

Christ the King Newsletter

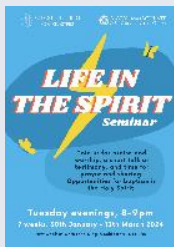
Focus of the Week

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Tuesdays 8 – 9pm

30 January – 12 March 2024

Join us for praise and worship, a short talk or testimony and time for prayer and sharing. Opportunities for baptism in the Holy Spirit. This is in partnership with Mary Immaculate & St Gregory The Great Church, Barnet.



MEDJUGORJE 21-28 MAY 2024 –

A FEW PLACES STILL AVAILABLE!

Flying from Gatwick to Split.. 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 is en-suite with a fridge, air-con, hairdryer, TV etc.

For further information

please either talk to



Fr. Christophe or contact Gail Hewett directly on 07989 879148.

Dear brothers and sisters.

I hope you all had a happy festive season. It is usually a time when we experience and feel the love of family and friends, with dinners and parties here and there. Some of us even had a visit from overseas of family members. We have had many reasons to rejoice and thank the Lord, first and foremost for the coming of our Saviour on earth, also for very nice liturgy celebrations at Church. Even society at large brought some joy with many parties and encounters.



January can be quite challenging, feeling the downfall after good times. We removed the crib and the Christmas trees in the Church and probably at your home too. It is time to go back to normal. If we were not sure about it, the resuming of activities removes doubts that ordinary life is starting again. Children are back to school, work has started again with the same problems and challenges – we have to cope with our duties and responsibilities again.

This week, we are starting Ordinary Time in the Church calendar. This does not look very exciting. We are more interested with extraordinary times like Christmas time which is just over or Easter time. But the truth is that the major part of our lives is ordinary, full of ordinary activities and duties. 33 out of 52 weeks are what we call Ordinary weeks in the Church calendar. When we ponder on the life of Jesus, there is not much being said on his ordinary and hidden life which lasted 30 years out of 33. Our Lord on earth indeed experienced ordinary life, like any one of us, being involved in ordinary duties and activities such as supporting his family, Jesus has learnt to read and probably helped his parents like any child and young man of his time.

In a mysterious way, our God decided that it was good for him to spend time as any ordinary person, to experience the joys and pains of any human being. Faith is the ability to see the potential in everything, the more so in the smallest of things and the courage and perseverance to unlock that potential. Brothers and sisters, let us not be afraid or worried about ordinary time, which is an essential time of growth.

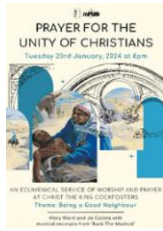


Fr Pascal Sullivan, ccn

Notices of the Week

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

18-25 January is the annual week of prayer for Christian Unity. There will be a service on **Tuesday, 23 January at Christ the King at 7:30pm to which we have invited Christians from the churches in our area.**



This year's theme is "Being Good Neighbors" and will feature Jo Collins and Mary Ward from our local Chickenshed Theatre as well as selections from the Rock musical.

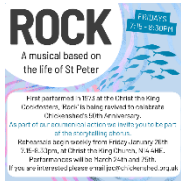
Join the Ecumenical Chorus!

Rock is a musical based on the life of St Peter. It was first performed in 1973 at the Parish of Christ the King and is being revived to celebrate Chickenshed's 50th Anniversary.

Performances will be 24 March (Palm Sunday) In the church and 25 March at Chickenshed.

Rehearsals begin at Christ the King, weekly from Friday 26 January 7.15-8.30pm.

If you are interested, please email joc@chickenshed.org.uk



NET FOR GOD

The next prayer group will be on **Tuesday, 16 January 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.



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND PEACE

14 January is Peace Sunday. The Pope commented on the Word Day of Peace saying that there is a need to be vigilant that a "logic of violence and discrimination" doesn't take root in the development of AI at the expense of the most fragile and excluded; that the advancement of AI does not fuel injustice and inequality and therefore conflict, and, of course, that it serves humanity and the protection of our common home."



SUNDAY READINGS – YEAR B

SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

1 Sm 3:3-10. 19
Ps. 39
1 Cor 6:13-15. 17-20.
Jn 1:35-42



THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Deut. 18:15-20
Ps. 94
1 Cor 7:32-35.
Mk. 1:21-28

FUNERAL

The funeral mass for **MICHAEL McGURRIN** will be at 11.00am on **Friday, 2 February.**

The funeral mass for **ELSPETH ROBEIRO** will be at 11.00am on **Thursday, 15 February.**

Please pray for their souls.



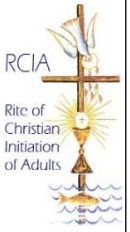
BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

An opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about the Catholic faith and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at Easter. For those

- interested in becoming Catholic
- baptised but not confirmed or received first communion
- want to refresh your knowledge and support those being received into the Church.

The RCIA program (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) will take place on **Thursday evenings, 7:30 to 9 pm beginning 25 January** and continue until Easter.

To register speak with Deacon Ted or call the parish office and leave contact information.



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

(for parents wanting baptism for their children) is scheduled for **Sunday, 21 January at 10 am** (between the two Masses). To register speak with Deacon Ted or call the parish office and leave contact information.



PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS CLOSING

Calling all parents whose children were born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020. You will need to apply for a primary school place by **Monday 15 January 2024**, so your child can start in a reception class in Enfield in September 2024.



The Catholic Primary Schools Admissions Group

Danny Keane

Contact 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

Parish Live Streaming

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