

3 Churches News

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CHRIST THE KING

Malcolm Guite wrote "This Sunday is the last in the cycle of the Christian year, which ends with the feast of Christ the King, 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."

Yet the Gospel speaks of Calvary, of the taunts of the authorities, the soldiers and the criminal, and the replies of Jesus. Three years ago we first printed Malcolm Guite's sonnet for the Feast. Here it is again...

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 Malcolm Guite 'Sounding the Seasons' published by Canterbury Press.



~~~~ Christ the King (Sunday 24 November 2019) ~~~~



Response to Psalm I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'  
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!**

**1st Reading: Samuel 5: 1-3 2nd Reading: 2 Colossians 1:12-20 Gospel: Luke 23: 35-43**

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### Father's News

#### ADVENT & THE YEAR OF THE WORD

Next Sunday sees the start of **Advent**, and of the **Year of the Word**, called by the Bishops of England and Wales

\* To mark the beginning of this special Year next Sunday there will be **Evening Prayer and Benediction** at St David's

Cathedral at 3.30pm

\* The great theme of God's Word will be woven into the **liturgy** of the next twelve months, such as the 3 Churches Carol Service.

\* Special **banners** will be displayed for the duration of the year in our Churches

\* The first monthly Cardiff

**Scripture Study** will take place on Saturday 7 December at the Cornerstone in Charles Street, from 10am to 12 noon.

Fr Laurence Bryce will talk on the documents 'Dei Verbum', of Pope Paul VI and 'Verbum Domini', by Pope Benedict XVI.

All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Meanwhile, parish landmarks in **Advent** will include:

\* Wednesday 4 December:

**3 Churches Penitential Service** 7pm at St Paul's

\* Sunday 8 December: **Carols in the Community** meeting at St Brigid's at 7pm after evening Mass. Come and sing traditional carols in our local streets.

\* Sunday 15 December: **Carols in the Community** meeting at Christ the King 7pm

\* Wednesday 18 December: **3 Churches Carol Service** 7pm at St Brigid's

#### OUR LADY'S CONVENT REUNION

There will be a reunion for all past pupils and staff of Our Lady's Convent School, The Walk, Cardiff on Saturday 21 March 2020 at Jury's Inn Cardiff (formerly The Park Hotel) at 7pm. Tickets £30 including buffet supper. For more details and to book your place, please contact Julie Halton (Welsher) on 07740 306228 [jmhalton@msn.com](mailto:jmhalton@msn.com)

**3 Churches Bereavement Support Group is meeting on Thursday 28 November at 2pm in Christ the King Parish Centre. The Group now has a dedicated phone number and can be contacted on 07594 217098**

#### FILM NIGHT AT ST BRIGID'S

The next Film Night at St Brigid's will be on **Wednesday 11**

**December** at 7.30pm (doors open 7pm) when we will be showing 'It's a Wonderful Life'. Tickets (£6) to include a Ploughman's Supper are now available after Masses or please phone 2076 6318. There will be a licensed bar and a raffle and all proceeds will go to Huggard.

#### COMING BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES

\* **St Brigid's, Crystal Glen (Sacristy, accessed beyond altar in church) Wednesdays 8 & 15 January 2020 7pm.**

Please email Ann Martin if attending - [stevemartincardiff@gmail.com](mailto:stevemartincardiff@gmail.com)

\* **St Teilo's (parish hall - upstairs, access at rear of church) February 2020 7pm.** Dates to be confirmed. Please email Cathy & Mel if attending - [cathyhopkins@sky.com](mailto:cathyhopkins@sky.com)

#### First Holy Communion

If any children, Year 3 and above, in the 3 Churches' parish (Christ the King, St Brigid's or St Paul's), wish to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion April / May 2020, please send an email with your child's name and Parish to [threechurchescommunion2020@outlook.com](mailto:threechurchescommunion2020@outlook.com) by **1 December**. Classes will start in January 2020 and further information will be issued in due course.

#### Christ the King Catholic Primary School Applications 2020 - 2021

The application process for Reception Class September 2020 is now open. Closing date: 13 January 2020. Applications will be available on the school website - [www.christthekingcathprm.co.uk](http://www.christthekingcathprm.co.uk) or from the school admin team (2075 4787)

#### Reverse Advent Calendar

Last year this was a success and we would like to repeat it. Donate something each day or few days to the Food Bank during Advent. Everything can be left in the existing Food Bank boxes in the 3 Churches. The Food Bank advise that they would prefer normal food that could be used throughout the year instead of the usual Christmas donations such as chocolates, mince pies, Christmas puddings etc. They would prefer items such as Long life Fruit Juice, Sponge puddings, Long life milk, tinned fruit, tinned rice puddings, tinned fish and tinned potatoes. Tinned fish was especially welcome. 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 (15 December). Anything brought later will still be taken to the Food Bank after Christmas.

## **The Acts of the Apostles:**

### **A new journey**

On Friday 29 November at 6.30pm in Christ the King we follow the journey of the apostles as they are sent out by the Lord. Come and join a group of friends as we pray through the Acts with the assistance of Canon Matthew. The next extract is Acts 2: 37 - 47. Everyone is welcome.

### **Advent Retreat: O come, O come, Emmanuel**

The Archdiocese of Cardiff invites everyone to the retreat at St David's Catholic College, Cardiff on Saturday 14 December 10.30am - 3.30pm (registration at 10am). There will be two talks, imaginative contemplation and silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. The retreat is free and lunch will be provided. If you wish to attend please contact Christian Mahoney (07764 515864 or [christianmahoney2@gmail.com](mailto:christianmahoney2@gmail.com)) The retreat is open to people of all faiths and no faith.

## **Other events**

**The Promise of Christmas** - concert at St David's Hall on Saturday 7 December at 3pm with the St David's Praise Choir. Tickets (£12/£14, under 12s £5) from the St David's Hall Box Office but going quickly as there is only one performance this year.

### ***Seeds for the Future (Lesotho)***

**Christmas Tea Party** at Christ the King Parish Centre on Sunday 8 December 3 - 5pm. Tickets - £10 with donation on the day for children - available after weekend masses in the 3 Churches on 23/24 November and 30 November/1 December. For further information contact Elizabeth Taylor (2075 1401 or [tayleat@gmail.com](mailto:tayleat@gmail.com))

## **Board Games Evening**

Mondays 2 December & 6 January 7 - 9pm at St Faith Church, Morris Ave, Llanishen

### **Cards for Good Causes**

Bethany Baptist Church, Heol Llanishen Fach, Rhiwbina  
Mon - Fri 10am - 4pm  
Sat 10am - 1pm until 17 December.  
Entrance from Church car park

## **Christ the King**

### **Poems & a Glass**

Sunday 7pm  
CTK Parish Centre  
Bring: Yourself, a poetry book, a friend, a bottle (optional)

### **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 / email on the list at the back of the church or contact Marie in the Parish Office - [llanishen@rcadc.org](mailto:llanishen@rcadc.org) or 2075 3945

### **Christmas LINK**

We'd love to include items from parishioners. Anything with a Christmas theme is especially welcome as well as your news, comments, memories or interesting stories. We will be including your Christmas greetings in this edition of LINK for a donation to a local charity. Please send your greetings to Cherime or Jane as soon as possible. Also, if there is a local charity you would like to support please email either Cherime ([mark.cherime@talktalk.net](mailto:mark.cherime@talktalk.net)) or Jane ([j.v.rendle@talk21.com](mailto:j.v.rendle@talk21.com))

### **Sandwich making for the homeless**

The next sandwich making will be this Monday 25 November at 1.15pm in the Parish Centre

**This Thursday (28 November) there will be a Tai Chi Class. The last LIFT Class before the Christmas break will be on Thursday 5 December 10 - 11am in Christ the King Parish Centre, and will be combined with a buffet luncheon.**

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

***The Monday Group will meet at St Paul's on Monday 25 November at 2pm.***

### **St Paul's Eucharistic Minister and Readers Rotas**

Copies of the new rotas for both Eucharistic Ministers and Readers in St Paul's for the week commencing with the First Sunday of Advent (1 December) will be at the back of the Church this Sunday - 24 November.

### **Parish Advisory Council Meeting**

The next PAC meeting will be on Wednesday 27 November. 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.

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

**Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup> Christ the King**

|        |             |             |                                                                                                 |                            |
|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Sat.   | 6pm         | C the K     | <b>Mary Taylor (Taylor Family)<br/>Joined by the Children of Christ the King Primary School</b> |                            |
| Sun.   | 9am         | St Paul's   | <b>Chris &amp; Peter Kearns Golden Wedding</b>                                                  | Christ the King            |
|        | 9am         | C the K     | <b>All Parishioners</b>                                                                         |                            |
|        | 11am        | St Brigid's | <b>Celia Campbell; Rita Daw</b>                                                                 |                            |
|        | 6pm         | St Brigid's | <b>Graham Webber &amp; Mary O'Connor</b>                                                        |                            |
| Mon.   | 9.30am      | St Brigid's | <b>Special Int</b>                                                                              | St Catherine of Alexandria |
| Tues.  | 9.30am      | C the K     | <b>Alison Callus (F &amp; M Callus)</b>                                                         |                            |
| Wed.   | 9.30am      | St Paul's   | <b>Mary Savage (Martin)</b>                                                                     |                            |
| Thurs. | 9.30am      | C the K     | <b>John Wareing (E Wareing)</b>                                                                 |                            |
|        | 7.30pm      | St Brigid's | <b>Altar List</b>                                                                               |                            |
|        | Fri. 9.30am | St Paul's   | <b>John Family Int</b>                                                                          |                            |
| Sat.   | 9.30am      | St Brigid's | <b>W Evans &amp; Dorothy Wooding</b>                                                            | St Andrew                  |

**Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> First Sunday of Advent**

|      |      |             |                                          |                        |
|------|------|-------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Sat. | 6pm  | C the K     | <b>Augustine Rodrigues (I Rodrigues)</b> |                        |
| Sun. | 9am  | St Paul's   | <b>John Harrington (May)</b>             | First Sunday of Advent |
|      | 9am  | C the K     | <b>Baby Rory Adey (L Barry)</b>          |                        |
|      | 11am | St Brigid's | <b>Dec'd Kavanagh Family</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  
**Alltmawr Road**  
**Woodvale Avenue**

**3 Churches  
Parish Council Chairs**

**Sts Brigid & Paul**

Maria Thompson  
07989 404730  
mariathompson1  
@hotmail.co.uk

**Christ the King**

Chris Stevens  
2074 7730  
chrisstevens1200  
@gmail.com

**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  
2075 5121  
jimwin

@hotmail.co.uk

**Bereavement  
Support Group**

07594 217098

**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Christ the King**

Tuesday 10am - 12pm  
**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

**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, Clare Bell, John Campbell, Mary Clarke,  
Corey-Jay Coles, Terry Culbertson, Elizabeth Cunningham, Agnes Davies, Claire Doherty,  
Win Drury, Sheila Ferriter, Emily, Jean Hill, Maria Hill, Caitriona Lovell,  
Michael Mathews, Sarah Morris, Brendan Murphy, Peter Murphy, Audrey Nelson, Kieran Ollin,  
Rona Perry, John Reardon, Claire Richards, Anne Roach, Adela Rogers, Shaun Stone,  
Genoveva Urriaga, Anne Wake, Gemma Ward, Emma Warlow, Dorothy Warren,  
Lorna Watermeyer & Pat Watkins.

**Last Week's Collection**

**Sts. Brigid & Paul**  
**Gift Aid** £ 682.00  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 592.24  
**Total** £ 1274.24  
**S/O month av.** £ 846.77

**Christ the King**

**Gift Aid** £ 355.80  
**Non Gift Aid** £ 426.30  
**S/O weekly av.** £ 432.25  
**Total** £ 1214.35