

The Season of Advent 2014

Dear Parishioners,

Every year Christmas seems to come round very quickly and our preparations can seem very hurried or even last minute. As Catholics it is important that we acknowledge the spiritual preparation as well as the practical and material ones. The Church gives us the season of Advent to prepare properly for Christmas. In the parish we always try to do a few extra things to help with this preparation. This year we will have a Retreat afternoon on the first Sunday of Advent which is on November 30th. And there is a sheet available with the details for that afternoon. We will have a service of Penance where visiting priests will be available for Confession and we will have a Service of Anointing with a Christmas Tea for the sick and housebound on Sunday December 14th at 3.00pm. Could our Ministers let the housebound know about this service please. We will also have an extra Mass at 7pm on Mondays at St Augustine's and at 7am on Thursdays at Christ the King, to give those who are working to come along to Mass in the week. There will also be extra events at both our parish schools. We also have the Advent "Walk with Me" books and calendars to give us a thought for each day. This year our collection on the first Sunday of Advent will be for those working with victims of Ebola and I am sure you will be generous to these poor people, especially when we think of how much we have and how much we spend over Christmas. Let us support each other on this Advent journey and pray for God's blessings in this Holy Season. God Bless,

Fr Tom

The weekly programme will be

<i>Sunday Masses</i>	9.00 am and 12 Noon	Christ the King
	10.30 am	St Augustine's
<i>Monday Masses</i>	9.15 am	Christ the King
	7.00pm	St Augustine's
<i>Tuesday Mass</i>	9.15 am	Christ the King
<i>Wednesday Mass</i>	9.00 am	St Augustine's
	12 noon	Christ the King
<i>Thursday Mass</i>	7.00am	Christ the King
	12 noon	Christ the King
<i>Friday Masses</i>	9.15 am	Christ the King
	7.00 pm	Christ the King
	9.45-3.00pm	Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
	During this time there will be Confessions and counselling available from 11.00am – 12.00 Noon and Holy Hour from 12 Noon – 1.00pm	
	At 2.45pm children from the school will lead us in an Advent Reflection and Benediction. All are welcome to attend this service.	
	6.30-7.00pm	Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
<i>Saturday Masses</i>	10.00 am	Christ the King
	9.30-10.30am	Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament (Confessions available)
	6.00 pm	(First Mass of Sunday)
	7.00pm	Confessions



There is an Advent Retreat on Sunday 30th November from 2.30pm to 6.00pm to begin Advent

There is a Service of Anointing for all elderly, sick and housebound on Sunday 14th December at 3.00pm followed by a Christmas High Tea. All welcome.

We have our Advent Penance Service with visiting priests for Confession on Tuesday 16th December at 7pm in Christ the King

Overleaf are the arrangements for Christmas so that you have plenty of notice

***Christmas at
Christ the King and St Augustine's 2014***

Carol Services

Carol Service at St Augustine's Church Wednesday 17th December at 7.00pm

Carol Service at Christ the King Church Thursday 18th December at 6.00pm

Youth Group Carol Service Sunday 21st at 6pm followed by refreshments

Christmas Eve Masses ~ Wednesday 24th December

6.00pm Christ the King (Family Mass)

7.30pm St Augustine's (Family Mass)

9.00pm Christ the King



Christmas Day Masses ~ Thursday 25th December

9.00am Christ the King

10.30am St Augustine's

12noon Christ the King

Boxing Day (St Stephen's Day) Mass

12 Noon at Christ the King (for Altar Servers and their families with distribution of Medals)

7.00pm at Christ the King

We ask that you encourage family and friends to "Come Home for Christmas".

This is something that we can all do.

Please use this leaflet to let others know about our Advent and Christmas programme.

Fr Tom, Fr Andrew, the Parish Deacons and

Sisters wish you all a

"A Very Happy and Holy Christmas"

