

# 3 Churches News

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## COMINGS AND GOINGS FOR CHRISTMAS

Advent means "a coming" and, of course, we celebrate the coming of Jesus into our world. But it was not only Jesus who came. Mary and Joseph travelled from Nazareth, the shepherds came in from the surrounding country, and the Wise Men journeyed from goodness knows where! Later, when Jesus preached and healed they came from all over Israel and beyond, and for two thousand years millions of people have come to Jesus in a myriad of ways.

So, with Jesus it was always two-way - He moved on out and people came on in. Now it is *us* who must be doing the "going out" part for him. This Advent and Christmas we are making a special effort to reach out, particularly but not only, to our Catholic brothers and sisters who are "non-practicing" or "resting", and to some of our local community. Last week Archbishop Stack encouraged us in these words: "The invitation, friendship and support of fellow Catholics are such important ways of accompanying these brothers and sisters of ours so that they may experience the communion and fellowship of the members of Christ's Body."

Over these two weekends we are distributing special **Christmas cards** giving the times of all Christmas services across the Northern Arch parishes of Cardiff: our own, St Philip Evans and St Teilo with Our Lady of Lourdes. We ask you to take a couple and simply give one to anyone who you think the Lord may be calling to Come Home for Christmas. If appropriate make a personal invitation - perhaps to come with yourself - to a **Christmas Mass**. Some may be reluctant to plunge straight into a Mass, so invite them to the **Carol Service** at St Brigid's on Tuesday 20 December at 7pm.

Meanwhile, to get more information and background visit this special website  
[www.comehomeforchristmas.co.uk](http://www.comehomeforchristmas.co.uk)

*Fr Matthew*

~~~~ Third Sunday of Advent (Sunday 11 December 2016) ~~~~



Response to Psalm **Come, Lord, and save us.**  
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.  
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 35: 1-6. 10 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 5: 7-10 Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11  
St. Brigid's and Christ the King are parishes of the Archdiocese of Cardiff. A Registered Charity No. 242380.  
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### Father's News

#### THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM

*Monday 12 December* **The Light Is On** 3 priests will be available for **Confession** at Christ the King

7 - 8pm. Come any time

*Tuesday 20 December*

**3 Churches Carol Service** 7pm at St Brigid's Church. Mince pies and mulled wine to follow. Donations of home-made mince pies would be very welcome

*Saturday 24 December* **Christmas Eve Masses** 6pm Mass at each of our 3 Churches. 10pm Mass at Christ the King and St Brigid's

*Sunday 25 December* **Christmas Day Masses** Normal Sunday times: 9am at Christ the King and St Paul's, 11am at St Brigid's.

No Sunday evening Mass.

**"Walk With Me"** Special Advent booklets available at all churches.

**Time with Jesus** Visit St Brigid's or St Paul's, open in daylight hours, or Christ the King Friday evening. Come to a weekday Mass. Or just sit down at home, and take a moment to think, to reflect, to pray...

#### CRIB OFFERING

Our archdiocese is to house at least one Syrian refugee family. Archbishop Stack writes: "In the light of the suffering being endured not least by children in Aleppo and Mosul, and in support of our attempts to care for Syrian refugee families coming to the Diocese, I suggest that this year's crib offerings be designated for the 'Syrian Families Refugee Fund'. There will be an article on the Diocesan website shortly reflecting on this important work."

#### THANKS BUT...

I would like to thank the many kind parishioners who have given Christmas gifts of the alcoholic variety over the years. However, as I am now on my own, and don't drink much anyway, I would politely ask you to refrain from such gifts this year. Thank you.

#### September Pilgrimage

Our 2017 pilgrimage stays close to home as we explore **North Wales**.

Based at **Llandudno** 1 - 8

September 2017, we will visit

**Holywell**, the only continuously frequented shrine in England and Wales, and the Monastery at nearby **Pantasaph**. We will tour

**Snowdonia**, stopping at Conway, Portmeirion and Llanberis, and at Beaumaris on Anglesey. Dipping into England, we hope to celebrate Mass at **Liverpool** Cathedral and visit ancient **Chester**. Interested?

Come and find out more at the preliminary meeting this **Sunday 11 December** 4pm at St Brigid's Hall.

#### 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.

#### Christ the King Candlelight

A reminder that Christ the King Church is open Friday evenings (except 23/30 December) from 6.30 - 7pm for anyone who's passing by to drop in for a brief moment of silent reflection or just respite from the stresses of the outside world.

#### 3CY

3CY is having an 80s themed Christmas Party night this Sunday 6.30 - 8.00 in Christ the King Parish Centre. This will be the last session this term. We will start up again on Sunday 8 January 2017. For further information please visit the website:

[3churchesyouth.wordpress.com](http://3churchesyouth.wordpress.com)

**OPEN DOOR** welcomes senior citizens from all churches in the area to their Christmas Party at Christ the King Parish Centre this Thursday 15 December 2 - 4pm; come along for festive food, raffle and entertainment provided by Penylan Players Choir - plenty of audience participation!!

#### Baptism Preparation Course

A Baptism Preparation course will be run on Thursdays 15 & 22 December. Both sessions need to be attended and each will start at 7.30pm and finish at approximately 9pm. If you would like to come along and for further details please contact Brigid Lee at [andy lee63@talktalk.net](mailto:andy lee63@talktalk.net)

#### Send your newsletter items to:

[luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk) and if you would like to be included on the mailing list to receive an e-version of this newsletter, please contact the same address.

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### First Holy Communion

If any children in the 3 churches, Christ the King, St Brigid's or St Paul's, wish to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion next May 2017 please send an email with your child's name and Parish to [ThreeChurchesCommunion@hotmail.com](mailto:ThreeChurchesCommunion@hotmail.com) Classes will start in January and continue until May.

## Christ the King

### *Eucharistic Adoration*

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday 27 December, and Tuesdays 3 & 10 January. We will resume on Tuesday 17 January 2017.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

An A3 sheet will be available in the Church porch at Christ the King, for Readers, Welcomers and Eucharistic Ministers to place their name and contact in the applicable slot for the three Masses of Christmas. It is extremely important that you populate this sheet if you would like to offer your services, in order for the appropriate arrangements to be made in advance. The three Masses taking place in CTK are: 6 pm Vigil, 10 pm Mass (24th) and 9 am Mass (25th). The 6 pm Vigil Mass will require Welcomers and Eucharistic Ministers (readers already arranged). Please don't forget to do this, as you leave Mass today!

### Toddler Group

Next Wednesday morning, 14 December will be the final morning of Toddler group unless extra volunteers come forward. If you can offer any help at all please contact the Parish Office 2075 3945

### Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

The Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at Christ the King will be a Family Mass. If any child or young person would like to take part, please leave your name and contact number on the list at the back of the church or contact Marie

[ckadmin@3churches.org](mailto:ckadmin@3churches.org) 2075 3945

### *Christmas Flower Collection*

There will be a collection for Christmas flowers after both Masses this weekend (10 & 11 December) Thank you all for your generosity.

### Poinsettias

As always we hope to decorate the area surrounding the crib with Poinsettias. If you would like to remember a loved one by donating a Poinsettia, please leave them in the porch before **24 December**.

### **Petition Book**

Letters for parishioners who are praying for those in the petition book are available at the back of the church. Do take yours as soon as possible. Many thanks for the time you give to this much appreciated aspect of parish life.

## St Brigid's & St Pauls

### Eucharistic Adoration

There will be no Adoration in St Paul's on Wednesdays 21 & December, and 4 & 11 January. Adoration will resume Wednesday 18 January 2017.

Adoration will continue on Thursday evenings 8/9pm at St Brigid's. We wish you all a very Happy & Holy Christmas and New Year.

### *St Pauls*

We are now compiling the lists for next year for Cleaners, Flower arrangers, Eucharistic Ministers, Children's Liturgy Leaders and Readers. If you do not wish to be included in the 2017 list then please cross out your name. If you would like to be added to the list then please add your name and you will be contacted.

### St Brigid's Crib

New crib arrangers needed! If you would like to put up and arrange the crib figures at St Brigid's this year please contact Fr Matthew ASAP

**£190 has been raised for George Thomas Hospice Care from the teas and coffee served after 11am Mass at St.Brigid's, well done everyone looking forward to seeing you all at coffee in the new year 1st Sunday of the month.**

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

**Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

|        |                    |                                                                   |                                  |
|--------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|        | 6pm C the K        | <b>Peter O'Brien (Liddington Family)</b>                          |                                  |
| Sun.   | 9am St Paul's      | <b>Janina Stalwaska</b>                                           | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent |
|        | 9am C the K        | <b>Peter Fry &amp; Gillian Matthews (G Matthews &amp; Family)</b> |                                  |
|        | 11am St Brigid's   | <b>Michael Nicholls</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>Dec'd CN Family</b>                                            | Our Lady of Guadalupe            |
| Tues.  | 9.30am C the K     | <b>John Foley (H Tracey) &amp; David Scanlan (D Scanlan)</b>      | St Lucy                          |
| Wed.   | 9.30am St Paul's   | <b>Barrie Trigg (Jones)</b>                                       | St John of the Cross             |
| Thurs. | 9.30am C the K     | <b>Thanksgiving (M Crowley)</b>                                   |                                  |
|        | 7.30pm St Brigid's | <b>Len Perry</b>                                                  |                                  |
| Fri.   | 9.30am St Paul's   | <b>John Harrington</b>                                            |                                  |
| Sat.   | 9.30am St Brigid's | <b>Teresa Black (Jenkins)</b>                                     |                                  |

**Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

|      |                    |                                         |                                  |
|------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Sat. | 6pm C the K        | <b>John Foley (M Murphy)</b>            |                                  |
| Sun. | 9am St Paul's      | <b>Alicia Long</b>                      | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent |
|      | 9am C the K        | <b>Luis Urtiaga (A Davies)</b>          |                                  |
|      | 11am St Brigid's   | <b>Pat &amp; Ernie Skrines (Thorne)</b> |                                  |
|      | 6pm St Brigid's    | <b>People of the Parish</b>             |                                  |
|      | 7.30pm St Brigid's | <b>Sunday Praise</b>                    |                                  |

Praying for our Neighbours  
 Please remember in your prayers  
 this week our neighbours in  
**Ffordd Cwellyn**  
**Oakridge-The Cottages**  
**Fidlas Road**  
 who have received prayer cards in  
 the last few days.

**3 Churches  
Parish Council Chairs**

**Sts Brigid & Paul**

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**Christ the King**

*Primary School  
Mrs R Woodward  
2075 4787*

**Corpus Christi  
High School**

*Acting Headteacher  
Mrs A Thomas  
2076 1893*

**St David's College**

*Principal  
Mark Leighfield  
2049 8555*

**Safeguarding  
Representatives**

**Sts Brigid & Paul**

*Pat Williams (St B)  
2061 7374*

*Carl French (St P)  
2075 4418*

**Christ the King**

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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** £ 646.50

**Non Gift Aid** £ 480.69

**Total** £ 1127.19

**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the King**

**Gift Aid** £ 488.90

**Non Gift Aid** £ 428.67

**S/O weekly av.** £ 323.04

**Total** £ 1240.61

**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, 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.