

Christ the King Newsletter

Focus of the Week

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

The parish is organising a Pilgrimage to Medjugorje. The dates are as follows :

Fly out from Gatwick Airport on 21 May 2024 at 12:50.

Fly out from Split Airport on 28 May 2024 at 17:10.

The total cost will be £760. A single supplement will apply. A £30 discount will be given to those who book and pay their £100 deposit before the 31 January 2024.



The package includes flights, 23kg hold luggage, transfers to and from airport to hotel, half board at hotel - breakfast and three course evening meal with wine. Staying at The Quercus Hotel - each room has en-suite, fridge, air-con, hairdryer, flat screen TV, phone, etc. Priority will be given to those who have not already attended a parish pilgrimage to Medjugorje.

If you have any questions, **please do not hesitate to contact**

Gail 07989 879 148 /

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A Synodal Church in Mission

Dear Parishioners,

A month long Vatican Synod on Synodality, convened by Pope Francis, concluded on 28 October with members approving, a summary report entitled "A Synodal Church in Mission". It is a calling for greater "co-responsibility" among all believers in the evangelising mission of the Church — and proposes concrete reforms to achieve it.



Last Sunday Pope Francis brought this conclusion into his homily on the two great commandments - love of God and love of neighbour. Here are a few excerpts.

At the conclusion of this stage of our journey, it is important to look at the "principle and foundation" from which everything begins ever anew: by loving. Loving God with our whole life and loving our neighbour as ourselves. Not our strategies, our human calculations, the ways of the world, but love of God and neighbour: that is the heart of everything. And how do we channel this momentum of love? I would propose two verbs, two movements of the heart, ... to adore and to serve. We love God through adoration and service.

To love is to adore. Adoration is the first response we can offer to God's gratuitous and astonishing love. The amazement of adoration, the wonder of worship, is something essential in the life of the Church, ... To adore God means to acknowledge in faith that he alone is Lord and that our individual lives, the Church's pilgrim way and the ultimate outcome of history all depend on the tenderness of his love.

In worshipping God, we rediscover that we are free. That is why the Scriptures frequently associate love of the Lord with the fight against every form of idolatry. ... We must constantly struggle against all types of idolatry; not only the worldly kinds, which often stem from vainglory, ... but also those forms of idolatry disguised as spirituality – my own spirituality: my own religious ideas, my own pastoral skills... Let us be vigilant, let us find that we are putting ourselves at the centre rather than him.

To love is to serve. In the great commandment, Christ binds God and neighbour together so that they will never be disconnected. There can be no true religious experience that is deaf to the cry of the world. There is no love of God without care and concern for our neighbour; otherwise, we risk becoming pharisaic. We may have plenty of good ideas on how to reform the Church, but let us remember: to adore God and to love our brothers and sisters with his love, that is the great and perennial reform.

Caterina Schifano

COCKFOSTERS SUNDAY EVENING MASS

5 November at 5.30pm

The Mass includes music in a relaxed atmosphere, and is followed by the Cockfosters Parish Pub. Sunday evening masses are held on the first Sunday of each month.



Notices of the Week



SRI LANKAN EVENING

SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER – 6.30PM



Come and join us for an evening of Sri Lankan culture including a 3 course meal, music and entertainment, all in aid of Sri Lankan and Philipinnes charities.

Tickets are £25 and are currently available from the parish office. They will be made available after weekend masses 4/5, 11/12 November.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER



After each Mass we will celebrate with Prosecco and cake. Please bring your favourite cake to share!

CWL MASS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS

8 November at 11.00am

A short ceremony will follow in the church to remember the Cockfosters section deceased members.

All are welcome.



ZOOM PRAYER GROUP

We continue to meet on Saturdays at 2.30pm.

Dr Anne-Marie Wilson will speak on 4 November.

On 11 November it will be Rev. John Coles and on 18 November Phil Kingham. Link peterkrau@aol.com



CHRIST THE KING PLAYGROUP

We have been working with the Excelsior School of Music (which uses our parish) to re-launch our parent toddler group. **Beginning 9 November, it will take place every Thursday, 9:30-11:00.**

A special music time will be held each session. Feel free to drop-in. No registration is necessary.



VITA ET PAX OPEN DAYS

A Nursery & Prep school like no other...Join us for

Open Days on 7, 8 November, 2023! Explore Vita et Pax's nurturing environment and discover a world of possibilities.



FUNERAL



The funeral mass for **CHITRA SEBASTIAN** will be at 11.00am on Monday, 13 November.

Please pray for her soul.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS FUND

By giving to the fund today, you can ensure all our sick and retired priests are cared for at their time of need. Please return your donation envelopes today. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code, either on the envelopes or posters at the back of the church and give online. Thank you.



FOOD BANK DONATIONS UPDATE

A huge thanks to the Queenswell Federation and pupils for their generous food donations. Forty two kilos of food were delivered to Christ the King parish last week and transported to the North Enfield Food Bank. This is the second year the Queenswell Federation has organised a collection for the Food Bank and we are immensely grateful. On behalf of Our Common Home group and the wider parish at Christ the King and Food Bank, thank you.



VOLUNTEER AS A RECEPTIONIST/ CHAPERONE FOR MARRIAGE CARE

Do you enjoy meeting people and putting them at ease? Would you welcome some quiet time knowing that your presence is helping our vital relationship counselling service?

We are looking for friendly and helpful volunteers who can spare a couple of hours on a weekday evening once a month to meet and greet couples who come for counselling and remain in the counselling venue during sessions. If you

are interested, please contact

Debra on 07906 007 613 or email

debraoak@btinternet.com by Friday 18 November 2023.



SUNDAY READINGS – Year A

THIRTY-FIRST

SUNDAY

Mal. 1:14-2:2.8-10

Ps.130:1-3

1 Thess. 2:7-9. 13

Mt. 23:1-12



THIRTY-SECOND

SUNDAY

Wis. 6:12-16

Ps. 62:2-8

1 Thess. 4:13-18

Mt. 25:1-13

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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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