

3 CHURCHES NEWS

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Corona Virus – Help a Parishioner. If you are well and able to do so, please offer to help our older & more vulnerable parishioners who may need assistance during this uncertain time.



Dear parishioners and friends of our 3 Churches

After listening to many people, especially those involved in keeping us safe, and taking everything into account, **I have decided to suspend all public liturgies in our 3 churches from after this Sunday until further notice, except funerals.** We will live stream from St Brigid's as much as possible (via www.3churches.org) – every day this week except Friday. New Year is a time for looking forward and in a spirit of hope. Though this was a reluctant decision, I believe it is a good and hopeful one, as the safety of all of us is so important. SO – a happy New Year – and a safe one! ~ Fr Matthew

Response to the Psalm: The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans; Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world. Alleluia!

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2. 8-12 **2nd Reading:** Ephesians 1:3-6. 15-18 **Gospel:** John 1: 1-18

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 souls of **Agnes Davies, Eileen Blythe, Doreen Hughes and Joan Fletcher** who have died recently. We remember their families and friends in our prayers. Eternal rest grant to them, Lord.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN WALES – Catholic Education Services urges us... The Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill currently progressing through the Senedd will have a detrimental impact on Catholic schools and Catholic families across Wales. This Bill seeks to end the rights of parents to withdraw their children from Relationship and Sex Education and Religious Education. This is a vital right for parents, especially Catholic parents who can't send their children to a Catholic school, as it ensures these sensitive subjects can be delivered in line with Church teaching. We are asking that people write to their Members of the Senedd to ask them to halt these changes. If you visit the website link below it will produce a template letter for your MSs. All you need to do is type in your name, address and email and click submit (easy to do says Fr Matthew). We need MSs to know how serious an issue this is for the Catholic community, so please take part in this campaign and share this with friends and family. <http://catholiceducation.org.uk/welshparents>

3 Churches Christmas Outreach – Many thanks for your very generous donations to the Christmas Outreach collection during Advent. The collection amounted to £1911.44. This enabled us to distribute 81 bags of good foodstuffs, just before Christmas, to local residents. These were very gratefully received. We plan to continue the Outreach during January in a slightly different way. Please see the attached flyer for further information particularly if you, or someone you know, could benefit from a little extra.

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)

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

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 January 3 rd 2 nd Sunday of Christmas			
SATURDAY 6.00pm	Christ the King	Dorothy Armstrong (Cunningham)	
SUNDAY 9.00am	Christ the King	Mary Sullivan (Bailey)	2nd Sunday of Christmas
9.00am	St Paul’s	Andrew Morris	
10.30am	St Brigid’s	People of the Parishes	
6.00pm	St Brigid’s	Dan O’Neill	
MONDAY 9.30am	St Brigid’s	Lawrence & Margaret Conway, & Betty Walsh	
TUESDAY 9.30am	St Brigid’s	Deceased members of the 3 Churches	
WEDNESDAY 9.30am	St Brigid’s	James & Yvonne Higgins	The Epiphany
THURSDAY 9.30am	St Brigid’s	Bridget & Derek Roberts (Dartnell)	St Raymond of Penyafort
FRIDAY	St Paul’s	Funeral – Eileen Blythe	
SATURDAY 9.30am	St Brigid’s	Peter O’Brien (S & B O’Brien)	
SUNDAY 10.30am	St Brigid’s	Luis Urriaga (Davies); Brian McDermott (Daley)	Baptism of the Lord

~~ FR ANDY’S JOKE TIME ~~

This week a topical joke...

How will Christmas dinner 2021 be different? No Brussels!

Mass on Tuesday 5 January 9.30am will be offered for the deceased members of the 3 Churches, in particular for Letizia Schiazza and Paul John who died in October.

Christ the King 50 Club – Would those people who do not pay their 50 Club subscriptions by direct debit please pay by cheque (£12, payable to Christ the King) using the Parish Centre mail box. Please remember to put the name(s) of the member on the back of the cheque. Thank you.

Praying for our Neighbours - Even if we cannot deliver prayer cards, we will continue to pray during the coming week for our neighbours in... Heathway, Carisbrooke Way & Everest Walk.

Cycle of Prayer - We continue to pray for the parishes and communities of our diocese. This week for St Mary, Monmouth and pp Fr Nicholas James.

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

Mary Amugan, Chris Babu, Edith Baker, Ann Brown, EAB, John Campbell,
 Corey-Jay Coles, Terry Culbertson, Win Drury, Sheila Ferriter, Emily, Maria Hill,
 Caitriona 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 Tunnicliffe, 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 January including: Megan Bowgen, Catherine Rees, Maureen Hill, Theresa Coffey, Rose-Anne Jones, John Tobin, Josephine Owen, Len Baker, Brian Mark, Maureen Carroll, Theresa Cunliffe, Valentine Rascon, Gerald Dunleavy and David Norris.