

The Season of Advent 2018

Dear Parishioners,

This sheet outlines our programme for Advent and Christmas. It is always a busy time, but it is important for us to use the weeks of Advent to prepare spiritually, so that we do not lose the real meaning of Christmas and that Christ remains at the heart of our celebrations. To help us through Advent we have the Advent "Walk With Me" books and calendars. The First Sunday of Advent, December 2nd, we have the Blessing of the Crib in the Precinct at 4.00pm. It is a chance for us, amid all the shops to witness to the Christmas message. We will have a Service of Anointing with a Christmas Tea for the sick and housebound on Sunday, December 9th at 3.00pm. Could our Ministers let the housebound know about this service please. We will also have extra Masses at St Augustine's on Monday night at 7pm and on Thursdays at 7am at Christ the King, to give those who are working a chance to come along to Mass in the week. We have an Advent Penance Service with visiting Priests hearing Confession on Monday, 17th December at 7.00pm. There are also a number of Carol Services and productions at the schools and in the Parish.

Let us support and encourage each other on this Advent journey and pray for God's blessing for ourselves and our families this Holy Season.

God Bless,

Fr Tom

The weekly programme will be

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| <i>Sunday Masses</i> | 9.00am and 12 Noon | Christ the King |
| | 10.30am | St Augustine's |
| <i>Monday Masses</i> | 9.15am | Christ the King |
| | 7.00pm | St Augustine's (For Advent) |
| <i>Tuesday Mass</i> | 9.15am | Christ the King |
| <i>Wednesday Mass</i> | 9.00am | St Augustine's |
| | 12 noon | Christ the King |
| <i>Thursday Masses</i> | 7.00am | Christ the King (for Advent) |
| | 12 noon | Christ the King |
| <i>Friday Masses</i> | 9.15am | Christ the King |
| | 7.00pm | Christ the King |
| | At 2.30pm children from Christ the King 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 |
| | 10.30-11.00am | Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament (Confessions available) |
| | 6.00pm | (First Mass of Sunday) |
| | 7.00pm | Confessions |



Blessing of Crib on Sunday 2nd December at 4.00pm in the Precinct
There is a Service of Anointing for all elderly, sick and housebound on
Sunday 9th December at 3.00pm followed by a Christmas High Tea. All welcome.
We have our Advent Penance Service with visiting priests for Confession on
Monday 17th 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 2018***

Carol Services

Carol Service at St Augustine's Church Tuesday 18th December at 6.00pm

Carol Service at Christ the King Church Thursday 20th December at 6.00pm

Christmas Eve Masses ~ Monday Evening 24th December

4.00pm St Augustine's (Family Mass)

6.00pm Christ the King (Family Mass)

7.30pm St Augustine's

9.00pm Christ the King



Christmas Day Masses ~ Tuesday 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)

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, the Parish Deacons and
Sisters wish you all a*

"A Very Happy and Holy Christmas"

