

Christ the King Parish

Lent and Easter 2024

My Dear Parishioners

Once again, we begin our season of Lent. A time of renewal and reflection. We have put together a Lenten Programme to help us renew our faith and to do something extra to strengthen our spiritual lives. This year, Pope Francis has asked us to focus on "Prayer". We have the "Walk with Me" Prayer Books and Calendars to help us day by day as well as extra prayer leaflets at the back of church. The priests homilies during Lent will also focus on the "Our Father" prayer. Remember the early morning Mass at 7am for Lent, on Wednesdays (Breakfast to follow). There are also Stations of the Cross with the school children on Friday afternoons in each of the Churches, this will be during term time at 2.30pm in both St Augustine's and at Christ the King. These Stations are led by the children themselves and they are always very moving. We will have a special service for Confession, on Monday 25th March with visiting Priests at Christ the King. Our service of Healing and Anointing is on Sunday 10th March at 3.00pm with Easter Tea to follow. We will have our Passover Meal on Sunday 24th March at 4.00pm. Please let people know about these opportunities, I hope that we can all make good use of the Holy Season of Lent.

God Bless

Fr Tom

<i>Ash Wednesday Masses:</i>	9.30 am	St Augustine's
<i>14th February 2024</i>	9.30 am	Christ the King
	12 noon	Christ the King
	7.00 pm	Christ the King

**Blessing and Distribution
of Ashes at all Masses**



The weekly programme for Lent will be

<i>Monday Masses</i>	9.30am 7.00pm	Christ the King Rosary	
<i>Tuesday Masses</i>	9.30am 7.00pm	Christ the King Rosary	
<i>Wednesday Masses</i>	7.00am 9.30am 7.00pm	Christ the King (with breakfast to follow) St Augustine's Rosary	
<i>Thursday Masses</i>	9.30am 7.00pm	Christ the King Rosary	
<i>Friday Services</i>	9.30 am 2.30 pm 2.30 pm 6.30 pm 7.00 pm	Mass at Christ the King followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Stations of the Cross at St Augustine's Church with the School (term time) Stations of the Cross at Christ the King Church with School (term time) Stations of the Cross at Christ the King Mass at Christ the King	
<i>Saturday Masses</i>	9.30 am 6.00 pm	Christ the King Christ the King	10.00 ~11.00 am Confessions and Holy Hour. 7.00pm Confessions after Mass
<i>Sunday Masses</i>	9.00 am 10.30 am 12 noon	Christ the King St Augustine's Christ the King	



Please Turn Over

There are booklets for the Stations of the Cross available at the First Station and this is a devotion you can pray by yourself on any visit to the Church.

On Sunday 10th March at 3.00pm we will have our

Anointing of the Sick with Benediction, followed by an Easter Tea.

On Sunday 24th March (Palm Sunday) at 4.00pm in the Parish Community Centre we will be celebrating a Passover Meal which will explain the link between the Eucharist, the Passover and the message of Holy Week.

It will be both a spiritual and social event and you won't have to worry about Sunday lunch on that day if you come along. Suitable for all ages.

There is a Penance Service with visiting Priests on Monday 25th March at 7.00pm.

This year we will also be blessing Polish food baskets on Holy Saturday morning, 30th March at 10.00am

HOLY WEEK PROGRAMME

<i>Palm Sunday 24th March</i>	Blessing of Palms and Procession at all Masses	
<i>Saturday</i>	6.00 pm	Christ the King
<i>Sunday Masses</i>	9.00 am	Christ the King
	10.30 am	St Augustine's
	12 noon	Christ the King
	4.00 pm	Passover Meal in the Parish Centre
<i>Monday 25th March</i>	9.30am	Mass at Christ the King
	7.00pm	Service of Penance (Confessions with Visiting Priests) at Christ the King
<i>Tuesday 26th March</i>	9.30am	Mass at Christ the King
	7.00pm	Rosary
<i>Wednesday 27th March</i>	9.30am	Mass at St Augustine's
	7.00pm	Rosary
<i>Holy Thursday</i>	7.30pm	Mass of the Last Supper, Washing of Feet and Watching until Midnight at Christ the King
<i>Good Friday</i>	10.00am	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
	3.00 pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at Christ the King
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	7.00 pm	Stations of the Cross and Veneration at Christ the King
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<i>Holy Saturday</i>	10.00am	Morning Prayer with Blessing of Polish food and baskets
	8.00 pm	Easter Vigil at Christ the King
		Easter Fire, Renewal of Baptism and Reception of Converts
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	9.00 am	Easter Mass at Christ the King
	10.30 am	Easter Mass at St Augustine's
	12 noon	Easter Mass at Christ the King



There should be one thing on this sheet that we can manage to do each week so that we make the most of this Season of Grace and receive the new life that God offers each of us at Easter.

Fr Tom