



# Christ the King

with St. Augustine's

& Our Lady of Lourdes



14, Westhill Road, Coundon, Coventry, CV6 2AA

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Registered Charity No. 234216

**EASTER SUNDAY (Year A)**  
**12<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

Dear Parishioners

I want to wish you all a very Happy Easter and hope that we can still enjoy the promise of Resurrection and new life at this difficult time. We keep in our prayers, Fr Michael Stack and all of those affected by the Coronavirus. We think of those who have lost loved ones at this difficult time and although funeral arrangements are very restrictive, we can support families with our prayers and look forward to honoring their memory at a suitable time in the future. On days when we have funerals, we will always celebrate the 9.30am Mass for the deceased person and in that way the wider community can participate.

This weekend we will celebrate the Vigil at 8pm. Obviously, we cannot receive the new Catholics into the Church as is our normal practice, but we can pray for them and look forward to their Reception as Converts as soon as possible. We will also have our 9.30am Mass for Easter Sunday morning and will continue then our normal pattern of daily Mass at 9.30am, Stations at 3.00pm and Rosary at 7.00pm.

Our thanks to all who are supporting the various charitable works within the parish. Lots of people are volunteering to help with the delivery of food, medicine and helping with shopping. The meal service from the parish centre is also very helpful to many and people are generously supporting the Foodbank and food for the homeless through the parish WhatsApp Group.

As you know, we are dispensed from Easter duties as it's not possible to come to Mass. You are also exempt from Confession and there are guidelines at the bottom of the Newsletter to confirm these arrangements.

This 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](mailto:frjohnwaters@outlook.com). Entries in by Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April please. We will award Easter prizes to the winners in all of the categories. Thanks to those who sent in photographs of their Palms made for last Sunday. We had a good response and have awarded prizes to the children for their efforts. You can see the full list of prize winners at the end of the Newsletter. If you are a prize winner, give us a ring if you or your parents are walking past the church and we can leave your prize on the garden wall by our Lady's statue. Please don't make a special trip for this. Only collect if you are passing.

**Parish Clergy:**

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

We are still unsure about our Communion and Confirmation dates and will need to delay a decision until after the Easter holidays and we have a clearer picture about the arrangements for school openings and the opening of churches. I want to do my very best not to disappoint children and families at this special time for them and will try our very best to allow the Sacraments to proceed as near as the scheduled dates allow. I assure you that the children will certainly receive their Sacraments as soon as possible, so please reassure them about this.

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		
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	9.30am 8.00pm	Office of Readings. <b>Easter Vigil Mass.</b> Celebrant's Intentions.
<b>Easter Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020</b>	9.30am	Delia Jones. Anniv. Mary Cole. Anniv. Johnny Murphy. 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv. Paddy O'Dea. Anniv. Ray Hennessey. Anniv. The Concannon Family. Dec'd.
<b>Monday</b>	9.30am	Karen Mead. Dec'd.
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30am	Veronica Dixon. RIP.
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am	Mary Doherty. RIP.
<b>Thursday</b>	9.30am	Thady Joseph Higgins. RIP.
<b>Friday</b>	9.30am	Tony Kavanagh. RIP.
<b>Saturday</b>	9.30am	Ann Charlesworth. Anniv. Chris Murray. Anniv. Nellie Hynes and Family. Anniv.
<b>Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020</b>	9.30am	Eileen Caldwell. Birthday Memorial. Colman O'Donoghue. 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv. Timmy Ryan. Anniv. Ann Cotterill. Anniv.
<b>St Augustine's Church – NO SERVICES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE</b>		

**This week we pray for those recently deceased**  
Mary Doherty, Susan Edgar, Thady Joseph Higgins  
Janet Roxburgh, Veronica Dixon, Edward McCooey  
Tony Kavanagh, Jim Feeney, Bridie Piercy,  
John Doherty, Betty Carr, Karen Pollard  
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 cal/txt or WhatsApp Andy on 07815775229 or email [andy@hudspithcateringservices.co.uk](mailto: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 made 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. If you can spare 1 to 2 hours per week and can help shopping for food, delivering food, helping at Foodbanks please email: [admin@ctk-cov.org.uk](mailto:admin@ctk-cov.org.uk),

**PALM SUNDAY COMPETITION WINNERS** Leah Class 8, Teddy Class 7, Natalie Class 9, Aoife and Caoimhe, Elsie and Alana, Julia and Dominic, Leo and Kayleigh, Vicky and Lucia, Sam, William and George, McGorisk children, Walsh children and O'Brien children, Natalie and Ela Zydorek

## Make an Act of Spiritual Communion

This can be done whilst you watch a live stream of Mass being offered by saying the following prayer:

*“My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.”*

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

### 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.***



### ***Saint Corona, Pray for us!***

It turns out that the Patron Saint of Epidemics is a little known (until now) girl called St Corona!

There's a lot online if you look her up.

It seems she was from Syria and was martyred at the age of 15 by the Romans during the reign of Marcus Aurelius (C2nd).

Her relics are not far from the epicentre of the present pandemic and her feast is 14<sup>th</sup> May