November in the parish centre at 9.15am. Remember to send your greetings as soon as possible; donations to Chris Babu Fund -

[j.v.rendle@talk21.com](mailto:j.v.rendle@talk21.com);  
[mark.cherime@talktalk.net](mailto:mark.cherime@talktalk.net)

**Traidcraft Christmas cards on sale in parish centre Sundays after Mass.**

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

**Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup> 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

|                         |                                                         |                                           |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 6pm C the K             | <b>Angela Williams (L Lobo)</b>                         |                                           |
| Sun. 9am St Paul's      | <b>Altar List</b>                                       | 33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  |
| 9am C the K             | <b>Jacques Munro (Munro Family)</b>                     |                                           |
| 11am St Brigid's        | <b>Bernard Fitzgerald;<br/>David James Evans</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>Communion Service</b>                                | St Dyfrig                                 |
| Tues. 9.30am C the K    | <b>John Foley (C Bailey) &amp; November Altar List</b>  | St Albert                                 |
| Wed. 9.30am St Paul's   | <b>Maria Alessio</b>                                    | St Margaret of Scotland                   |
| Thurs. 9.30am C the K   | <b>John Jones (D Scanlan) &amp; November Altar List</b> | St Elizabeth of Hungary                   |
| 7.30pm St Brigid's      | <b>Peter Williams (Daw)</b>                             |                                           |
| Fri. 9.30am St Paul's   | <b>Joseph Thomas</b>                                    | Dedications of Sts Peter & Paul Basilicas |
| Sat. 9.30am St Brigid's | <b>Thanksgiving (Regan)</b>                             |                                           |

**Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup> Christ the King**

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| Sat. 6pm C the K   | <b>Peter O'Brien &amp; Mark Sim<br/>(led by the children of CTK Primary School)</b> |                 |
| Sun. 9am St Paul's | <b>Altar List</b>                                                                   | Christ the King |
| 9am C the K        | <b>Denise Moore (R &amp; N Flynn)</b>                                               |                 |
| 11am St Brigid's   | <b>Daw Family Thanksgiving</b>                                                      |                 |
| 6pm St Brigid's    | <b>Len Perry</b>                                                                    |                 |
| 7.30pm St Brigid's | <b>Sunday Praise</b>                                                                |                 |

**Praying for our Neighbours**

Please remember in your prayers  
this week our neighbours in  
**Egremont Road  
Garrick Drive  
Fidlas Road**  
who have received prayer cards in  
the last few days.

Please remember the deceased members of the 3 churches whose anniversaries occur in November including: Marian Connolly, Kathleen Bowley, Evan Davies, Brian Smith, Tudor Griffin, Veronica Davies, Patricia Morley, Ethna Doherty, Peter Kavanagh, Nora Coakley, Nance Lewis, Christopher Taylor, Fadhila Matlub, Bernard O'Reilly, Winifred Collins, Ann Botwood, Hugh Stokes, Margaret Goringe, Robert Stewart, Peter O'Brien and Margaret Deacon.

**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, John Campbell, Maureen Carroll, Sian Clark, Mary Clarke, Terry Culbertson, Agnes Davies, Emily, Anna Forrest, Bobi Gower, Maria Hill, Evelyn Lloyd, Caitriona Lovell, Joseph (Benny) Lynch, Charles McDevitt, Katrina Meades, Fr Modest, Vernon Morgan, Sarah Morris, Peter Murphy, Maureen O'Driscoll, Kieran Ollin, Rona Perry, Rita Purcell, Valentino Rascon, John Reardon, Claire Richards, Adela Rogers, Tessie Stamp, Shaun Stone, 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** £ 741.00

**Non Gift Aid** £ 545.36

**Total** £ 1286.36

**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the King**

**Gift Aid** £ 315.78

**Non Gift Aid** £ 326.65

**S/O weekly av.** £ 305.54

**Total** £ 947.54