

Christ the King Newsletter

Focus of the Week

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - 21 APRIL

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the entrance hall.

You can use the QR code to make your donation or visit rcdow.org.uk/donations



What does resurrection mean?

Easter is not a day but a season – 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost to reflect on the great mystery of Christian faith – Christ’s resurrection. What does it mean for us here and now? Here are a few thoughts by Canadian musician and songwriter Steve Bell.



First, resurrection implies there is something in need of re-creating—that something has gone wrong. We are not blind to our history of terrible wars, human brutality, ... We know too well the sinful impulse to devalue and control the other, even nature itself, which we were given to steward, not to exploit.

Second, resurrection implies divine intervention. Human effort and ingenuity, ... as well-meaning as they may be, will not bring about the utopia that our misdirected hopes presume. Instead, we need a God whose love will not let us go, and who will resolutely prevent the way of death from being the last word.

Finally, resurrection may not imply destruction so much as re-creation., ... Jesus’ glorified body used the material of his earthly body, and the earliest disciples understood the significance of this. ... “Redemption doesn’t mean scrapping what’s there and starting over again from a clean slate, but rather liberating what has come to be enslaved.” (N.T. Wright, *Surprised by Hope*)

Could it be that Jesus taught us to pray “Thy kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven” precisely because that has been God’s plan all along? His intent was not the earth’s destruction and our escape to an immaterial bliss, but rather the marriage of heaven and earth, of which Jesus is the first fruit, and we are, as Wright describes, the witnesses in word and deed to God’s “future-arrived-in-the-present,” speaking of what is to come, indeed, of what is already here.

“Christ has risen!” cries the priest on Easter Sunday. “He has risen indeed! Alleluia!” responds the congregation with a mighty shout. And our alleluias are neither naïve nor fortified by false opiates, but are invigorated by our risen Lord, who sends us out with the gospel of repentance and forgiveness so that the new creation may be seen in the flesh, and so there may be real hope and joy now even as we await the final resurrection.



Deacon Ted Wood, CCN

Notices of the Week

BINGO NIGHT

SATURDAY 27 APRIL – 6.30PM

Tickets £15 Child £7.50 (under 12)

Food, soft drinks and 5 games of bingo included.

Additional game books available to buy on entrance

Tickets will be on sale after weekend masses and also available from the parish office.

We would be grateful for any donated prizes which can be left in the parish office.



FUNERAL



The funeral mass for GIOVANNI COFFI will be at 11.00am on Wednesday 24 April.

Please pray for his soul.

OAKWOOD ART CIRCLE

We are a local community group of mixed levels and ability. You are welcome to join us at the Church Hall with your creative minds. Why not pop in for a chat or trial on any Friday between 9.30am - 12.30pm and share your talent with us.

Any form of craft; be it painting, colouring, drawing, pastels, sewing, knitting, paper mache etc.



Email us: oakwoodartcircle@gmail.com or check our website.

NET FOR GOD PRAYER GROUP

The prayer group meets every Tuesday, 8 - 9.30pm to praise and listen to the Word of God. People from all walks of life are welcome to join us to pray and practice charisms.



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.



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Planned giving envelopes will be available to collect from the entrance hall after all masses.



ZOOM PRAYER GROUP

We continue to be blessed by amazing speakers on Saturdays at 2.30pm. On 13 April it will be Charles Whitehead.

Join us - peterkrau@aol.com



200 CLUB MARCH DRAW

£75 prize J Males

£50 prize M Corley

£25 prize C & J Haines



SUNDAY READINGS – YEAR B

**THIRD SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Ps. 4:2

1 Jn 2:1-5

Lk 24:35-48



**FOURTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

Acts 4:8-12

Ps. 117

1 Jn 3:1-2

Jn 10:11-18

TRUSTEE VACANCY WITH MARRIAGE CARE

Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation providing Marriage preparation and relationship counselling services across England, Wales and Gibraltar.

We are looking for Trustees to strengthen our board and to help us continue to provide vital relationship support services to the Catholic community and beyond. For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk



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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

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