



Christ the King

with St. Augustine's

& Our Lady of Lourdes



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PALM SUNDAY (Year A)
5th April 2020

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Dear Parishioners

Firstly, I want to ask for your prayers for Fr Michael Stack who is seriously ill in hospital in Kings Lynn with the Coronavirus.

We continue with our electronic version of the newsletter. I am sure it helps us all keep in contact and hopefully makes us feel part of the parish community. This week we begin Holy Week and so there will be some slight changes to the weekly routine. On Palm Sunday we will have the 9.30am Mass as usual with Stations at 3.00pm and Rosary at 7.00pm. This will continue through Monday to Wednesday. On Thursday we will have Mass of the Last Supper at 7.00pm, followed by a short period of prayer. On Good Friday at 9.30am we will have the Office of Readings, the Veneration of the Cross at 3.00pm and we will ring the Church Bell at that time, and Stations at 7.00pm. Holy Saturday we will have Office of Readings at 9.30am and the Vigil just as it's getting dark at 8.00pm. Easter Sunday Mass next week will be at 9.30am. I hope that you have been able to make Palms for the celebration of Mass this Sunday.

For next week, we would like to start a competition for our children. They can make a Christian Easter Garden, an Easter Bonnet or paint an Egg. We will have prizes for under 7s, 7 – 11 and 11+. Fr John will judge the competition and you can send your entries over the next few weeks to frjohnwaters@outlook.com. Entries in by Saturday 18th April please. We will award Easter prizes to the winners in all of the categories.

As you know you are dispensed from Easter duties. It is not possible to come to Mass, but you can take part through our Webcam. You are also exempt from Confession and at the bottom of the Newsletter is a guideline from the Archbishop including a simple prayer that we can say during Holy Week asking for forgiveness of sins. I will be using this in the week as part of the Liturgy of our Mass.

Deacons and Eucharistic Ministers, please try to ring the people that they normally visit on a regular basis. If you need the persons number, please email: admin@ctk-cov.org.uk.

A number of people have asked about the Offertory collections. If you wish to make a payment to the parish to help us through this time, you could email: admin@ctk-cov.org.uk for our bank details. Or you could just keep your weekly offerings to one side and hand them in when the churches can be opened again. Or you could post us a cheque made payable to "Christ the King Parish". Please don't worry about Gift Aid envelopes as we can make up the weeks when we are open again. Thanks for your generous support.

Please remember to look out for vulnerable neighbours and see if you can help them. Try to keep to a good routine and try to include some time for prayer and exercise. You can use the admin email to keep in contact, but you can phone us at the Presbytery if anyone needs us in an emergency. If you wish to volunteer to help the housebound and those in isolation, there are a number of ways you can do this. Please see at the bottom of the page.

Continue to pray for those working for the National Health, helping with the supply chain of goods needed by us all and those staff looking after children of essential workers in our schools.

Thanks to everyone for the interest and support of our masses and services, it gives us all, including the Priests a good routine.

God Bless

Fr Tom

Christ The King Church		
Saturday	9.30am	Bob Horgan. 1 st Anniv. Eva Stanton. Anniv. Delia Jones. Dec'd and John Jones' Intentions.
Palm Sunday	9.30am	Vinko Gosar. Anniv. Maria Zydorek. Anniv. Pauline Long. Birthday Memorial. Bridget and Patrick Davitt. Anniv. Phyllis, Pat and Phillip O'Farrell. Anniv.
Monday	9.30am	Sister Ann Robson. Dec'd. David Hardie. Anniv.
Tuesday	9.30am	"Life". Rita McAllister. Dec'd.
Wednesday	9.30am	Eileen Muir's Intentions.
Holy Thursday	7.00pm	Mass of the Last Supper.
Good Friday	9.30am 3.00pm 7.00pm	Office of Readings. Solemn Passion. Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday	9.30am 8.00pm	Office of Readings. Easter Vigil Mass. Celebrant's Intentions.
Easter Sunday 12 th April 2020	9.30am	Delia Jones. Anniv. Mary Cole. Anniv. Johnny Murphy. 1 st Anniv. Paddy O'Dea. Anniv. Ray Hennessey. Anniv. The Concannon Family. Dec'd.
St Augustine's Church – No Services until further notice.		

This week we pray for those recently deceased

Nellie Prendergast, Mary Doherty, Susan Edgar, Janet Roxburgh, Veronica Dixon, Edward McCooey
Tony Kavanagh
May they rest in peace



Online Webcam

Go to the website and follow [link](#).

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

CTK TOTE. We will not be able to draw the tote on a neutral basis. We have decided that when the parish centre reopens we will do the draw on a Sunday evening every week to make up for the missed draws. The full prize money will be paid out so we would encourage people who pay by standing order or direct debits to continue doing so. The people that pay cash can do this on the night of the draws. Many thanks.

FOOD POTS We are now selling take away tubs of food Tuesdays - Sweet & Sour Chicken with rice Wednesdays - Baked Lasagne Thursdays - Hearty Beef and Vegetable Stew Fridays - Chicken tikka Balti with rice All meals are £4.00 each or 3 for £10.00 collection from Christ the king club between 3pm and 4pm must be ordered before 4pm the day before Local delivery available within 2 miles at £2 per delivery To order call/txt or WhatsApp Andy on 07815775229 or email andy@hudspithcateringservices.co.uk All food is cooked fresh and will have 3 days shelf life and is also suitable for freezing.

FOOD BANK Food is still urgently needed. There will be no collections at CTK. Items for the Foodbank may be donated at Tesco at the Ricoh and Sainsburys, Canley. It is hoped that Morrisons Holyhead Road will eventually take part. Items may also be taken to the central Food Bank Distribution Centre at Progress Way, CV3 2NT. Donations of money may be made through Coventry Food Bank website which has a Donate button in the top right corner of its opening page.

VOLUNTEERING During this difficult period when people are more vulnerable and isolated, there are various projects going on in Coventry that need more volunteers. If you can spare 1 to 2 hours per week and would like to be involved in shopping for food, delivering food, helping at Foodbanks please either email admin@ctk-cov.org.uk,

FILM ON LONELINESS Fr Tom made a film some time ago, as part of a student project on loneliness, you may want to watch it <https://vimeo.com/284234691>.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament cannot be celebrated over the telephone or by conference call. A pastoral conversation and reassuring prayer may of course take place by these means. Requests for individual confession are very difficult to meet, given the demands of staying at home, social distancing and church closure. Priests must refuse such requests for these reasons.

The recent Note from the Apostolic Penitentiary on the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the current epidemic, 20th March 2020 states:

Where the individual faithful find themselves in the painful impossibility of receiving sacramental absolution, it should be remembered that perfect contrition, coming from the love of God, beloved above all things, expressed by a sincere request for forgiveness (that which the penitent is at present able to express) and accompanied by votum confessionis, that is, by the firm resolution to have recourse, as soon as possible, to sacramental confession, obtains forgiveness of sins, even mortal ones (cf. CCC, no. 1452).

Please offer this reassurance to those who request Confession.

Further guidance on this Sacrament is given below in the context of Easter Duties.

Dispensation from Easter Duties

In their letter of Dispensation 18th March 2020, the President and the Vice-President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales said "in these emergency circumstances, and for as long as they last, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is removed. This is, without doubt, the teaching of the Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2181). This pandemic is the 'serious reason' why this obligation does not apply at this time."

Many of the faithful will be aware of their Easter Duties; that is to receive Holy Communion during the Easter Season and by custom, to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation beforehand. The Code of Canon Law (CIC 920) says each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season unless it is fulfilled for a just cause at another time during the year. The requirement for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation comes from the need to be in a state of grace to receive Holy Communion (CIC 916).

Since it is not possible for the faithful to receive Holy Communion at this time, and into the future, the Bishops of England and Wales have dispensed the Easter Duties for the year 2020.

The Bishops have asked that all should make a Perfect Act of Contrition at this time. Perfect contrition (or a Contrition of Charity) is true and real sorrow for our sins which is created when we realise the immense love of God for each one of us. We express this contrition when we realise how we offend God by our sinful words, deeds and omissions in contrast to the immeasurable love and mercy that He continually shows us.

This requires us to be contrite of heart for what we have done, know and be overwhelmed by the love and mercy of God for His children, and to approach this grace with humility and resolution not to sin again.

An Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

