

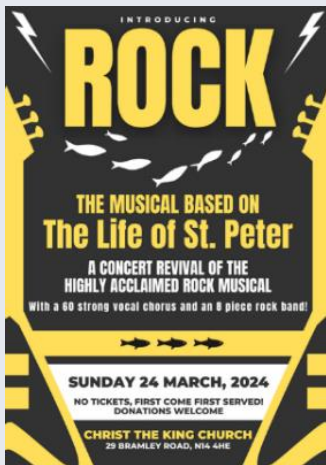
Christ the King Newsletter

Focus of the Week

ROCK THE MUSICAL

Sunday 24 March - 7.30pm

No tickets required, donations welcome towards pastoral activities of the parish.



Music Matters



It has been my great privilege to be the Parish Co-Ordinator for some time now. I love the old proverb – “One who sings, prays twice.” Music and singing are an essential part of our Liturgy here at Christ the King. We try to include a variety of styles at the 11am Mass each week. Sometimes the hymns are more traditional, accompanied by the organ. Other weeks include songs we have been singing for the last 50 years and also some more contemporary music. It gives me great joy when after Communion, we sing a moving, reflective hymn. For me, there is a real sense of prayer, togetherness and community in the Church at that moment.

We are very blessed with many gifted and talented musicians and singers in our Parish. Did you know that most of the parts of the Mass that we sing were written by Parishioners? However, we are always looking for people to join any of our Groups. In our busy worlds, we try to keep the commitment to the minimum and usually set up and rehearse in the Church for one hour before Mass starts. If you are an enthusiastic singer but do not have time to make a regular commitment, please let me know, because you can be part of our occasional “Pop-Up Choir.”

At the moment, the music is arranged on a monthly basis as follows:

- 1st Sunday 11am Organ - Occasional Pop-Up Choir Caroline Haines
- 1st Sunday 5.30pm Sunday Evening Mass Caterina Schifano
- 2nd Sunday 11am Group Jeannette Ballantyne
- 3rd Sunday 11am Family Mass (Young musicians and singers) Caroline Haines
- 4th Sunday 11am Group Jeannette Ballantyne

At Easter, as usual, Music will be a big part of our Services, as detailed overleaf.

If you are interested in joining one of the Groups each month, or just for Easter, please give your details to the relevant Co-Ordinator, or to Suzanne in the Parish Office and she will pass your information to us.

If you do not want to join one of our groups then you still have an important role to play. The music is there to lead the Congregation and is not a performance. It should help you to achieve a fuller, active and conscious participation in the Service. As music leaders, we find most joy in hearing an involved and participating Congregation.

I'd like to end with a prayer that I heard on Songs of Praise recently:

Heavenly Father

Thank you for the gift of music and the power of song;

For the way words and melody can express the wonderful mysteries of our faith.

Bring us all together and send our spirits soaring.

Let us join together to send our spirits soaring as we sing our way through Lent and Holy Week to Easter.

Caroline Haines
Parish Music Co-Ordinator

Notices of the Week

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

As in previous years the Stations of the Cross will be recited each Friday in Lent.

Options are **10.15am** (followed by 11am mass) and **6pm** (followed by time of adoration).



FUNERAL



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

Please pray for his soul.

MASS TIME AND MUSIC CO-ORDINATOR

Palm Sunday 11am Mixed Choir - Caroline Haines & Jo Collins

Holy Thursday 8pm Organ and Mixed Choir - Caroline Haines

Good Friday 3pm No Choir - Solo Jo Collins

Easter Vigil - Saturday 8pm

Mixed Choir - Caterina Schifano

Easter Sunday 11am Group - Jeannette Ballantyne



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

From Holy Thursday we will be reintroducing the option to take the Cup to receive the blood of Christ.



We would like to appoint a team. If you are interested, please send an email to the parish office. A meeting will be held on **17 March at 10am in St Theresa's room** for those appointed.

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.



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!!



ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25 May 2024 at 2:30pm.

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give the parish office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) by **Wednesday 10 April 2024**.



SUNDAY READINGS – YEAR B

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

2 Chron 36:14-16 19-23

Ps. 136

Eph 2:4-10

Jn. 3:14-21



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jer 31:31-34

Ps. 50

Heb 5:7-9

Jn 12:20-30

CWL

CWL lead Stations of the Cross which will take place in the Church on **Wednesday 13 March at 2.30pm**. All are welcome, please come and join us.



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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

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