

# 3 Churches News

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## CARDINAL VINCENT NICHOLS ON "DO YOU LOVE ME?"

I am very pleased to welcome this publication '**Do you love me**'. I believe many will find in it great help in their life of prayer, in their lived relationship with our Blessed Lord. For this reason, it is a most important publication and imaginative contribution to our lives.

Our **relationship with Jesus**, our life of prayer, is the back-bone of our life of faith. As his disciples each of us is called to know him better, to make more and more space for him in our hearts, to enter every day into intimate conversation with him. This interior life is a source of joy, of encouragement, of strength for each of us. In these pages we will find great help in deepening that life each day.

Mary teaches us always to be attentive, to be **listening for the whisper of God** in our lives, for it was the Angel of the Lord who declared to Mary God's intention for her. She also teaches us not to be afraid to **ask questions of God**, "But how can this be?" Then she teaches us to be **ready to follow**. Her words should find an echo in our hearts each day: "Be it done to me according to your word". She is, indeed, the first and the best of all disciples.

Mary also teaches us to make our journey of faith and prayer within the context of the Church, in the company of our fellow disciples. We make this journey **better together**. So too this publication will yield its fruit more fully if it is used not only personally but also if the reading, reflections and prayer are shared. This can certainly be within a family or, of course, within a group of friends or groups of parishioners. I hope that many groups will find **great encouragement** here... The journey presented in this publication, then, always takes place, we pray, under the guidance, the gift, and the power of the Holy Spirit. May this publication help us all express more deeply and respond more fully to the powerful invitation "Do you love me?" Yes Lord, you know that I love you, help me to love you more and more.

*From the Cardinal's foreword to "Do You Love Me?"*

*Our taster sessions for this initiative are this Monday at 2.30 or 7.30pm*

~~~~ Second Sunday of Advent (Sunday 10 December 2017) ~~~~



Response to Psalm **Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.**  
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord. Make his paths straight,  
And all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!**



**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 40: 1-5. 9-11 **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 2 St Peter 3: 8-14 **Gospel:** Mark 1: 1-8  
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### Father's News

#### RETIRED CLERGY COLLECTION

There will be a retiring collection today at all Masses for our Archdiocese's "Sick and Retired Clergy Fund". Envelopes to claim Gift Aid are available. With more and more priests living longer, like the rest of society, we all have a duty to support those who have supported us in so many ways.

#### ADVENT

Why not try to attend a **weekday Mass** each week - the times are on the back page of this newsletter. Celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** at our normal times or at our 3 Churches **Penitential Service** at St Brigid's this Wednesday 13 December at 7pm when several priests will be available. Buy a "**Walk With Me**" booklet of prayers and reflections - available at the back of church. Our 3 Churches **Carol Service** will be at Christ the King this year on Wednesday 20 December at 7pm. Why not invite friends to this, if perhaps they would not come to Mass.

And especially for this Advent - come to a taster afternoon or evening for "**Do You Love Me?**" this Monday 11 December at either 2.30pm or 7pm in St Brigid's Hall. This is a major initiative to help all of us grow in our faith, prayer and Christian life. Come along for a taste on 11 December, and bring along anyone who needs more in their life...

#### CHRISTMAS

Mass will be at the following times. All Christmas Eve Masses are preceded by carols:

**6pm** Mass on Christmas Eve at all 3 Churches

**10pm** Mass on Christmas Eve at St Brigid's

**Midnight** Mass at St Teilo's and at St Philip Evans

**Morning** Masses will be at Sunday times: 9am at Christ the King and St Paul's, 11am at St Brigid's

#### ORDINATION

Many thanks to all who came to Deacon Peter Davies' ordination last Saturday, especially to all those who helped on the day - servers, readers, singers and organist, those who brought food. Particular thanks to Fr Daniel Stanton who acted as MC for the Mass. Peter now continues his full-time ministry in the Cardiff hospitals, but he will help out from time to time in our churches.

#### BAPTISM PREPARATION

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

#### 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.

#### CORPUS CHRISTI HIGH SCHOOL

Our Catholic High School require a **Head teacher** for September 2018. (Group 7 Leadership Pay Spine 33 - 39) Corpus Christi is an over-subscribed and successful school with an excellent reputation. It was inspected in February 2015 and graded 'Good' in all areas. In the Section 50 Religious Inspection it was awarded 'Excellent' across the board. This year the school was rated second in Wales by the Wales On-Line Data Unit. The Governors are seeking to appoint an exceptional and dynamic Head teacher. Applications will be welcome from committed, practicing Catholics who have a proven record of successful leadership, a desire to build on the school's successes and enhance all aspects of school life. They will have a strong personal faith, the ability to inspire and ensure exceptional teaching and learning, and the vision, energy, skills and integrity to inspire commitment and enthusiasm from all members of the school community.

To arrange a visit or request an information pack, please contact Mrs B Mullins on 2076 1893 or [bmullins@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:bmullins@cardiff.gov.uk)

**Closing Date for Applications** 12 noon Friday 12 January 2018.

**Shortlisting** Wednesday 17

January 2018. **Interviews** Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 January 2018.

### UCM News

Members of the UCM will be selling raffle tickets for their Christmas raffle on the following dates:  
Christ the King: All Masses weekend 16 - 17 December  
St Brigid's: All Masses Sunday 17 December  
Prizes - 1st Hamper, 2nd Bottle Vintage Port, 3rd Ladies Dress Watch, 4th Tin of Quality Street.

### **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)

## Christ the King

### **RIP**

Please pray for Don Barry, husband of Lynda, who has died recently and remember Lynda and all her family in your prayers.

### **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.

### **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 in the Parish Office ([ckadmin@3churches.org](mailto:ckadmin@3churches.org) 2075 3945)

### **Parenting**

We are aiming to set up the Family Caring Trusts, Noughts to Sixes Parenting Programme, here at Christ the King, starting mid-January. The sessions will be once a week in the evenings, for about seven / eight weeks and last 2 hours. The idea is to find ways to become happier parents with happier children, helping to reduce tension and squabbling in our families. We aim to make it relaxing and enjoyable and have some laughs along the way. We attended this course, as young parents, and found it hugely beneficial, and believe our experience could help others. For more information call Simon & Sylvia (07908 729599) or email [simonsylvia@uwclub.net](mailto:simonsylvia@uwclub.net)

### **Christmas Flowers**

Christ the King Flower Group would be grateful for donations towards flowers for our Christmas display. We will be holding a collection after Masses this weekend (9 & 10 December) We would like to thank you in advance for your generosity.

### **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.

### **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

The last LIFT class for 2017 will be this **Thursday 14 December 10 - 11am in the Parish Centre.**

Classes will then resume on **Thursday 4 January 2018 10am - 11am.**

May I take this opportunity to thank all of you who attended classes this year. I am very heartened by your support and look forward to seeing you in 2018

- Best wishes, Linda

## St Brigid's & St Pauls

### **RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Barbara Nelson of St Paul's, who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will be at St Paul's on Friday 22 December at 11am followed by interment at Radyr. We remember her children, family and friends in our prayers.

*Eternal rest grant to her, Lord*

### **St Paul's Christmas Flowers**

There will be a collection after 9am Mass this Sunday 10 December. Thank you in anticipation of your usual generosity.

### **Christmas Eve Family Mass**

Christmas Eve Mass at St Brigid's (6pm) will be a family Mass. If you wish your child or young person to participate in the Mass please email Hycinth ([hycinth@me.com](mailto:hycinth@me.com))

### **Adoration**

There will be no adoration at St Paul's on Wednesdays 20 & 27 December. We will recommence in the New Year on Wednesday 3 January 2018. A warm welcome to all who can join this weekly hour of prayer as part of a New Year's resolution!

**Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Advent**

|                         |                                                                                |                         |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sat. 6pm C the K        | <b>Kath Broad (M &amp; T Pinnell)</b>                                          |                         |
| Sun. 9am St Paul's      | <b>Cynthia Melhuish</b>                                                        | Second Sunday of Advent |
| 9am C the K             | <b>Michael Joseph Morris (Rendle &amp; Fletcher Families)</b>                  |                         |
| 11am St Brigid's        | <b>Pat &amp; Ernie Skrines</b>                                                 |                         |
| 6pm St Brigid's         | <b>People of the Parishes</b>                                                  |                         |
| Mon. 9.30am St Brigid's | <b>Int John Roman (Whittle)</b>                                                | St Damasus              |
| Tues. 9.30am C the K    | <b>Sister Mary Francis (M &amp; T Pinnell) &amp; David Scanlan (D Scanlan)</b> | Our Lady of Guadalupe   |
| Wed. 9.30am St Paul's   | <b>Peter Hughes (Doreen)</b>                                                   | St Lucy                 |
| 7pm St Brigid's         | <b>Advent Reconciliation Service</b>                                           |                         |
| Thurs. 9.30am C the K   | <b>Dom Bryon (M Crowley)</b>                                                   | St John of the Cross    |
| 7.30pm St Brigid's      | <b>Graham Cormack</b>                                                          |                         |
| Fri. 9.30am St Paul's   | <b>Barbara Nelson</b>                                                          |                         |
| Sat. 9.30am St Brigid's | <b>Holy Souls</b>                                                              |                         |

**Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday of Advent**

|                    |                                       |                        |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Sat. 6pm C the K   | <b>Dom Bryon (M &amp; L Halloran)</b> |                        |
| Sun. 9am St Paul's | <b>Alfred &amp; Eileen Williams</b>   | Third Sunday of Advent |
| 9am C the K        | <b>Jimmy Graham (UCM Members)</b>     |                        |
| 11am St Brigid's   | <b>Kitty Rafferty</b>                 |                        |
| 6pm St Brigid's    | <b>People of the Parishes</b>         |                        |

**Praying for our Neighbours**  
 Please remember in your prayers this week  
 our neighbours in  
**Turnham Green**  
**Heol Hir**  
**Lake Road West, Ambleside Ave & Grasmere Ave**  
 who have received prayer cards in  
 the last few days.

**3 Churches  
Parish Council Chairs**

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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** £ 547.00

**Non Gift Aid** £ 523.61

**Total** £ 1070.61

**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the King**

**Gift Aid** £ 396.40

**Non Gift Aid** £ 342.12

**S/O weekly av.** £ 341.54

**Total** £ 1080.06

**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.