

Christ the King Newsletter

Focus of the Week

BIBLE STUDY

Have you ever set out to read the Bible cover to cover and didn't get through Genesis?

This Bible study is designed to help you find your way through Genesis and learn some basic skills which can help with the other 72 books of the Bible. Meetings will be on Zoom. **Mondays, 7:30-8:30pm, 25 September to 4 December.** Session will also be available in person in the parish library at 7:30. Led by Deacon Ted Wood. To register call the parish office and leave your email address.



Prayer for the Synod

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to inform you about an important matter for the Catholic church. From 4-29 October, nearly 450 bishops, priests, religious and lay men and women, from all over the world are meeting in Rome for the Synod on "synodality" – the way in which all members of the church participate in the life and mission of the church.

This gathering marks the beginning of the 3rd stage of the Synod. In the first stage, beginning in 2021, parishes and other groups from each diocese were consulted on the state of the local church. Their reports were gathered at the national level to prepare for Stage 2 - gatherings of the churches on each continent. In the third phase the synod brings together the whole or universal church. A second gathering of the universal church will bring the Synod to a conclusion next year.

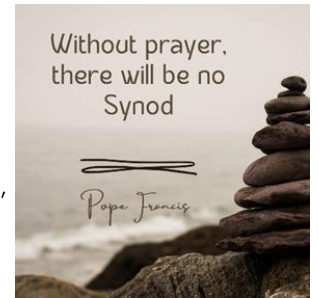
Below are excerpts from a letter sent to the bishops of the world urging them to call upon all members of the church to pray for this synod gathering. It begins with these words from Pope Francis - "Without prayer there will be no synod."

The Synod is, above all, an event of prayer and listening that involves not only the members of the Synodal Assembly, but every baptized person ... all of us are called to unite in communion of prayer and invocation of the Holy Spirit to guide us in discerning what the Lord is asking of his Church today.

The different forms of prayer are expressions of the different dimensions of the synodal process.

- Prayer is listening The first step in prayer is listening to the Word of God and listening to his Spirit - the essential condition for discernment.
- Prayer is adoration Listening must be followed by adoring silence in awe at what God is saying to his Church and for what the Spirit arouses in the Church today.
- Prayer is intercession To intercede means to assume responsibility, to declare before God our participation and our involvement.
- Prayer is thanksgiving The prayer of thanksgiving is a true "therapy" which move us from our withdrawal into ourselves to openness, that is able to discover all that God continues to work in in his Church.

To learn more and follow news you can go to the Synod website www.synod.va



Fr Christophe Brunet, ccn

Notices of the Week

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.



HIKE & SEEK

RETREAT IN THE HERE AND NOW FOR AGES 24 – 38.

Join us for a weekend of being outdoors walking with one another and with God.

13-15 October, arrive 8pm Friday, depart 4pm Sunday.

Storrington Priory, RH20 4LN.

Cost: between £80 - £100 which includes 2 nights accommodation and meals at the Priory. Registration and deposit via form by 8 Oct: bit.ly/hike-seek storrington@chemin-neuf.org



CWL MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday **11 October at 2pm** in the small hall.



FOR CHILDREN 3-6 – THE ATRIUM

Our program for children aged 3-6 will begin again this autumn on 8 October with new children. Returning children start on 15 October. We use the method called Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a Montessori-based religious formation program for young children. **We meet Sundays, 10:00 – 11:30 (children will join the Mass at 11:30)** in our "atrium," a beautifully prepared room on the first floor of the parish. Please pick up a flyer and registration form in the front hall or consult the parish website where you can download the registration. For more information contact Nancy Wood at the parish.



SUNDAY READINGS – Year A

TWENTY-SEVENTH

SUNDAY

Is. 5:1-7.

Ps. 79

Phil. 4:6-9.

Mt. 21:33-43



TWENTY-EIGHTH

SUNDAY

Is. 25:6-10.

Ps. 22

Phil. 4:12-14. 19-20.

Mt. 22:1-14.

BAPTISM

There will be a baptism on **Saturday, 7 October at 11.00am.**

We are delighted to welcome **CAITLIN JAGESSAR** Into the family of God.



FUNERALS



The funeral mass for **SHEILA FRAZZANI** will be at **11.00am on Wednesday, 11 October.**

The funeral mass for **PHILOMENA KELLY** will be at **11.00am on Wednesday, 18 October.**

Please pray for their souls.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL

FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER

Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Please give generously to the collection this weekend or give online at cafod.org.uk



Use this QR code which will take you straight to CAFOD's website where you can make a donation.



WORLD BANK GIANT LETTER

In May this year the Our Common Home Team invited the parish to support Cafod's Fix the Food System Campaign by signing a giant letter to the World Bank. Nearly 200 parishioners signed their name to show solidarity with small farmers in Bangladesh.



The response to this action has been incredible and whilst we don't have exact figures yet we know that over 650 churches have taken part, over 57,000 parishioners 18 of our Bishops signed a letter. On the morning of 11 October organisers will walk together holding these letters across Vauxhall Bridge before reaching Millbank Tower in Pimlico where they will gather to sign one final letter before delivering them to the World Bank London offices.

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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

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

