

3 Churches News

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THE HIDDEN KING

Poet and lecturer Malcolm Guite writes: We come now to a feast of Ends and Beginnings! This Sunday is the last Sunday in the cycle of the Christian year, and next Sunday we begin our journey through time to eternity once more, with the first Sunday of Advent. We might expect the Feast of Christ the King to end the year with climactic images of Christ enthroned in Glory, seated high above all rule and authority, one before whom every knee shall bow, and of course those are powerful and important images, images of our humanity brought by him to the throne of the Heavens.

But for this Sunday the Church's lectionary does an unexpected, but very wise thing. It sets as a reading the passage in Matthew in which Christ reveals that even as He is enthroned in Glory, the King who comes to judge at the end of the ages, he is also the hidden King, hidden beneath the rags and even in the flesh of his poor here on earth.

*Our King is calling from the hungry furrows
Whilst we are cruising through the aisles of plenty,
Our hoardings screen us from the man of sorrows,
Our soundtracks drown his murmur: 'I am thirsty'.
He stands in line to sign in as a stranger
And seek a welcome from the world he made,
We see him only as a threat, a danger,
He asks for clothes, we strip-search him instead.
And if he should fall sick then we take care
That he does not infect our private health,
We lock him in the prisons of our fear
Lest he unlock the prison of our wealth.
But still on Sunday we shall stand and sing
The praises of our hidden Lord and King.*

From "Sounding the Seasons" Canterbury Press



~~~~ Christ the King (Sunday 26 November 2017) ~~~~



Response to Psalm **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**  
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!**  
**Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Ezekiel 34: 11-12. 15-17 **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Corinthians 15: 20-26. 28 **Gospel:** Matthew 25: 31-46

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### Father's News

#### ORDINATION

Archbishop George Stack ordains **Peter Davies** as deacon of our diocese in St Brigid's Church this coming 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. There are many other events on this particular day, so please make a special effort to support Peter.

#### ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

There will be a full account of our services and other events in next week's newsletter. Don't forget you can get it by email (contact Luke the editor), or at our website [www.3churches.org](http://www.3churches.org)

For now - a question from Jesus to Peter - and to you - "Do you love me?"

#### MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

This 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...

#### Editor's Note

Please note that next weekend's newsletter for 2/3 December will be edited by Simon Williams. Please send any information for that edition directly to Simon ([simon@svpworld.com](mailto:simon@svpworld.com)) Many thanks!

#### LEARNING MORE...

The **Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies** (CCRS) course is being relaunched with modules including 'Discipleship', and 'Ministry'. The course is especially useful for teachers in Catholic schools, catechists and anyone seeking to deepen their understanding of our faith. Come to our information evening on **Tuesday 12 December** at 7pm in the Pastoral Resources Centre, Cardiff CF3 4LL. Please contact Madeline on [ccrs@rcadc.org](mailto:ccrs@rcadc.org) to book your place.

#### 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 ([andylee63@talktalk.net](mailto:andylee63@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

#### CHRISTMAS FAYRE

There is a Christmas Fayre at Nazareth House on 9 December starting at 1.30pm. All are welcome.

#### Film Night at St Brigid's

Many thanks to all who supported the recent Film Night at St Brigid's. A small profit was made on the night and donations increased the amount to £234 which will be sent to Huggard for their work with homeless people in Cardiff.

#### 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 this 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.

#### The Graham Family

Valerie and family wish to thank Canon Matthew and their many friends in the Parish community for the many prayers and messages of sympathy they received during the illness and death of their beloved Jimmy. Most of all, thank you for the sense of caring that they felt from everyone through that very sad time. God bless you all.  
- Valerie, Kerry, Gillian, Nick, Sam & Billy.

**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.

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)

**Carols around the Christmas Tree**

Get into the real spirit of Christmas by joining us to sing carols around the Christmas Tree in Park End Church car park on Saturday 16 December 5 - 6pm. Refreshments will be served free of charge. Wrap up warm, bring your torch and get ready to celebrate this joyful season together! Everyone welcome (if it is raining we will adjourn to the hall)

**Huggard Centre for the Homeless (CASH)**

A massive thank you to those who attended our recent Christmas Wreath Making Demonstration and Tea Party. Everyone was so generous and a total of £1,305 has been donated to the Centre as a result. Your support is really appreciated - Celia (2075 2413)

**Christ the King**

**RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lynn Latham who died on Wednesday. Her Requiem is expected to be at Christ the King. We remember her family and friends too in our prayers. *Eternal rest grant to her, Lord.*

Eucharistic Adoration

There will be no Adoration on Tuesday 28 November. We will resume on Tuesday 5 December from 10am - 12 noon.

**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 30 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 take at least another week and during this time these toilet facilities will not be available. Alternative facilities are provided in the Parish Centre during services in the Church.

Car Parking Newborough Avenue

We have received a polite request from our neighbours on Newborough Avenue requesting that no cars are parked on the grass verges during Mass. The grass is being destroyed making the verges extremely muddy for the residents living here. Please park correctly on the road. Thank you

**Sandwich making for the homeless takes place in the Parish Centre on Monday 27 November at 1.15pm**

Thank you

A big thank you and God bless to parish friends for their concern, visits, phone calls and cards following my recent operation. It is very much appreciated - Ann (Rees)

**The Walk with Me booklet of prayers and reflections for Advent is now available at the back of the church priced £1.**

**COLLECTION OF WARM CLOTHING FOR THE HOMELESS**

Some parishioners will be going out with the Soup Run this Sunday 26 November.

We would love to collect hats, coats, scarves, gloves, socks and trainers for men and women prior to that, 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)

**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.

Poems & a Glass

This Sunday 26 November at 7pm Parish Centre. Come along, with or without a poetry book, but do bring a friend! A bottle is optional but welcome

**St Brigid's & St Pauls**

**Parish Advisory Council Meeting**

The next PAC meeting will be on Monday 4 December. 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.

**St Paul's Christmas Flowers**

There will be a collection after 9am Mass, Sundays 3 & 10 December. Thank you in anticipation of your usual generosity.

**Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup> Christ the King**

|        |         |             |                                                                                                    |                 |
|--------|---------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 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>                                                                                  | Christ the King |
|        | 9am     | C the K     | <b>Gaston &amp; Ellen Immes (F &amp; M Callus)</b>                                                 |                 |
|        | 11am    | St Brigid's | <b>Bernard Conway</b>                                                                              |                 |
|        | 6pm     | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parish</b>                                                                        |                 |
| Mon.   | 9.30am  | St Brigid's | <b>Thanksgiving St Jude</b>                                                                        |                 |
| Tues.  | 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Alison Callus (F &amp; M Callus)</b>                                                            |                 |
| Wed.   | 9.30am  | St Paul's   | <b>Paul &amp; Chris John &amp; Family</b>                                                          |                 |
| Thurs. | 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Cathy Miles &amp; Family (F)</b>                                                                |                 |
|        | 7.30pm  | St Brigid's | <b>Altar List</b>                                                                                  | St Andrew       |
| Fri.   | 9.30am  | St Paul's   | <b>Gerry &amp; Ethna Doherty (Family)</b>                                                          |                 |
| Sat.   | 12 noon | St Brigid's | <b>Ordination of Peter Davies</b>                                                                  |                 |

**Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> First Sunday of Advent**

|      |      |             |                                                       |                        |
|------|------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Sat. | 6pm  | C the K     | <b>Jimmy Graham (Flynn)</b>                           |                        |
| Sun. | 9am  | St Paul's   | <b>Brigid Manahan</b>                                 | First Sunday of Advent |
|      | 9am  | C the K     | <b>Deceased members of the Price Family (E Price)</b> |                        |
|      | 11am | St Brigid's | <b>Josie Pugsley</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 Avenue**  
**Blackoak Road**  
**Orchard Castle**  
 who have received prayer cards in  
 the last few days.

**3 Churches  
Parish Council Chairs**

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**Corpus Christi High School**

Acting Headteacher  
Mrs Pat Pavlovic  
2076 1893

**St David's College**

Principal  
Mark Leighfield  
2049 8555

**Safeguarding Representatives**

**Sts Brigid & Paul**  
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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** £ 618.60

**Non Gift Aid** £ 481.02

**Total** £ 1099.62

**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the King**

**Gift Aid** £ 356.15

**Non Gift Aid** £ 356.50

**S/O weekly av.** £ 341.54

**Total** £ 1054.19

**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.