

3 Churches News

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SURPRISING KOREA **Martyrs 20th September**

You may be amazed to discover that by 2015 the Catholic Church in South Korea had 5,560,971 members (10.6% of the population) with 4,901 priests and 1,668 parishes.

A Portuguese Jesuit was possibly the first Catholic missionary in Korea, arriving in 1593. However, Catholicism in Korea really began in 1784 when a layman Yi Seung-hun was baptized in China. He returned to Korea with religious texts, and baptized many fellow countrymen. Interestingly the Church continued without formal missionary priests until clergy from France arrived in 1836. During the 19th century, the Church was targeted by the government chiefly for its opposition to ancestor worship, important to Korean culture. Despite a century-long persecution that produced thousands of martyrs - 103 were canonized by Pope St John Paul in 1984, including the first Korean priest, St Andrew Kim, ordained in 1845 and martyred in 1846 - the Church in Korea expanded.

Current surveys show that more than 45% of South Koreans practice no religion, that about 22% are Buddhists, and that 28% are Christians with just under 11% being Catholics and 18% being Protestants, meaning that Christianity is the largest religion. The Catholic Church in South Korea has seen prodigious growth in recent years, increasing its membership by 70%. In 2014 alone, the Church grew by 2.2% as over 98,000 Koreans became Catholic. There has also been an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Part of this growth can be attributed to the Church's positive perception by the public because of its role in the democratization of South Korea, its participation in works of social welfare, and its respectful approach to interfaith relationship and matters of traditional Korean spirituality.

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~~~~ 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday 17 September 2017) ~~~~



Response to Psalm **The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.**  
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:**  
**You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Ecclesiasticus 27: 30 - 28:7 **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 14: 7-9 **Gospel:** Matthew 18: 21-35

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There are now 15 dioceses in the South, but in North Korea all Christianity is officially suppressed, and unofficial estimates by South Korean Church officials place the number of Catholics there at only 5,000. Pope Francis visited South Korea in 2014, when he beatified 124 more martyrs. An invitation for North Korea's Catholics to be allowed to attend was declined.

*Fr Matthew*

### Father's News

#### HELPING OUT

We thank the visiting priests who have helped during the recent weeks. From this Wednesday we are back to "normal"

#### **THE BIRTH OF JESUS TO THE LAST AMEN**

What is in the New Testament besides the stories of Jesus? How does it all fit together? Why should we be concerned with these ancient letters and stories? What can they have to do with us today? On **Saturday 23 September** Alan de Ste Croix leads us through the New Testament exploring the stories of the major characters, and why they are still relevant to us today. **St David's Priory, St David's Place, Swansea**, 10am - 3pm. Tea, coffee provided but bring a packed lunch. [www.catholic-bible-school.org/south-wales-events/sept17swan](http://www.catholic-bible-school.org/south-wales-events/sept17swan) email [catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com](mailto:catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com)

#### OPEN DOOR CLUB

There will be a 'Bring and Buy' sale at Open Door Club on Thursday 21 September 2 - 4pm in Christ the King Parish Centre.

#### CALLING ALL CATECHISTS

How do we become more confident in sharing our faith with those we are catechising? Cardiff deanery's Day for Catechists will offer support and formation. "**Sharing our faith - an invitation to Catechists**", will be led by Madeline Page, diocesan Evangelisation and Education Officer. A reflection will be followed by a practical session on how we share our faith with others. After lunch (provided) we will reflect on our lives and where God has been present. The day will provide an opportunity to share experiences and fellowship with Catechists from all over the city. I urge all our catechists to consider giving up these hours just once, for the good of our 3 Churches. The day is at **St David's College** on **Saturday 30 September**. It starts at 10am with an optional Mass at 9.30am, and finishes by 4pm. Please contact [madeline.page@rcadc.org](mailto:madeline.page@rcadc.org) or tel 2036 5965 to book your place.

#### RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the following: **Joseph Lynch** (Benny) who died peacefully on 6 September whose Requiem takes place at Nazareth House, 18 September 2pm, followed by burial at Thornhill Cemetery. He was very active in St Paul's and the Cathedral. We remember his friends and family. May he rest in peace.

**Dom Antony Tumelty OSB** who died on 27 August. He had been professed a monk 43 years and ordained 37 years. Requiem Mass and Burial took place on Thursday 7 September. He has many relatives in Cardiff, including our parishes. May he rest in peace.

#### Bereavement Support Group

meets on Wednesday 20 September 7pm in Christ the King Parish Centre. We are in urgent need of new members if we are to continue this important work of outreach to bereaved families of our 3 Churches. Anyone interested is invited to come along to the meeting or to contact Elizabeth Taylor (2075 1401)

#### Garden Party / BBQ - new date

**Sunday 24 September 1 - 4pm** at 48 South Rise, Llanishen to raise funds for the Seeds for the Future (Lesotho) hostel project. Crafts, cakes and local produce for sale: chocolate raffle and auction of promises. Entry £5, children under 12 £2.50 (ticket price includes BBQ). Tickets still available - contact Elizabeth Taylor (2075 1401)

#### CWL

The monthly CWL meeting will take place at St Paul's on Monday 25 September at 2pm. Barbara will give a short talk about the recent pilgrimage to North Wales.

#### **Flower Festival**

St Isan Church is holding a Flower Festival from 28 - 30 September 10am - 4.30pm. The church hall will be open for refreshments and there will be a selection of church documents on display. Entry is £3 on the door.



## 3 Churches

### Promise of Christmas

This annual concert at St David's Hall is on Saturday 2 December at 7.30pm. Rehearsals start on Tuesday 3 October at Albany Rd Baptist Church. Singers from the 3 Churches are involved in the choir which is drawn from churches across South East Wales. If any 3 Church members would like to join them or would like further information please contact Elizabeth Taylor (2075 1401)

### Welsh Mass

Next Sunday 24 September at 4.30pm in St Teilo's, Whitchurch. Followed by refreshments. Croeso cynnes i bawb - all welcome. Phone Carys Whelan (01446 772888) if you have any queries.

### Coffee Morning

There will be a Macmillan Coffee Morning at Llanishen Baptist Church on Friday 6 October 10am - 12 noon. Entry is £1; there will be cakes, books, a Christmas stall, lucky dip, jams, marmalades, pickles, crafted cards and bric a brac. Come and have a nice cuppa and a chat!

### **GOOD NEIGHBOURS IN NORTH CARDIFF**

Fund raising sale on Saturday 7 October. Suitable goods needed including:

glassware, china, general bric a brac, toys, puzzles, books, CDs, DVDs, vinyl, tools and SMALL furniture items. No mains electrical or clothes please.

Offers of jams, chutneys, cakes etc for sale on the day also welcome. Goods can be delivered to the office at 4 Heol Hir Llanishen or if you require them to be collected please telephone 2075 0751 Monday - Friday between 9 - 11am.

**Churches Together in Llanishen & District Friendship Hour Group meets in Llanishen Baptist Church every Monday at 7.45pm. A programme of events is available to see on the notice board at the back of the church.**

## Other events

### The Den

Want to do something new and meet new people in the community? Why not join 'The Den' based in Rhiwbina, Cardiff. We are part of the Men's Sheds movement where we share practical abilities, undertake community projects and chill and have a brew. If you are interested and would like more information, contact Mike on 07929 468031 or just drop in. We meet every Thursday between 1 - 4pm at the rear of Beulah URC Canolfan, Rhiwbina. For more details about The Den view our twitter page @theden110 or visit Men's Sheds Cymru at [www.mensshedsymru.co.uk](http://www.mensshedsymru.co.uk)

## Christ the King

### Toddler Group

The Toddler Group meets every Monday in the Parish Centre 9.30 - 11am

### Petition Book

Letters for parishioners who have agreed to pray especially for those in the Petition Book are available at the back of the church. Please take yours as soon as possible. Thank you.

### LIFT

The next LIFT class will be Thursday 21 September 10 - 11am in the Parish Centre

### **Gospel Acclamation for Sunday 17 September 9am Mass at Christ the King**

I will lift up the name of the Lord,  
I will lift up the name of the Lord.  
I will lift up the name of the one who lifted me.

He took my feet from the slippery clay, set them on a solid rock to stay.

I will lift up the name of the one who lifted me (repeat all)

## St Brigid's & St Pauls

### **Baptisms**

We welcome into the church through Baptism this week at St Brigid's: this week on Sunday **James Bray** and on Saturday **Theo Moore** (Fr Matthew's first great-nephew)

**Wednesday Adoration at St Paul's (from 10am - 3pm) will recommence Wednesday 27 September. All are welcome anytime, but we are in particular need of at least one other regular prayer-volunteer for times 11-12 noon and 1-2pm. Please contact Clare Jackson (2075 0242) if you can help.**

**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.**

**Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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| Sat. 6pm C the K        | <b>Richard Slocombe (Crowley &amp; Slocombe Families)</b><br>Sts Cornelius & Cyprian |
| Sun. 9am St Paul's      | <b>People of the Parish</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time                 |
| 9am C the K             | <b>Harry &amp; Ann Norris (K Liddington) &amp; Katrina Meades RIP (M Meades)</b>     |
| 11am St Brigid's        | <b>Holy Father's Ints</b>                                                            |
| 12.30pm St Brigid's     | <b>Baptism: James Bray</b>                                                           |
| 6pm St Brigid's         | <b>Available</b>                                                                     |
| Tues. 9.30am C the K    | <b>Bill (M Crowley)</b>                                                              |
| Wed. 9.30am St Paul's   | <b>Joseph (Benny) Lynch</b> Martyrs of Korea                                         |
| Thurs. 9.30am C the K   | <b>John &amp; Evelyn Lloyd</b> St Matthew                                            |
| 7.30pm St Brigid's      | <b>Private Int</b>                                                                   |
| Fri. 9.30am St Paul's   | <b>The Sick of the Parish</b>                                                        |
| Sat. 9.30am St Brigid's | <b>Available</b> St Padre Pio                                                        |
| 1pm St Brigid's         | <b>Baptism: Theo Moore</b>                                                           |

**Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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| Sat. 6pm C the K   | <b>Kathleen Brown (B Brown)</b>                                        |
| Sun. 9am St Paul's | <b>John &amp; Norma Pathy</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 9am C the K        | <b>Colin (M Crowley)</b>                                               |
| 11am St Brigid's   | <b>Bill Campbell</b>                                                   |
| 6pm St Brigid's    | <b>People of the Parish</b>                                            |

**Praying for our Neighbours**  
Please remember in your prayers this week  
our neighbours in  
**Melrose Gardens**  
**Pen Y Bryn Road & The Fairway**  
**Lucerne Drive & Angelica Way**  
who have received prayer cards in  
the last few days.

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**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Christ the King**  
Tuesday 10am-1pm  
**St. Paul's**  
Resumes 27 September  
**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** £ 487.20  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 644.95  
**Total** £ 1132.15  
**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the King**  
**Gift Aid** £ 485.93  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 398.23  
**S/O weekly av.** £ 365.29  
**Total** £ 1219.45

**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, Edith Baker, John Campbell, Maureen Carroll, Mary Clarke, Terry Culbertson, Agnes Davies, Emily, Anna Forrest, Anthony Foster, Bobi Gower, Maria Hill, Caitriona Lovell, Fr Modest, Vernon Morgan, Sarah Morris, Peter Murphy, Maureen O'Driscoll, Kieran Ollin, Rona Perry, Bob Pugsley, Josie Pugsley, Rita Purcell, Valentino Rascon, John Reardon, Claire Richards, Adela Rogers, Shaun Stone, Bev Tumelty, Emma Warlow, Dorothy Warren & Pat Watkins.