

# 3 Churches News

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**Sundays December 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> 2017 Christmas (YEAR B)**

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**It's all about the Baby - He's the reason for the season!  
A very happy and peaceful Christmas, and a truly blessed New Year  
to all our parishioners and friends**

*Fr Matthew*

~~~~ Fourth Sunday of Advent (Sunday 24 December 2017) ~~~~

Response to Psalm I will sing forever of your love, O Lord  
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord:  
Let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Samuel 71: 1-5. 8-12. 14.16 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 16: 25-27 Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38

~~~~ Holy Family (Sunday 31 December 2017) ~~~~

Response to Psalm He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant for ever  
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors  
through the Prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 15: 1-6. 21: 1-3 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 11: 8. 11-12. 17-19 Gospel: Luke 2: 22-44

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### Father's News

#### TWO WEEK NEWSLETTER

Please note that this newsletter covers two weeks.

#### CHRISTMAS

A reminder that Christmas Masses 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

#### "DO YOU LOVE ME?"

Many thanks to all those who came to our taster sessions, and those who have expressed interest. If you too are interested and did not make the tasters, see Fr Matthew, Marie York or Tania Walsh, or visit <http://www.cbcew.org.uk/CBCEW-Home/Publications/Do-You-Love-Me-Prayer-and-Spirituality-2014>

Watch this space for details of groups starting in January.

#### SUNDAY PRAISE

Our Sunday evening Prayer Group takes a break for two weeks. On Sunday 7 January, the Epiphany, we gather again. After prayer and praise at 7.30pm that evening we will plan for the future, including thinking about our format and day of meeting. Please note there will be a special Vigil and Mass for the New Year at St Philip Evans, starting **11.30pm** on New Year's Eve.

#### 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) as soon as possible. Classes will start in January and further information will be issued in due course.

#### CWL

The next CWL Charity Coffee Morning will take place after 9.30 Mass at St Paul's on Friday 5 January. Proceeds will be for Shelter Cymru.

Mass at 9.30 on Tuesday 2 January at Christ the King will be for deceased members of the 3 churches, particularly those who died in October (John Wareing, Thomas Turner, Dominic Bryon, Freda Stringfellow, Jimmy Graham and Linda Radmilovic)

**Please remember the deceased members of the 3 churches whose anniversaries occur in January including:** Martin Rafter, Luis Urtiaga, Angela Jackson, Kath Foils, Kate Haines, Terry O'Neil, Mary Veronica Neary, Ken Welsher, Mollie Peterson, Walter Connies-Lang, Genie Beach, Winifred Powell, Kathleen Hannay, Juliette Gabriel, Maureen Thomas, Megan Bowgen, Catherine Rees, Maureen Hill, Theresa Coffey, Rose-Anne Jones, John Tobin, Margaret Williams and Josephine Owen.

## Christ the King

#### RIP

The Funeral for Don Barry (husband of Lynda), will take place at Thornhill Wenallt Chapel on Wednesday 27 December at 10.15am. Please remember Lynda and her family in your prayers. Please also pray for Anna Forrest who has died recently. Anna's Funeral will take place at Christ the King on Friday 12 January at 11.15am. Please remember her son William in your prayers.

#### Ring Found

A small ring has been found in the Church car park. If it is yours, please contact the Parish Office.

#### Parish Office

Please note that the CTK Parish Office will not be open after Christmas until Wednesday 3 January. If you have any urgent messages, please contact St Brigid's Presbytery.

50 Club Subscriptions are due in January - £12 payable in cash, by cheque (made out to Christ the King Parish) or by standing order. Subscriptions will be collected after weekend masses on 6/7 and 13/14 January. New subscribers from the 3 churches welcome. Half of the amount collected is distributed in a monthly prize draw (currently £25/£15/£10) and half goes to charity. The charity in 2018 is Rainbow of Hope which supports homeless and disadvantaged people in Cardiff. For further information contact Sheila Drayton (2075 4879) or Elizabeth Taylor (2075 1401).

#### LINK Christmas Greetings

Christmas greetings in the LINK raised over £200 for the Cardiff Foodbank. Thank you

### **Christmas Eve Vigil Mass**

Children attending the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass are invited to wear nativity costumes if they wish. The church will be open from 5pm and there will be a video link to the Parish Centre where people will be directed to once the Church is full. Please park sensibly as not to block the car park or surrounding roads. Extra car parking will be available at the Wolf's Castle pub.

### **Adoration**

There will be no Adoration at Christ the King on Tuesdays 26 December and 2 January. We will resume on Tuesday 9 January 2018.

### **Poinsettias**

As usual we hope to decorate the area surrounding the crib with poinsettias. If you would like to remember a loved one by donating a poinsettia, please bring it along and leave it in the church porch before 24 December.

### **White Flower Appeal**

This year's White Flower Appeal on behalf of SPUC will take place on the weekend of 13 - 14 January.

## **St Brigid's & St Paul's**

### **CONGRATULATIONS...**

... to Gregory Jackson, son of Clare and Dave, who is to marry Grace Langford at Fisher House, the University Chaplaincy in Cambridge this coming Thursday.

### **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 Wednesday 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!

### **Welcomers**

We are looking for extra Welcomers for 6pm Mass at St Brigid's Church. 1 week in 5 is required and we would be most grateful if you could contact Julia (2069 2878) if you are interested in joining us; this is a small service to Our Lord.



## Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup> Fourth Sunday of Advent

|        |        |             |  |                         |
|--------|--------|-------------|--|-------------------------|
| Sat.   | 6pm    | C the K     | <b>Mary Murphy (Hudson Family)</b>                     |                         |
| Sun.   | 9am    | St Paul's   | <b>John &amp; Norma Pathy</b>                          | Fourth Sunday of Advent |
|        | 9am    | C the K     | <b>Sr Kathleen Brown (B Brown)</b>                     |                         |
|        | 11am   | St Brigid's | <b>Thomas Anthony Sherry</b>                           |                         |
|        | 6pm    | St Brigid's | <b>Children of the Parishes</b>                        | Christmas Eve           |
|        | 6pm    | St Paul's   | <b>Int Maureen &amp; Cora Carroll</b>                  |                         |
|        | 6pm    | C the K     | <b>Vigil Mass Children of the Parish</b>               |                         |
|        | 10pm   | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parishes</b>                          |                         |
| Mon.   | 9am    | St Paul's   | <b>Dec'd Daley Family</b>                              | Christmas Day           |
|        | 9am    | C the K     | <b>Sick and housebound of the Parish</b>               |                         |
|        | 11am   | St Brigid's | <b>Maureen Muscat (Camilleri)</b>                      |                         |
| Tues.  | 10am   | C the K     | <b>Intentions of Pat and Dennis Donovan (M Murphy)</b> |                         |
| Wed.   | 9.30am | St Paul's   | <b>Robert Forbes</b>                                   | St John Apostle         |
| Thurs. | 9.30am | C the K     | <b>Dom Bryon (F &amp; M Callus)</b>                    | Holy Innocents          |
|        | 7.30pm | St Brigid's | <b>Gillian Hunt</b>                                    |                         |
| Fri.   | 9.30am | St Paul's   | <b>David &amp; Tim Cole</b>                            | St Thomas Becket        |
| Sat.   | 9.30am | St Brigid's | <b>Philip Daw</b>                                      |                         |

**Sunday December 31<sup>st</sup> The Holy Family**

|               |             |   |                     |
|---------------|-------------|---|---------------------|
| Sat. 6pm      | C the K     | <b>Agnes Lush (C Lush)</b>                      |                     |
| Sun. 9am      | St Paul's   | <b>Kathleen &amp; Edward Anson</b>              | The Holy Family     |
|               | 9am         | <b>Nancy Hanssen (B Brown)</b>                  |                     |
|               | 11am        | <b>Josie Pugsley</b>                            |                     |
|               | 6pm         | <b>People of the Parishes</b>                   |                     |
| Mon. 10am     | St Brigid's | <b>Parishioners' New Year Ints</b>              | Mary Mother of God  |
| Tues. 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Deceased members of the 3 Churches</b>       | Sts Basil & Gregory |
| Wed. 9.30am   | St Paul's   | <b>David Stamp</b>                              |                     |
| Thurs. 9.30am | C the K     | <b>Fred &amp; Theresa Dartnell (J Dartnell)</b> |                     |
|               | 7.30pm      | <b>Holy Souls</b>                               |                     |
| Fri. 9.30am   | St Paul's   | <b>Leszek Slowikowski (Daley)</b>               |                     |
| Sat. 9.30am   | St Brigid's | <b>Holy Souls</b>                               |                     |

**Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup> Epiphany**

|             |           |   |          |
|-------------|-----------|---|----------|
| Sat. 6pm    | C the K   | <b>Cath Hatto &amp; Bernard Fletcher (Rendle &amp; Fletcher Families)</b> |          |
| Sun. 9.30am | St Paul's | <b>Fred &amp; Peggy John</b>  | Epiphany |
|             | 9am       | <b>Luis Urtiaga (A Davies)</b>  |          |
|             | 11am      | <b>John &amp; Mary Kingston</b>   |          |
|             | 6pm       | <b>People of the Parish</b>   |          |



**Praying for our Neighbours**

Please remember in your prayers this week  
our neighbours in  
**Melrose Avenue**  
**Cavendish Close**  
**Lake Road West & Ullswater Avenue**  
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, 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.

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**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Christ the King**  
*Resumes 9 January*  
**St. Paul's**  
*Resumes 3 January*  
**St. Brigid's**  
*Resumes 4 January*

**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** £ 640.50  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 538.91  
**Total** £ 1078.41  
**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the King**  
**Gift Aid** £ 458.81  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 306.89  
**S/O weekly av.** £ 335.54  
**Total** £ 1101.24