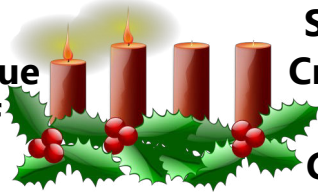


3 Churches News

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WITH JESUS IN THE WOMB

Let us contemplate Jesus in the womb of Mary, enter into the silence, the slow growth, the precious reality of our Lord and Saviour's taking on life as a human being.

If we begin by imagining Jesus' *foot* in the womb, we picture Mary washing this little foot, after giving birth to him and laying him in the manger. This tiny foot became the one which walked our earth, the foot which left home to walk Galilee and Judea. The sinful woman off the street taught us about gratitude for his mercy by kissing and crying on this foot. This foot stumbled along the way to his Crucifixion, where it was nailed to a cross - all for us.

We can imagine his *hands* growing in the womb, slowly becoming the hands which first touched Mary's face and Joseph's beard. This hand developed into the hand of a carpenter, and with it he embraced children and offered his tender touch to the sick and sinners. These would become the hands with which he washed his disciples' feet and took the bread and the wine and, giving thanks to God, gave it to his disciples, saying "This is my body. This is my blood." And, the next day, outstretched, this hand was nailed to a cross - all for us.

And the developing *face* of Jesus would already be taking on his mother's features. This face would give joy to the shepherds and the Magi. He must have cried and felt hunger, and laughed and smiled a lot. The face of a child at Nazareth with his friends developed slowly and inevitably, to become the face seen by so many who had that privilege in his lifetime. This is the same face which was spat upon and was covered with blood, all for us.

Finally, we pause for a moment to reflect upon his *heart* - the very image of his self-sacrificing love. This little heart became one big enough to love sinners, the sick, the marginal, on fire with compassion and mercy. The heart of Jesus, which began beating in the womb of Mary, was eventually the sacred heart pierced with a lance on the cross. Into that wound in his side, the Risen Lord invited Thomas to put his hand and to believe.

Edited from Creighton University's Online Ministries

~~~~ Second Sunday of Advent (Sunday 9 December 2018) ~~~~



Response to Psalm **What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.**  
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: Baruch 5: 1-9 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philipians 1: 3-6. 8-11 Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6  
St. Brigid's and Christ the King are parishes of the Archdiocese of Cardiff. A Registered Charity No. 242380.  
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## 3 Churches

### Father's News

#### ADVENT

#### Carols in the Community

Bring some Christmas joy into our neighbourhoods! Gather at 7pm on the following two days: this Sunday 9 December at Christ the King and Sunday 16 December at St Brigid's

"Journeying towards Jesus" groups: to join contact a leader direct - Monday afternoon tel Tess 2075 5528, Monday evening email Esther

([esther.milardi@btinternet.com](mailto:esther.milardi@btinternet.com)),

Wednesday afternoon Sheila

([sheila.m.roberts@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sheila.m.roberts@hotmail.co.uk)),

and Thursday afternoon Nigel

([nigelqtuck@btinternet.com](mailto:nigelqtuck@btinternet.com))

#### Reverse Calendars

Donate something each day to the Food Bank. Everything can be left in the existing Food Bank boxes in the 3 Churches. They are short of Chocolates / Sweets, Sponge Puddings, Treats for Children, UHT milk, Long life fruit juice, Non-Alcoholic Christmas Puddings and Coffee. They currently have plenty of Baked Beans, Breakfast Cereals, Pasta, Soup and Tea. They also say 'No Mince Pies or Alcohol Please'. To make sure it is delivered to the Food Bank before Christmas it would help if it was brought to the 3 Churches by the third Sunday of Advent (16 December). Anything brought later will still be taken to the Food Bank after Christmas.

**3 Churches Carol Service** at St Paul's on Wednesday 19 December. Invite someone along with you.



#### CHRISTMAS

These are the times of Christmas Masses this year.

Times and locations are to fit in with priests' availability.

#### Christmas Eve

6pm in all 3 Churches

10pm St Brigid's

(Midnight St Teilo's and St Philip Evans)

#### Christmas Day

9am Christ the King

10am St Paul's

11am St Brigid's

***Many thanks to all who supported the Film Night at St Brigid's last week. The total profit, including donations, amounted to £385 which will be sent to Huggard.***

#### Up-coming Baptism Preparation

##### Courses in the Northern Arc

\* January 2019 - Tuesdays 8 & 15 at St Brigid's 7pm. Email [stevemartincardiff@gmail.com](mailto:stevemartincardiff@gmail.com) for details

#### 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 2019 please send an email with your child's name and Parish to

[Threechurchescommunion2019@outlook.com](mailto:Threechurchescommunion2019@outlook.com)

by 21 December.

Classes will start in January 2019 and further information will be issued in due course.

#### **Christ the King Primary School - Nursery School Opening January 2019 and Reception Class 2019**

Applications are now available for nursery school children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 March 2016 for the early years unit opening at Christ the King Primary School in January 2019.

Applications are also open for children due to start in Reception Class in September 2019.

Please contact the school on 2075 4787 or download an application from our website -

[www.christthekingcathprm.co.uk/admissions/](http://www.christthekingcathprm.co.uk/admissions/)

Nursery applications to be returned as soon as possible.

**Applications for Reception must be received by 7 January 2019.**

#### ***Offeren y Nadolig***

The Vigil Mass of Christmas will be celebrated in Welsh on Christmas Eve at 4.30pm at St Teilo's Church, Whitchurch, Cardiff CF14 1AD. Bilingual booklets are provided. Croeso cynnes i bawb.

#### **OPEN DOOR SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB THURSDAY 20 DECEMBER**

We will be having our Christmas Party 2 - 4.30pm approx in Christ the King Parish Centre.

This is open to senior citizens in the 3 Churches and you can be sure of a warm welcome.

Come along and bring a friend.

#### **UCM**

Members of the UCM will be selling tickets for their Christmas raffle after Masses this weekend (8 & 9 December). The raffle will be drawn after Mass on Sunday 16 December.



## Other events

### Online Advent Calendar 2018

Follow CAFOD's online Advent Calendar to reflect, pray and take global justice actions throughout this holy season.

[www.cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-calendar](http://www.cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-calendar)

### **Christmas - The Story**

Re-discover the real meaning of Christmas. Y Tabernacl, on The Hayes, Cardiff. Performances are free, last just 20 minutes and take place every 40 minutes from 10am Monday - Saturday until 22 December.

[www.the-story.org.uk/locations/cardiff](http://www.the-story.org.uk/locations/cardiff)

### Nightshelter

A Training and Induction Evening will be taking place this Monday 10 December 7pm at St German's Church, Adamsdown.

The Nightshelter will run across a number of churches around Cardiff from 18 December until the end of March.

For more information or to offer help contact Rev'd Phelim O'Hare priest in charge at St German's and St Saviour's Church on 2241 1229 or [email phelimohare@gmail.com](mailto:email.phelimohare@gmail.com)

### **Opera Mint Wales Concert**

St Edward's Church, Roath

This Sunday 9 December 8.30pm

Entrance free; retiring collection

## Christ the King

### RIP

The family of Margaret (Peggy) Reynolds, regret to announce the passing of Michael John Reynolds, her eldest son on 15 November in Edinburgh where he lived in recent months. *May he rest in peace*

### **Christmas Eve**

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 details on the list at the back of the church or contact the Parish Office - 2075 3945, email

[ckadmin@3churches.org](mailto:ckadmin@3churches.org)

### LIFT / TAI CHI Class Luncheon

On Thursday 13 December at midday after our last Tai Chi class of 2018, we will be having a special Christmas luncheon in the Parish Hall and would love to see as many class members as possible!

We need to firm up numbers for the luncheon please if you have not already let me know - I would be grateful to be contacted ASAP on 2075 9826 or by email

[linda@halloran.me.uk](mailto:linda@halloran.me.uk). Thank you.

Classes will resume on 3 January 2019

### **Junior Club - Volunteers Needed**

The Junior Club is in need of adult volunteers to help out once a month on a rota basis. We meet every Friday evening of school term time in the Parish Centre. If you can help please contact Marie in the Parish Office on 2075 3945 or email [ckadmin@3churches.org](mailto:ckadmin@3churches.org)

### **Christmas Flowers**

There will be a collection next weekend (15 & 16 December) for Christmas flowers. The flower group would like to thank you in advance for your generosity.

We are always looking for new ladies... or gentlemen to join our flower group. Please do consider this as it's not a big commitment and is very rewarding. If you would like any information please contact Linda 2075 9826 or email

[inda@halloran.me.uk](mailto:inda@halloran.me.uk)

## St Brigid's & St Pauls

### **R.I.P.**

Please pray for the response of the soul of **Celia Campbell** of Fishguard Road. Her Requiem Mass will be at St Brigid's on Monday 10 December at 10am and will replace 9.30 Mass that day.

**Collection after 9am Mass at St Paul's this Sunday and next Sunday (9 & 16 December) for Christmas flowers. The flower arrangers enjoy making the Church look festive and your generosity helps them. Thank you**

### Christmas Eve Mass

If you wish your child / children to participate at the 6pm Christmas Eve Mass at St Brigid's Church, please email [hycinth@me.com](mailto:hycinth@me.com) giving the name and age of your child / children

### **St Brigid's Crib and Christmas Flowers**

Help is needed with setting up the crib in St Brigid's. If you can spare some time to unpack the figures, set them up, or just help with the clearing up, we would be most grateful. Please phone 2062 6829. Also, there will be a collection for Christmas flowers in St Brigid's at both Masses next Sunday 16 December. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Mass Cards (£1) are available at the back of St Brigid's. Please put payment in the box provided.**

**New to the Parish?  
Pick up a leaflet**

**Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Advent**

|        |        |             |                                                |                         |
|--------|--------|-------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sat.   | 6pm    | C the K     | <b>Mary Taylor (A Rees)</b>                    |                         |
| Sun.   | 9am    | St Paul's   | <b>Brigid Manahan</b>                          | Second Sunday of Advent |
|        | 9am    | C the K     | <b>Charles McDevitt (A McDevitt)</b>           |                         |
|        | 11am   | St Brigid's | <b>Cynthia Melhuish (Huntley)</b>              |                         |
|        | 6pm    | St Brigid's | <b>People of the Parish</b>                    |                         |
| Mon.   | 10am   | St Brigid's | <b>Requiem Mass: Celia Campbell</b>            | St John Roberts         |
| Tues.  | 9.30am | C the K     | <b>David Scanlan (D Scanlan)</b>               | St Damasus              |
| Wed.   | 9.30am | St Paul's   | <b>Holy Souls</b>                              | Our Lady of Guadalupe   |
| Thurs. | 9.30am | C the K     | <b>Private Intention (C Bailey)</b>            | St Lucy                 |
|        | 7.30pm | St Brigid's | <b>Private Int</b>                             |                         |
| Fri.   | 9.30am | St Paul's   | <b>Gordon Cormack</b>                          | St John of the Cross    |
| Sat.   | 9.30am | St Brigid's | <b>Lilian Jenkins (Daley &amp; Tunncliffe)</b> |                         |

**Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday of Advent**

|      |      |             |                                    |                        |
|------|------|-------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Sat. | 6pm  | C the K     | <b>Mary Taylor (Taylor Family)</b> |                        |
| Sun. | 9am  | St Paul's   | <b>Doreen &amp; John Smits</b>     | Third Sunday of Advent |
|      | 9am  | C the K     | <b>Luis Urtiaga (A Davies)</b>     |                        |
|      | 11am | St Brigid's | <b>Fr Tom Forrest</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  
**Brynteg Close, Cefn Coed Crescent & Corsham Road**  
**Station Road, Redwood Court & Newlands Court**  
**Millrace Close**  
who have received prayer cards in  
the last few days.

**3 Churches  
Parish Council Chairs**

**Sts Brigid & Paul**

Maria Thompson  
07989 404730  
mariathompson1  
@hotmail.co.uk

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Chris Stevens  
2074 7730  
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**Christ the King**

Primary School  
Mrs R Woodward  
2075 4787

**Corpus Christi**

High School  
Headteacher  
Mr Patrick Brunnock  
2076 1893

**St David's College**

Principal  
Mark Leighfield  
2049 8555

**Safeguarding  
Representatives**

**Sts Brigid & Paul**  
Pat Williams (St B)  
2061 7374  
Carl French (St P)  
2075 4418

**Christ the King**

Jim Winterbottom  
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**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Christ the King**  
Tuesday 10am - 3pm  
**St. Paul's**  
Wednesday 10am - 3pm  
**St. Brigid's**  
Thursday 10am - 3pm

**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** £ 640.00  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 590.68  
**Total** £ 1230.68  
**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the King**

**Gift Aid** £ ~~~~  
**Non Gift Aid** £ ~~~~  
**S/O weekly av.** £ ~~~~  
**Total** £ ~~~~

**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, Mary Clarke,  
Corey-Jay Coles, Terry Culbertson, Elizabeth Cunningham, Agnes Davies, Win Drury,  
Sheila Ferriter, Emily, Bobi Gower, Patrick Harris, Maria Hill, Caitriona Lovell, Sarah Morris,  
Peter Murphy, Kieran Ollin, Rona Perry, Valentino Rascon, John Reardon, Claire Richards,  
Anne Roach, Adela Rogers, Shaun Stone, Anne Wake, Gemma Ward, Emma Warlow,  
Dorothy Warren & Pat Watkins.