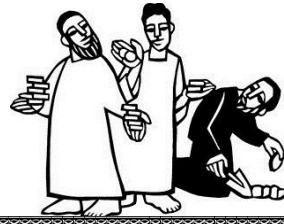


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POPE FRANCIS' DAY OF THE POOR

This Sunday has been designated by Pope Francis as the First World Day of the Poor. His distinct concern for the poor and marginalised has attracted the attention of people far beyond the Catholic Church. He has asked all Christians to refresh our understanding of the nature of poverty and our responsibilities. It is too easy to regard the poor as being far away and in need of material support alone.

While individual acts of generosity and service are always meaningful as expressions of Christian charity, each person is called to exercise a deeper and more personal commitment to the relief of poverty in all forms. Pope Francis identifies all who have become marginalised in society as suffering from poverty - the homeless, the addict, the refugee. Poverty can be found in lack of opportunity or in isolation and unjust discrimination. The elderly and infirm may be numbered among the poor when they are particularly in need of our care and compassion.

Pope Francis writes: *"We are called to draw near to the poor, to encounter them, to meet their gaze, to embrace them and to let them feel the warmth of love that breaks through their solitude. Their outstretched hand is also an invitation to step out of our certainties and comforts, and to acknowledge the value of poverty itself."*

The poor are not merely recipients of generosity or a problem to be solved, but a route towards our own salvation. This will often demand a new relationship with the poor, a re-assessment of our capacity to respond to the challenges facing us all, not least in challenging the structures of injustice which so often dispossess people of rights and responsibilities. Our Archdiocese has a proud record of work with the poor through bodies such as the Society of St Vincent de Paul, and so many others who reach out to their neighbour.

Representatives from each deanery will meet at The Cornerstone this afternoon to explore what action might be initiated throughout the Diocese as a result of this special day. Hopefully, together, we may create the "Civilisation of Love" spoken of by Pope Paul VI in our homes, our parishes, our schools and our Diocese.

(Edited from today's Pastoral Letter of Archbishop George Stack)

~~~~ 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday 19 November 2017) ~~~~



Response to Psalm **O blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, Keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Proverbs 31: 10-13. 19-20. 30-31 **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Thessalonians 5: 1-6 **Gospel:** Matthew 25: 14-30

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## 3 Churches

### Father's News

#### SEPTEMBER PILGRIMAGE

Our 2018 pilgrimage, 1 - 8 September, will be a spiritual and historical exploration of the North-East of England based at Newcastle. We visit the Holy Isle of **Lindisfarne, Durham** with its magnificent Cathedral, St Bede's monastery at **Jarrow**, St Wilfrid's **Hexham** Abbey, and nearby **Hadrian's Wall**. A very small number of places remain.  
Info: Billy Gill (2059 2555)

#### MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

\* Wednesday 29 November:

##### "A Time to Remember"

The Mostyn Room (former CTS next to the Cathedral) - a quiet space for those who have experienced bereavement. Tea / coffee, a chance to talk, or just to reflect, pray...

\* Throughout November: In each of our 3 Churches there is a November **Book of Remembrance**. Please add the names of those who have been important to you. Regular Masses will be offered for those listed.

#### ACTA - A Call to Action

ACTA brings together clergy, religious and laity to discuss issues of common interest and concern. The next meeting of the Cardiff group of ACTA is in **St Alban's Church, Cameron Street, Splott Cardiff at 7pm on Thursday 23 November**. All are welcome. Further information is available from Frank Callus of St Peter's Parish - [fbcallus@aol.com](mailto:fbcallus@aol.com) or 07956 005459

#### ORDINATION AT ST BRIGID'S

Archbishop George Stack will ordain Peter Davies as deacon in St Brigid's Church on Saturday 2 December during Mass at 12 noon. We will need extra **altar servers** - you are welcome from all 3 Churches. To continue the celebration and welcome the new deacon, there will be a **Bring-and-Share Lunch** after the Mass in St Brigid's Hall. Finger food (please) should be taken to the Hall before the Mass. All are invited to this wonderful occasion, an opportunity to take part in an ordination, which is one of the most beautiful liturgies of the Church. Please put the date in your diary.

#### BAPTISM PREPARATION

The **December** Baptism Preparation course, at Christ the King, will run Thursdays 7 & 14 December at 7pm. Anyone wishing to attend should email Brigid ([andylee@talktalk.net](mailto:andylee@talktalk.net)) for details of the venue.  
The **January** course will be at St Brigid's, on Tuesdays 9 & 16 January 2018 commencing at 7pm - email Ann Martin ([stevemartincardiff@gmail.com](mailto:stevemartincardiff@gmail.com)) for further information

#### Baptisms

This Sunday (19 November) Oscar Jones (son of Anne and Matthew), Joshua Lovell (son of Hannah and James) and Martha Hill (daughter of Andrew and Joanne) will be baptised at 12.30pm at St Brigid's. Members of the 3 Churches are welcome to come to the baptisms. Please remember the children and their families in your prayers.

#### First Holy Communion

If any children, year 3 and above, in the 3 Churches, Christ the King, St Brigid's or St Paul's, wish to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion next April / May 2018 please send an email with your child's name and Parish to [Threechurchescommunion@hotmail.com](mailto:Threechurchescommunion@hotmail.com) by 22 December. Classes will start in January and further information will be issued in due course.

#### CWL

The next CWL monthly meeting will take place on Monday 27 November at 2pm at St Paul's. Mr Peter Searle will be coming to show us a film and speak to us about Mary's Meals. Please bring the money for our Christmas Dinner - cash only.

#### **St Peter's Players proudly present their 2017 pantomime - Cinderella**

29 November - 2 December at St Peter's Church Hall, Roath, Cardiff. Curtain up at 7pm. Please come and support this wonderful family event and make the run up to Christmas a memorable one. Contact Karen Baker (07963 183655) or Peter Cooksley Lewis (07779 088623) for tickets.

#### **Christ the King Primary School - Reception Class 2018 Applicants**

Applications are available for children due to start in Reception Class in September 2018. Please contact the school on 2075 4787 or download an application form from our website - [www.christthekingcathprm.co.uk/admissions](http://www.christthekingcathprm.co.uk/admissions) Applications must be received by 8 January 2018.

## COLLECTION OF WARM CLOTHING FOR THE HOMELESS

Some parishioners will be going out with the Soup Run on 26 November. We would love to collect hats, coats, scarves, gloves, socks and trainers for men and women prior to that i.e. **this coming week**, so that they can be taken out with the Soup Run. Sleeping bags would also be much appreciated.

If you are able to donate such items, please place them in the plastic box in the porch up to and including Sunday 26 November.

If you have any queries, please contact Sheila Drayton (2075 4879) or Frances Ballin (2076 5077) Thanks for your help.

**The Promise of Christmas** concert takes place on Saturday 2 December at 7.30pm at St David's Hall. The orchestra and choirs are drawn from churches across South Wales, including our 3 Churches. Come along and celebrate the start of Advent and the coming of our Saviour. Further details on the posters in each church. Tickets £14 & £12 from the St David's Hall Box Office.

### **An Invitation to a Christmas Preparation Retreat**

An opportunity to stop and listen to God's voice within us. A retreat day of prayer run according to Ignatian Spirituality. During the course of the day, there will be two talks, imaginative contemplation, time for silent prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament and time for group sharing.

The day is open to people of all faiths and no faith and is free of charge. Lunch will be provided. Saturday 2 December 10.30am - 3pm at St David's College, Penylan Cardiff. Spaces are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. Contact Christian Mahoney (07764 515864)

### ***Autumn Fayre***

Saturday 25 November 10.30am  
St Isan Church Hall, Llanishen  
Bric-a-brac, bottle stall, jewellery, toys & games, books, toiletries, cake stall, and many more.  
Refreshments and raffle.  
Admission 20p

### **Christmas Craft Fayre**

Saturday 25 November  
10am - 2pm  
Thornhill Church Centre  
Local handmade gifts and produce, Father Christmas, turkey rolls and lots more!

### **That Spirit of Christmas**

Sunday 10 December 7pm  
St Isan Church, Station Road, Llanishen  
A programme of seasonal music with Women in Harmony, Voicemale and the Blackweir Brass Ensemble  
Admission: £6 (to include a glass of wine or soft drink)

### **Cathedral Christmas Fayre**

Sunday 26 November 12 - 4pm  
Come and join us at the Cornerstone as we prepare for the "most wonderful time of the year" and support the work of Cardiff Cathedral - the Metropolitan Cathedral Church of St David. Stalls to include: nativity decorations, jams and preserves, cakes and biscuits, records (vintage), Christmas crafts stalls, bottle stall, raffle, and many more...

### **Sunday Mass in Welsh**

Mass will be celebrated in Welsh at St Teilo's, Whitchurch on Sunday 26 November at 4.30pm. There is a special croeso (welcome) to Catholics who are learning Welsh, with a chance to practice the language in worship and join in singing Welsh hymns. Mass will be followed by refreshments.

## **Christ the King**

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Please note that Adoration will be suspended on Tuesdays 21 & 28 November due to the work being carried out to the toilets in the Church lobby. It is expected that it will recommence on Tuesday 5 December subject to the progress on the work.

### **Keys**

If you have any keys for the Church or Parish Centre that you no longer use please return them to the Parish Office ASAP. Thank you.

**The next LIFT class will be this Thursday 23 November 10 - 11am in the Parish Centre**

### **Toilet Refurbishment**

The work to refurbish the toilet areas in the Church lobby which was postponed last month will now commence on Monday 20 November. The work will take approximately 2 weeks and during this time these toilet facilities will not be available. Alternative facilities will be provided in the Parish Centre during services in the Church.

### **LINK**

The deadline for articles for the LINK is **Monday 20 November**. If you have any articles or Christmas greetings please submit them to [mark.cherime@talktalk.net](mailto:mark.cherime@talktalk.net) or [j.v.rendle@talk21.com](mailto:j.v.rendle@talk21.com)

### **50 Club Fundraising**

It has been suggested that next year's '50' Club raise money for the Rainbow of Hope, but someone is needed to collect money etc. Training will be given if needed. Contact Chris Stevens or the Parish Office.

**Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup> 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

|               |             |                                                                  |                                                          |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat. 6pm      | C the K     | <b>Peter O'Brien &amp; Mark Sim</b>                              |                                                          |
| Sun. 9am      | St Paul's   | <b>Cathy Mabbitt (Conway)</b>                                    | 33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time                 |
|               | 9am         | <b>Deceased members of the Kennedy Family (F &amp; M Callus)</b> |                                                          |
|               | 11am        | St Brigid's                                                      | <b>Bernard Fitzgerald</b>                                |
|               | 12.30pm     | St Brigid's                                                      | <b>Baptisms: Martha Hill, Oscar Jones, Joshua Lovell</b> |
|               | 6pm         | St Brigid's                                                      | <b>People of the Parish</b>                              |
| Mon. 9.30am   | St Brigid's | <b>Altar List</b>                                                |                                                          |
| Tues. 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Jimmy Graham (A Rees)</b>                                     | Presentation of Our Lady                                 |
| Wed. 9.30am   | St Paul's   | <b>Ints Aid to the Church in Need</b>                            | St Cecilia                                               |
| Thurs. 9.30am | C the K     | <b>Frank Fenlon (L Barry)</b>                                    | St Clement                                               |
|               | 7.30pm      | St Brigid's                                                      | <b>Altar List</b>                                        |
| Fri. 9.30am   | St Paul's   | <b>Maria Alessio</b>                                             | Martyrs of Vietnam                                       |
| Sat. 9.30am   | St Brigid's | <b>Holy Souls</b>                                                |                                                          |

**Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup> 34<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

|          |           |                                                                                                    |                                                    |
|----------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Sat. 6pm | C the K   | <b>Dot Armstrong 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday (J Gillbard) with the children of CTK Primary School</b> |                                                    |
| Sun. 9am | St Paul's | <b>Altar List</b>                                                                                  | 34 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time           |
|          | 9am       | C the K                                                                                            | <b>Gaston &amp; Ellen Immes (F &amp; M Callus)</b> |
|          | 11am      | St Brigid's                                                                                        | <b>Bernard Conway</b>                              |
|          | 12.30pm   | St Brigid's                                                                                        | <b>People of the Parish</b>                        |
|          | 6pm       | St Brigid's                                                                                        |                                                    |

Praying for our Neighbours  
 Please remember in your prayers this week  
 our neighbours in  
**Colchester Avenue**  
**Blackoak Road**  
**Huntsmead Close**  
 who have received prayer cards in  
 the last few days.

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**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Christ the King**

Resumes 5 December

**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** £ 534.50

**Non Gift Aid** £ 575.08

**Total** £ 1109.58

**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the King**

**Gift Aid** £ 390.83

**Non Gift Aid** £ 355.08

**S/O weekly av.** £ 341.54

**Total** £ 1087.45

**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, Win Drury, Emily, Anna Forrest, Anthony Foster, Bobi Gower, Maria Hill, Caitriona Lovell, Sarah Morris, Peter Murphy, Maureen O'Driscoll, Kieran Ollin, Rona Perry, Valentino Rascon, John Reardon, Claire Richards, Adela Rogers, Shaun Stone, Bev Tumelty, Gemma Ward, Emma Warlow, Dorothy Warren & Pat Watkins.