

3 CHURCHES NEWS

Canon Matthew Jones and Fr Andy Bord matthew@3churches.org

Assisting Fr Peter Davies

St Brigid's Presbytery Crystal Glen Cardiff CF14 5QN Tel 029 2075 2389

Christ the King Office (Marie O'Brien) Tel 029 2075 3945 llanishen@rcadc.org



Sunday November 29th 2020

First Sunday of Advent (Year B)

Issue 48/20

Corona Virus – Help a Parishioner. If you are well & able to do so, offer to help during this uncertain time.



Dear parishioners and friends of our 3 Churches, it's Advent – a new Church year. The season's themes point us to the future, and we are invited to prepare not just for the great feast of December 25th. This first Sunday we also prepare for the great Second Coming of Christ, and so find ourselves "in between". We are in between the first and second advents of Jesus. Our faith rooted in the first gives us great expectation of the second, and a firm and clear route to get from the one to the other – the road of the Gospel. As the Year of the Word moves to its conclusion, let us set out on this royal road with renewed faith and conviction. ~ Fr Matthew

Response to the Psalm: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

1st Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17. 64:1. 3-8 **2nd Reading:** Corinthians 1:3-9 **Gospel:** Mark 13:33-57

~ Wednesday 9 December **Advent Service 'Passing on the Light'** 7pm, St Brigid's. The service will be live-streamed for those unable to be with us in church. If watching from home, have a candle at hand for use at the end of the service.

~ Sunday 13 December **Diaconate Ordination** of Christian Mahoney at the Cathedral.

~ Sunday 20 December Zoom **Carol Service** for which we will give details later.

~ Tuesday 22 December 10.30am Christ the King, 2.30pm St Brigid's and Wednesday 10.30am St Paul's: **Bambinelli – Visits to the Crib**. Each child is invited to bring the Christ child from their home crib to be blessed for Christmas. They can bring home-made decorations for the church Christmas tree.

~ **Christmas Eve** Masses 6pm at St Paul's and Christ the King, 8pm at St Brigid's

~ **Christmas Morning** 9am at St Paul's and Christ the King, 10.30am at St Brigid's

Important note: *Christmas Eve & Morning Masses will be by booking only. Details of how to book will be given via this newsletter next weekend. Please do not try to book before then.*

3 Churches Christmas Outreach – We hope to donate Christmas parcels to those in our community who are less well off than ourselves. Parishioners can contribute to a collection which will buy seasonal food to make up these parcels. *We are not asking for donations of food – but money!* Labelled baskets will be near the doors of each church at every Mass during Advent. Or, put your donation in an envelope marked 'Christmas Outreach' and hand in at the Presbytery or Christ the King Parish Office. Cash preferable, cheques payable to St Brigid's Parish with **OUTREACH** written on the back. Please make your donations by Monday 14 December.

3 CHURCHES INFO. ** PLEASE NOTE THAT FACE MASKS MUST BE WORN IN CHURCH **

~ 10.30 Sunday Mass is followed by a "virtual coffee" at 11.20ish via Zoom 865 017 3340 / coffee

~ For **Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals** please contact Fr Matthew. Confessions by arrangement.

~ To receive the **newsletter by email or submit items** - luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk

R.I.P. – Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Bill Drury** who died recently. His funeral will be on 11 December. We remember his family and friends in our prayers. Eternal rest grant to him, Lord.

Liturgy of the Word from Mass Sundays on Zoom. This interactive service allows you to share in Mass, and singing hymns! Open to everyone in our 3 Churches. For code & password, contact Kath Liddington (liddingtonk@talktalk.net)

SAFEGUARDING – Pat Williams (St Brigid's)

NHS TRACK, TRACE, PROTECT – Use the **NHS Track & Trace App** to scan the QR code each time you enter the church. Alternatively, you can fill in a paper contact form. **KEEP SAFE!**

Sunday November 29th First Sunday of Advent			
SATURDAY 6.00pm	Christ the King	Mary Taylor (Family)	
SUNDAY 9.00am 9.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Christ the King	Fr Ambrose Walsh (McDevitt)	First Sunday of Advent
	St Paul's	Jim & Eileen Manley	
	St Brigid's	Mary Sullivan (Burns)	
	St Brigid's	People of the Parishes	
MONDAY 10.30am	St Brigid's	Special Int	St Andrew
TUESDAY 9.30am	Christ the King	Deceased Members of 3 Churches	
WEDNESDAY 9.30am	St Paul's	Paul John (Slowikowska)	
THURSDAY 9.30am 7.30pm	Christ the King	Deceased Callus Family	St Francis Xavier
	St Brigid's	Mary Sullivan (Burns)	
FRIDAY 9.30am	St Paul's	Frederick & Mary Hughes (Halbert)	St John Damascene
SATURDAY (Morning) 6.00pm	St Brigid's	Baptisms	
	Christ the King	Michael Porter (M Meades)	
SUNDAY 9.00am 9.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Christ the King	Fr Ambrose Walsh (Friends)	Second Sunday of Advent
	St Paul's	People of the Parishes	
	St Brigid's	Mary Sullivan (Tunnickliffe)	
	St Brigid's	Bernard Conway	

~~ FR ANDY'S JOKE TIME ~~

What do you give a sick budgie? Tweetment!

Census Job Opportunities and Resources for Schools – The Census occurs every 10 years and is due in March 2021. See www.census.gov.uk for job opportunities and resources for schools.

Mass on Tuesday 1 December 9.30am at Christ the King will be offered for the deceased members of the 3 Churches, in particular for John Burke, David Rees, William Murphy, Antonio Milardi and Michael Porter who died in August and September.

Seeds for the Future (Lesotho) – Thank you everyone who participated in our recent cake raffle or gave donations. We raised £170.

Christ the King Catholic Primary School - Reception Class Applications – Applications now open. Deadline Monday 11 January. Application forms available at www.christthekingcathprm.co.uk

Praying for our Neighbours - Even if we cannot deliver prayer cards, we will continue to pray during the coming week for our neighbours in... St Isan Road, Ffordd Bodlyn & Gaerwen Close.

Cycle of Prayer - We continue to pray for the parishes and communities of our diocese. This week prayer is for Sacred Heart and St Felix, Blaenavon, and pp Canon David Hayman.

Please remember the following in your prayers, who are unwell at this time:

Mary Amugan, Chris Babu, Edith Baker, Ann Brown, EAB, John Campbell, Mary Clarke, Corey-Jay Coles, Terry Culbertson, Agnes Davies, Win Drury, Sheila Ferriter, Emily, Maria Hill, Doreen Elizabeth Hughes, Cairiona Lovell, Michael Matthews, Miranda Meldrum, Dominic Morgan, Sarah Morris, Brendan Murphy, Kate Murphy, Niamh Murphy, Audrey Nelson, Kieran Ollin, Rona Perry, John Reardon, Ann Rees, Claire Richards, Anne Roach, Adela Rogers, Shaun Stone, Paula Tunnickliffe, Genoveve Urriaga, Anne Wake, Gemma Ward, Emma Warlow, Dorothy Warren & Pat Watkins.

Please remember in your prayers the deceased members of the 3 churches community whose anniversaries occur in December including: Margaret Dyson, Vera Strand, Maria Lukaszewicz,

Rosaleen McAlevery, Richard Carlson, Gillian Hunt, Evelyn Lloyd, Margaret Williams, Teresa Stamp, Barbara Nelson, Maria Giordano, Raymond Wood, Nich Pearson, Paul Grant, Giuseppe Antonini, Lorna Watermeyer, Paul Newsam and Frances Mary Jones.