

3 Churches News

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BUBBLES AND QUEEN NEFERTITI

"O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works Thy hand hath made..."

Last week I found myself sitting on a park bench in Berlin. I was gathering my strength to visit some museums there in one of the world's greatest concentrations of culture in one place - the so-called Museum Island where many of humanity's treasures are gathered.

But it was not the contents of these that caught my attention. It was the chap on the lawn with a big pool of soapy stuff blowing those huge balloons with two sticks. He was surrounded by a gang of children gazing in amazement as the enormous bubbles wobbled off up into the heavens. Many were desperate to have a go, and the frenzy of excitement hit new heights. So here we were, surrounded by the priceless achievements of the human race - but the kids just wanted the bubbles, their faces and voices capturing the "awesome wonder" of what air can do with soap.

An hour later I found myself inside face-to-face with one of the most famous sculptures in the world - the head of Nefertiti. This limestone carving of the Queen of Egypt, wife of Akhenaten, from about 1350 BC, stops you in your tracks.

"Perfection" an American lady behind me said. Indeed, you cannot help but marvel at the beauty of the Egyptian queen and the skill of the sculptor.

Then I suddenly remembered the laughing kids outside. In front of Nefertiti, as when faced with a stunning landscape like the Rockies, we can be taken to a different place. May we never lose our childlike "awesome wonder", the excitement deep in our human spirit when we consider God's works, either in nature itself or through human gifts - or even in soapy water in a Berlin park.

Fr Matthew



~~~~ 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday 24 September 2017) ~~~~



Response to Psalm **The Lord is close to all who call him.**

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: Isaiah 55: 6-9 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 1:20-24.27 Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16

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### Father's News

#### R.I.P.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Father Bogdan Wera**, parish priest of St Patrick's Grangetown, who died suddenly. Fr Bogdan was also chaplain to the Polish community. Funeral arrangements are not yet finalised. We pray for Fr Bogdan, and remember his family, parishioners and the Polish community in our prayers.

#### S.V.P. 400 YEARS

You are invited to celebrate 400 years of the inspiring charism of **St Vincent de Paul** on **Saturday 14 October** at the Cathedral. Mass will be celebrated at 12pm by Archbishop George Stack and Fr Paul Roche CM. At the end of Mass there will be short presentations from some of the 'Vincentian Family' including some of the youngest members. Refreshments will follow opposite at The Cornerstone.

#### CATECHISTS DAY

Cardiff deanery's Day for Catechists "**Sharing our faith**" led by Madeline Page, takes place this coming Saturday at St David's College 10am - 4pm (optional Mass at 9.30am). Many thanks to those who have booked places on this course. Please contact [madeline.page@rcadc.org](mailto:madeline.page@rcadc.org) or tel 2036 5965 to book your place.

#### Walking with St Luke

We continue our journey through the Gospel of St Luke by focusing on Chapter 18 (verses 1 - 17) Join us on Friday 29 September 6.30pm at Christ the King. Everyone is very welcome. Info: [esther.milardi@btinternet.com](mailto:esther.milardi@btinternet.com) or 02922 471896

### HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION REINSTATED

The Bishops of England and Wales have decided to reinstate two of the Holydays of Obligation that were transferred to the nearest Sunday back in 2006. With effect from the First Sunday of Advent, Sunday 3 December, the following days are reinstated to their proper places in the Liturgical Calendar:

\* **Epiphany** - 6 January or the adjacent Sunday if it falls on a Saturday or a Monday

\* **Ascension** - 40 days after the celebration of Easter (Thursday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter) The Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline in the Sacraments issued the decree approving the Bishops' request on 4 August 2017.

#### FR FREDERICK ROSARIO

Our friend in Bangladesh, Fr Freddie who spent a couple of summers with us writes: Many greetings from Bangladesh... Last month I was transferred to a new place. It is close to the Indian border. The people are tribal. Most of them are very poor. We have one boarding school for children, one primary school. There are some villages which are far away and we go there for offering Mass. There are some catechumen villages getting ready to receive baptism. Our Franciscan community began there with the aim to establish a parish. You know that the Holy Father is going to visit Bangladesh. It is a blessing for the country. This year our Bangladesh church received lots of blessings. We got one Cardinal, a second Archdiocese and Archbishop, and one new bishop... Greetings to all the faithful of the 3 Churches.

**Garden Party / BBQ - this 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) or just come along

#### 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.

#### 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

**This 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.

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### Organ Recital

Thursday 28 September 7pm at St Peter's Church, Roath. Brian Williams will perform works from Bach and Widor. Free entry with a retiring collection for charity.

### **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.mensshedscymru.co.uk](http://www.mensshedscymru.co.uk)

## Christ the King

### "50 Club" Winners

**August 2017**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize £25**

**Mr P Trigg [38]**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £15**

**Mrs A McDevitt [118]**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £12**

**Mr R Lannon [17]**

### 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 28 September 10 - 11am in the Parish Centre

### **POEMS & A GLASS**

Sunday 25 September 7pm  
Christ the King Parish Centre  
Just bring yourself, a friend and a poetry book  
All of above are optional except You!

A bottle is always a good idea (but not indispensable!)

## St Brigid's & St Pauls

**Wednesday Adoration at St Paul's (from 10am - 3pm) resumes this week.**

### Parish Advisory Council Meeting

The next PAC meeting will be on Monday 2 October. If any parishioner has an item they would like discussed at the meeting please see or email Maria Thompson (Chair) -

[mariathompson1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mariathompson1@hotmail.co.uk) or any member of the PAC.

### New Gift Aid Envelopes

The new Gift Aid Envelopes (green boxes) will be at the back of St Brigid's and St Paul's, week ending 8 & 15 October. Thereafter they will be available at the back of St Brigid's.

Please will those in the Scheme collect their boxes as soon as possible. Thank you to those Parishioners who use this method for the collection at mass, as the tax refund we gain, represents a vital part of the Parish income.

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

|        |        |             |                                          |                                          |
|--------|--------|-------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 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>              |                                          |
| Mon.   | 9.30am | St Brigid's | <b>Teresa Black</b>                      |                                          |
| Tues.  | 9.30am | C the K     | <b>Patsy Ryan (C Bailey)</b>             | Sts Cosmas & Damian                      |
| Wed.   | 9.30am | St Paul's   | <b>Int Maureen Carroll (Slowikowska)</b> | St Vincent de Paul                       |
| Thurs. | 9.30am | C the K     | <b>Private Intention (F)</b>             |                                          |
|        | 7.30pm | St Brigid's | <b>Holy Souls</b>                        |                                          |
| Fri.   | 9.30am | St Paul's   | <b>Ken Thorne</b>                        | Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael           |
| Sat.   | 9.30am | St Brigid's | <b>John Leen</b>                         | St Jerome                                |

**Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

|      |      |             |                                                    |                                          |
|------|------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Sat. | 6pm  | C the K     | <b>Jim Coopey (B Brown)</b>                        |                                          |
| Sun. | 9am  | St Paul's   | <b>Lucinda &amp; Michael Nicholls (Tunncliffe)</b> | 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |
|      | 9am  | C the K     | <b>Catherine Rees (J &amp; P Minto)</b>            |                                          |
|      | 11am | St Brigid's | <b>Thanksgiving</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  
**Ravenscourt Close**  
**Westminster Drive**  
**Woodruff Way**  
 who have received prayer cards in  
 the last few days.

**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, Win Drury, 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.

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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** £ 524.00  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 570.55  
**Total** £ 1094.55  
**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the King**  
**Gift Aid** £ 393.77  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 317.75  
**S/O weekly av.** £ 365.29  
**Total** £ 1076.81