

Christ the King Newsletter

Focus of the Week

CAROL SERVICE

Sunday, 17 December – 4.30pm

Come along and spend an hour singing carols with your church community – the ideal preparation for Christmas!

Mulled wine and drinks will be on sale in the bar area.



RORATE MASS FOR ADVENT

During the Fridays of Advent we will be celebrating the "Rorate Mass," at **7:00 am**. This is a Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is traditionally celebrated in candlelight just before dawn. The name comes from the opening words of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rorate caeli desuper," Latin for "Drop down dew, ye heavens." (Isaiah 45:8).

The Mass is 30 minutes and will be followed by a simple breakfast in the large hall.



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS FELLOWSHIP

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. At our meetings you will find a variety of people with many different experiences of what their drinking was like and what made them stop. At the heart of it all is the same thing: we didn't want to drink any more and we realised we couldn't stop on our own. Many of us had tried that and it didn't seem to work.

AA started in 1935 when one sober alcoholic on a business trip, worried he might start drinking again, called around to see if the town had any drunks that needed help getting sober. There he met another man who had been trying to stay sober but couldn't. From that small beginning, AA has become a fellowship of over 120,000 groups around the world.

In late May, we added to that number by starting a new meeting here at Christ the King Church. Normally around 25 people come each week for the hour-long meeting. Meeting goers have varying lengths of sobriety: some have a few days or months while others have many years, but regardless of our differences we are bound together in our primary purpose of getting sober and helping others do the same.

We are grateful for Father Christophe's support and encouragement of our efforts, as well as allowing us to use the hall at a reasonable rate. It would have been difficult to start the meeting otherwise.

We are an open meeting, which means anyone interested in finding out more about what Alcoholics Anonymous does is welcome to attend. If you or someone you love is affected by alcoholism, or just beginning to wonder if that's a possibility, you are most welcome to join us **Tuesday evenings 7:15 to 8:15 pm** in the small hall.

Please see attached testimony.

Notices of the Week

CHRISTMAS OPEN DAY

INVITATIONS to the Open Day are available in the entrance hall. Please take one if you or someone you know is going to be alone on Christmas day. Please complete a form and return to the parish office as soon as possible.



SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

An opportunity to reconcile with God and with each other
Tuesday 19 December 7.30 – 9pm

In order to prepare ourselves for Christmas all are invited to a Service of Reconciliation with an opportunity for personal Confession and writing of letters or prayers which will be offered at Mass.



SINGING MATTERS - ONE REHEARSAL

FOR A GREAT CELEBRATION!

It has been tradition for the last few years for people to join the musicians and singers to form a one-off Choir in order to swell the singing at the Christmas Eve 7pm Vigil Mass. You are warmly invited to a single rehearsal for the Carols. You do not have to be able to read music - just come along and join in on **Sunday 17 December after 11am Mass in the Church**. Light refreshments will be provided. We expect the rehearsal to last approximately two hours. Do come! If you require any further information, please contact Caroline Haines c/o the Office.



PRAYER CENTRE

The last meeting will be on **Thursday 14 December**. They will re-open on Thursday 11 January 2024.



APPLE JUICE FROM SCLERDER



For sale £5 per bottle or £50 for a box of 12.
All proceeds in support of the Green Abbey in Sclerder.

SUNDAY READINGS – YEAR B

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is. 40:1-5. 9-11.
Ps. 84
2 Pt. 3:8-14
Mk. 1:1-8



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is. 61:102. 10-11.
Ps. Lk.1
1 Thess. 5:15:16-24.
Jn. 1:6-8, 19-28

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY DRAMA

Children of the parish are invited to sign up to participate in our Nativity play which will take place at the 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve.



A rehearsal will be held **Saturday 23 December 4-5:30pm and again at 3pm on the 24 December**. Please register by emailing Caterina, with children's name, age, and your phone number: cockfosterspa@rcdow.org.uk

ADVENT GIVING CALENDAR

In our parish we want to join a campaign run by Caritas Westminster during this special time, to support the food projects who are providing support for many in difficulty in our communities.

The Advent Giving Calendar suggests items to donate each day in December. It's a tool to help to collect extra donations for the busy Christmas and winter period.



Bring the collected items to the parish and a dedicated team from OCH will take them to the North Enfield Food Bank for you.

A big thank you to everyone who has donated items for the Food Bank over the past week - keep them coming!

PLAYGROUP VOLUNTEERS

Our revived Playgroup has been a great success with about 20 children and parents/caregivers coming each Thursday to play and be with other adults. Our success means we need more volunteers, so if anyone is available 9-11:00 Thursdays to help set up, serve tea & coffee or chat with the participants, please call Caterina at the parish. **We are especially looking for help on the 21 December** when we will be having a Christmas party with special snacks and activities.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL VINNIE PACK

The SVP are distributing over 10,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £4.20 per pack? Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237. Thank you so much for your support.



Contact Us



The Parish of Christ the King
29 Bramley Road, London, N14 4HE
Telephone: 020 8449 6648
Email: cockfosters@rcdow.org.uk

Mass Schedule

Mon - Sat: 11.00am (except on Tuesday)
Saturday: 5.30pm
Sunday: 9.00am, 11.00am

Adoration – Confession Mon - Fri: 6.00–7.00pm

Parish Live Streaming

 [@ChristTheKingParishCockfosters](https://www.facebook.com/ChristTheKingParishCockfosters)
 [Christ the King Cockfosters](https://www.youtube.com/ChristTheKingCockfosters)

