



Catholic Parish of Christ the King

408 Northumberland Avenue, Whitley, Reading, Berkshire RG2 8NR

Parish Newsletter



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FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING: UNIVERSAL MEAL 23RD NOVEMBER 2014

The Feast of Christ The King takes place on the 23rd November 2014. This is also the Feast day for our parish. Christ The King is a wonderful parish to be a priest and our community is blessed and enriched by our diversity. That is why our Feast day should be one of immense joy and celebration. Our 10.00am Mass on the Feast of Christ The King will be a Mass of joy and Gratitude followed by a social gathering in the hall after the Mass. Please bring a shared meal and also parishioners are invited to represent their country by wearing their national costume. Can parishioners please note the following: **The family Mass that is to take place on the 30th November will now take place instead on the Feast Of Christ The King. Sunday 30th November is the First Sunday of Advent where we enter into a period of expectation, repentance and penance, a season of joy and hope.**

Christmas Simbang Gabi Mass: Everyone is invited on 21st Dec 2014 to a Filipino Christmas Mass called Simbang Gabi. This will be taking place at St. James Church. There will be a Carol presentation which will start at 6.45pm and the mass starts at 7PM. This will be followed by a Social gathering after the Mass where food and refreshments will be available. Calling all Filipinos to join in a singing practice 13th December from 12.00 to 5pm which will take place at St. James Church Forbury Road in preparation for the Christmas Simbang Gabi Mass. The main celebrant will be Claro Conde (Filipino Chaplain)

WANTED VOLUNTEERS FOR A BED FOR THE NIGHT PROJECT. temporary night shelter in 7 Reading Churches, one night per week in January 2015. Volunteers needed for cooking, hospitality, and overnight teams. Training Day on Saturday, 22nd November in Salvation Army, Anstey Road, RG1 7JR, 10am – 4pm. For further information: admin@abedforthenight.org.uk

Department for Schools Vacancy - School Standards Support Officer A new post has arisen for a School Standards Support Officer to work in the Diocesan Department for Schools which is located at Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham. This is a new and exciting post which may suit someone who has recently retired or is in employment looking to further their own professional development. The post is full-time but part-time arrangements may be possible. For more information about the post and salary details please contact: **Urszula Topp, Interim Director, Department for Schools,** Telephone: **01329 835363** Email: utopp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk For an application form and job description please go to: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vacancies Closing date for applications: **Thursday 20th November 2014 (4pm)**

Advent Masses during the weeks of Advent:

During the weeks of Advent, the morning Mass during the week will be at the earlier time of 9.15am instead of 10.00am. This is an experiment that Fr. Pat is exploring to see if an earlier Mass during the week might be more suited to people's busy lives.

THE BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DECEASED

We pray every year for our deceased relatives and friends. Praying for the dead has always been part of the tradition of the Church. There is a list at the back of the Church for parishioners to write in the names of deceased family and friends. We will pray for them at every Mass in November. During the month of November the Book of Remembrance will be placed in front of the altar. We hope and pray that all our loved ones will live forever with Christ, Mary, the Angels and all the blessed in what we call heaven.



BLESSING OF GRAVES

The annual Blessing of Graves during the month of the Holy Souls will take place as follows: Henley Rd Cemetery Pangbourne Hill Cemetery - Sunday, 23rd Nov. at 3 pm. Purley Burial Ground - Sunday, 23rd Nov. at 2.30 pm



Eileen O'Neill R.I.P. Please keep in your prayers the family of the late, Mrs. Eileen O'Neill who died recently. The funeral Service for, Mrs O'Neill, will be taking place on **Tuesday 18th November at 12.00 noon.**

House Masses House Masses will again resume during the season of Advent. House Masses to take place on the following dates: Friday 28th November at 7.30pm, Friday 5th December at 7.30pm, Friday 12th December at 7.30pm, Friday 19th December at 7.30pm. The names of Parishioners who are hosting the House Masses will be mentioned in next week's newsletters.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) and Pre-catechumenate.

Our next meeting will be on **Saturday 29th November from 11am – 12.30pm. in the presbytery.** The R.C.I.A. is open to people who would like to find out more about the Catholic Church. On the first Sunday of Advent there will be the welcoming ceremony for those hoping to go through the process of preparation and asking the parish to pray for them. To become a Catholic involves four stages: (1) Inquiry which attempts to answer the questions or concerns people may have. (2) Catechumenate: a period of intellectual and Spiritual formation with an emphasis on Sacred Scripture. (3) Election: The various rites beginning on the first Sunday of Lent. (4) Final Initiation: when the Catechumens receive Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharistic while the Candidates receive Confirmation and Holy Eucharistic.

The pre-catechumenate (discovery group) The discovery now meets on the first Tuesday of every month from 6.45pm – 8.00pm. It is for those who may not yet want to make a commitment to the R.C.I.A but would be supported by others in the parish community. The next meeting for the pre-catechumenate will take place this coming **Tuesday 2nd December from 6.45pm – 8.00pm.** For more information please speak to Fr. Pat.

Parish Priest: Fr. Pat Madden

Website: www.ckreading.org.uk

Secretary: Maria Mahdavi

Monday – 9:30 – 3:00

Available to Parishioners:

Tues & Thurs – 9:30 -3:00

Tel: 01189 314469

ctk@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Christ The King School Headteacher:

John Cosgrove

Lulworth Road, RG2 8LX

Tel. 901 5434

Parish Pastoral Council Chair:

Sr. Vicky Hummell;

Safeguarding Officer:

Angela Camilleri;

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Gift Aid Coordinator:

Frank Burkhard 975 6954;

Hall Bookings:

Parish Office

07746900576

Tuesday & Thursday from 9:30—3:00pm

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Our Newsletter Fr Pat is staying with the current format of the Newsletter as any parishioners have responded positively. Fr. Pat is suggesting that parishioners might like to make a little donation towards the cost. Anything from 20p upwards would be welcome. There is a collection basket at the back of the Church for this purpose.

Second collection this weekend at all Masses for St. Barnabus Society. The St Barnabus Society, a registered charity, operates in Great Britain and Ireland and exists to provide pastoral and financial help on behalf of the whole Catholic community to former clergy ministers and religious from other churches, who live in Great Britain and Ireland, and who have been led by faith and conscience to come into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Reading Pastoral Area Forum. The Reading Pastoral Forum will meet on Thursday 20th November at St. Anne's Caversham for a 7.30pm start. The forum is made up of representatives of all seven parishes in the Reading Pastoral Area. The aim of the Forum is to develop a strategic for the New Evangelisation in Reading. Pope Francis reminds us in *Evangelii Gaudium* that "the parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration."

Liturgical Calendar and Mass Times (A) 15th — 23rd November 2014

Date	Mass Time	Mass Dedication	Mass Intention	Parish Diary
Sat 15 th Nov	6.30pm	St Edmund of Abingdon	For the Deceased Members of the McCormack Family RIP	Second Collection for the St Barnabas Society at the 6.30pm Mass.
Sun 16 th Nov	10am	ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON	Sue Mould RIP	Second Collection at the 10.00am Mass for the St Barnabas Society. Session 2 of the 1 st Holy Communion Program for parents and children.
Mon 17 th Nov	No Mass	St Elizabeth of Hungary		
Tues 18 th Nov	10am & Funeral Mass 12:00	Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter & St Paul, Rome		Funeral Mass at 12.00 Noon for Eileen O'Neil
Wed 19 th Nov	No Mass	Feria		Advent Talks at English Martyrs church, from 7.00pm
Thur 20 th Nov	10am	Feria		Reading Pastoral Area Forum at St Anns Caversham for 7.30pm.
Fri 21 st Nov	9.15 am in church	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Margaret Rooney Christmas Blessings INT	
Sat 22 nd Nov	6.30pm	St Cecilia	Vasso Purcell RIP	Marriage of Benedict and Chioma Aso at 1.30pm.
Sun 23 rd Nov	10am	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING	Gavin O'Connell RIP	Feast of Christ The King, Social in the hall after the Mass. Meeting of Confirmation Catechists at 5.30pm.

FAMILY MASS The next family Mass will be on Sunday, 23rd November 2014.

Sunday and Tuesdays: Teas and Coffees after Mass on Sunday in the hall and on Tuesday's in the presbytery – all are welcome

Last week donations:
Envelopes: £183.47;
Loose: £275.29;
Direct Debit: £190.00.

Thank you for your kind contributions

WELCOME VISITORS: If you are a visitor or just moved into the Parish, please introduce yourself to Father Pat. Also, if you are not a Catholic or unable to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward at communion time for a blessing.

New to the Parish? Please complete the Registration form available at the back of the church and return to the parish office.

CHANGE OF EMAIL: Please note that our email address has changed to:
ctk@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Please update your contact list.

Please remember to switch off your mobile phones before Mass and no chewing gum in church please. Thank you.

Please send your requests for information to be added to the Parish Website to: webmaster@ctkreading.org.uk

This Newsletter is available electronically at:
www.ctkreading.org.uk

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for Sat 15th Nov: : Trish, George & Paulo, Jozico & Philip

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for Sun 16th Nov: John C. Mariam & Cynthia, Mwango & Graham

Tea's & Coffee's 16th Nov: : Cata-pang Family

Church Cleaning W/B 17th Nov: D. Buckland & T. Buckland

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for Sat 22th Nov: James, Chris & Kirstie, Maria G & Michelle

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for Sun 23th Nov: Ben, Innocent & Danny, Loveline & Florence

Tea's & Coffee's 23th Nov: Janeth Hoyos & Paula Jauregi

Church Cleaning W/B 24th Nov: M. Hills



SACRAMENTS: Confessions will be available at Christ The King Church from 10.00—10.30am on Saturday morning and 5.30—6.15pm on Saturday evening or can be arranged by appointment with Father Pat. Please speak to Father Pat if you are going to hospital and would like to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the sick.



Are you a tax payer? If so would you like to contribute via the Gift Aid scheme which would benefit Christ The King immensely, this would enable us to claim 25% back on every £1 given. **Contact**



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Marion O'Neill, Joyce Corrigan, John O'Neill and Joseph O'Neill, Eddie McCormack, Kevin Hood, Anne Moore, Morris Leahy, Mary Curran, Phoebe Coello, Oriol Marin, and Fr. Francis (Goan Chaplain)



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND If you know of anyone who is unwell and would like to be prayed for at Mass, please inform Fr Pat or Maria, the secretary. Their names will then be included in the bidding prayers. Please make sure the person is happy for their name to be mentioned beforehand. *Please advise the Parish Office if any of the named people in the newsletter no longer need to be included in prayers for the sick.***



CATHOLIC FOOTBALL TEAM Are you looking to get some regular exercise, meet new people and enjoy a friendly kickabout? If so then you would be very welcome at our football group which meets on Wednesday evenings 7.30pm - 8.30pm in West Reading. If you are interested then email stephennewbury@gmail.com for more details. Over 18's only please, all abilities welcome.

READING PASTORAL AREA

Emergency numbers for the Sacramental Ministry of a priest:

Fr. Pat . Madden 0118 931 4469
Fr. Bonaventure Ndong 0118 969 3423
Fr. Emmanuel Odoemene 0118 966 3711
Fr. George Lyons 0118 957 2149
Canon Michael Dennehy 0118 957 2149
Rev. Canon John O'Shea 0118 957 4171
Fr. Richard Maniak 0118 322 7105

Please call your own priest first

'Longing for the Messiah' Advent Preparation evenings for our Pastoral Area Have you ever wanted to know more about the Old Testament Readings we hear during the Sundays of Advent? This year, our Pastoral Area Advent preparation sessions will focus on those four readings, especially the passages from Isaiah. The evenings will aim to set the four readings in context and then offer opportunities to reflect together and pray with them. **The first session is on Wednesday 19th November at English Martyrs church and the second on Wednesday 26th November at St John Bosco church, Woodley.** Refreshments from 7 pm for a 7.30 pm start and 9 pm finish. All parishioners are warmly invited to come along to both evenings. It may be possible to arrange lifts if you need them.' More information can be obtained from the St John Bosco Parish Office 0118 969 3423 (email: stjohnbosco@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

National Youth Sunday. A Youth Disco, on 23rd November from 7pm to 9.30pm, at Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi church hall. Please see poster on notice board.

"Save the Date"! Parishioners Claire McAuley and James Denny, together with a committee from the church and school, are organising a charity concert to be held here in the church of Christ The King on **Friday, 20th of February 2015**. This promises to be a fantastic experience. Anyone interested in helping out or providing sponsorship will be gratefully welcomed.



Divine Mercy Holy Hour 7th of December at St James Church Abbey Ruins, Forbury Road, RG1 3HW 7th December at St James, 2.30pm Hymns, Reflections with Exposition, Benediction. Refreshments afterwards, all are most welcome.

READING'S ABBEY QUARTER a new book, an illustrated history by John Mullaney. Cost £15.00. Email: JGMullaney@aol.com

Part Time Vacancy. RC Prison Chaplain at Huntercombe, 20 hours per week at £12.51 an hour to offer pastoral support to the 90 RC Male Foreign National Prisoners, to be part of the chaplaincy team and to help plan for the weekly celebration of Mass led by Fr John O'Shea. For job description and application email: ian.thacker@hmps.gsi.gov.uk