

Christ the King Newsletter

Focus of the Week

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 26 March – 7.30pm – 9pm

In preparation for Easter we will be having our annual Lenten Service of Reconciliation. There will be an opportunity for personal confession.



BINGO NIGHT

Saturday 27 April – 6.30pm

Tickets £12.50 Child £5 (under 12)
Food and soft drinks included.

£3 per game book includes 5 score cards.

Tickets will be on sale after masses from Sunday 24 March and also available from the parish office.

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



The Great Three Days



Thursday, we begin the Easter Triduum (pronounced Tri-du-um), the great Three Days (three days because of the Jewish tradition of the day beginning with sunset -Thursday evening to Sunday evening).

We have to see the Triduum as one great liturgical act. We enter the liturgy on Thursday evening and do not leave till Easter. There is no dismissal that night. The priests leave in silence. On Friday there is no entrance rite and again, no dismissal. It is a kind of choreography, a three-day journey, full of dignity and grandeur, ending with the Easter Vigil.

The Holy Thursday liturgy is often not well attended, but it is a vital part of this one liturgical act. At the Last Supper Jesus and his disciples are celebrating the Passover meal as they did every year. But now Jesus gives it new meaning. He takes the unleavened bread and says, "This is my body. . ." He takes the wine representing the lambs slain to protect the Israelites in Egypt and says, "This is my blood. . ."

In this way, he prepares his closest friends for what is to come. Think of what Calvary would be without the Last Supper – a brutal act of violence. Holy Thursday changes its character completely. It becomes a tremendous act of self-giving love. He says, "I will die tomorrow, but I will die for you." The meaning is given before the event. First, he said, then he did. He gave himself freely out of love. They did not take his life. All evil and hatred were taken up in his great act of self-giving love.

Reliving Jesus' Last Supper helps us enter the rest of the Triduum. After the Holy Thursday liturgy, before going home, we pray in silence before the Blessed Sacrament, recalling his prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. The next day is quieter, fasting and avoiding premature Easter celebrations as we accompany Jesus to the cross. Saturday we can finish our Easter preparations, eat simple meals, and continue to wait quietly for the culmination of the Triduum - the triumph and victory of Resurrection. Lent is over and the celebration can begin!



Nancy Wood, ccn

Notices of the Week

ADORATION

There will be no Adoration on **Monday 25 March**.



ROCK THE MUSICAL

Sunday 24 March 7.30pm

No ticket required, donations welcome towards pastoral activities in the parish.



Be aware parking will be limited, please use surrounding streets.

PRAYER CENTRE

The Prayer Centre is now closed for the Easter holiday **and will re-open on Thursday 11 April.**



CHILDREN'S LITURGY GOOD FRIDAY

There will be Children's Liturgy on Good Friday. Children will come into the church and sit with their parents and leave after the Entrance and Opening Prayer. Parents, please pick up a "**Reserved for Children's Liturgy**" card in the entrance hall to place on your child's chair so latecomers don't take their seat. The children will return for the veneration of the cross and communion. Welcome Team, please explain to parents that there will be children's liturgy and to pick up a card.



BRING A BELL TO CHURCH AT EASTER

During Lent we stopped singing the Gloria and Alleluia. Let's add to our celebration of Easter by bringing bells to

the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses and ring them during these joyous moments in the Mass. If you don't have any bells, you can rattle your keys!!



CHOCOLATE EGGS FOR OUR EASTER EGG HUNT

We are collecting chocolate eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt which will take place on Easter Sunday after 11am mass. Please bring the eggs to the parish office. Thank you for your generosity, the children will be delighted.



FUNERAL



The funeral mass for **MICHAEL SHACKLETON** will be at 11.00am on **Wednesday 27 March**.

Please pray for his soul.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

GOOD FRIDAY at 11am

Please see the Easter Programme for the Easter Mass times.



THE KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA have placed Easter posters in the foyer for the use of all parishioners. Please take one and display it in your window during Holy Week.

POSTERS OF THE LITURGIC SEASON are displayed in the corridor and will be changing everyday during Holy Week.

CANA WEEK - SUMMER 2024

28 July – 3 August

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A unique six-day guided journey.

An opportunity for a couple to deepen their relationship.

You will arrive at the abbey and live a simple life; within a safe environment, your children are also looked after with structured activities. You can stay within the abbey or you can pitch up with your tent and wake up to the Cornish coastline.



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

PASSION SUNDAY

Is 50:4-7

Ps. 50

Phil 2:6-11

Mk 14:1 – 15:47



EASTER SUNDAY

Acts 10:34. 37-43.

Ps. 117

Col 3:1-4

Jn 20:1-9

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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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