

# Christ the King Newsletter

## Focus of the Week

### SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

An opportunity to reconcile with God and with each other **Tuesday 19 December 7.30 – 9pm.**

In order to prepare ourselves for Christmas all are invited to a Service of Reconciliation with an opportunity for personal Confession and writing of letters or prayers which will be offered at Mass.



### CHILDREN'S NATIVITY DRAMA

Children of the parish are invited to sign up to participate in our Nativity play which will take place at the 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve.

A rehearsal will be held **Saturday 23 December 4-5:30pm and again at 3pm on the 24 December.** Please register by emailing Caterina, with children's name, age, and your phone number: [cockfosterspa@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:cockfosterspa@rcdow.org.uk)



## Parish Evening of Reconciliation – Becoming Friends Again



The root meaning of the word reconcile is "to become friends again." More than a lovely thought, reconciliation is essential to maintaining good relations with others. Relationships are easily strained by what we say and do. It is a great joy to know that damaged friendships can be restored and strengthened.

The parish evening of reconciliation offers several ways to restore our friendship with God and with one another.

- Sit silently before the cross to let the Lord show where reconciliation is needed.
- See a priest for the sacrament of reconciliation.
- Write a letter to God or a person to ask forgiveness for things that you have said or done that have strained your relationship (this can be to a person living or dead).
- This year another way will be proposed. Our parish is a family and like any family, our relationships can suffer from words spoken or deeds done. But just as our word and deeds can damage our relationships, so too can our words and deeds heal and deepen our friendships. Two things are especially important:
- To say "thank you" - words of appreciation and gratitude for what another has done for you or for the parish community - e.g.
- Thank you for your kind words and prayers when I was going through a hard time.
- Thank you for all you do in the parish.
- To say "sorry" - for something that I have said or done that I regret or may have caused sorrow for another - e.g.
- Sorry for speaking so harshly to you.
- I apologise for not coming to help as I said I would.

If you wish to say "thank you" or "sorry" to someone during the reconciliation evening, simply tap them on the shoulder and ask to speak to them. Then go to a quiet place where you can speak privately (e.g. library, large hall, corridor). Say briefly and directly what is on your heart. Be specific; e.g. thank you for ..., I am sorry for ...

If someone asks to speak with you, remember it is because they want to say something that is often neglected in everyday conversation - words that seek to renew and strengthen your friendship. It helps if you can respond to what you hear with gratitude or to accept the apology that has been offered. Perhaps you might even want to say "sorry" for something you have said or done.

It is good to finish by offering words of support and encouragement to each other.



Deacon Ted Wood ccn

# Notices of the Week

## RORATE MASS FOR ADVENT

During the Fridays of Advent we will be celebrating the "Rorate Mass," at 7:00 am. This is a Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is traditionally celebrated in candlelight just before dawn. The name comes from the opening words of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rorate caeli desuper," Latin for "Drop down dew, ye heavens." (Isaiah 45:8).

The Mass is 30 minutes and will be followed by a simple breakfast in the large hall.



## FUNERALS

The funeral of **GEORGE JOHN LEWINGTON** will be held on **Monday 18 December – 1pm** at Enfield Crematorium.

The funeral of **IAN GORDON** will be held on **Wednesday 20 December – 3pm** at New Southgate Crematorium.

Please pray for their souls.



## SINGING MATTERS - ONE REHEARSAL

### FOR A GREAT CELEBRATION!

It has been tradition for the last few years for people to join the musicians and singers to form a one-off Choir in order to swell the singing at the Christmas Eve 7pm Vigil Mass. You are warmly invited to a single rehearsal for the Carols. You do not have to be able to read music - just come along and join in on **Sunday 17 December after 11 am Mass in the Church**. Light refreshments will be provided. We expect the rehearsal to last approximately two hours. Do come! If you require any further information, please contact Caroline Haines c/o the Office.



## PRAYER CENTRE

The Prayer Centre will re-open on Thursday 11 January 2024.



## PLAYGROUP VOLUNTEERS

Our revived Playgroup has been a great success with about 20 children and parents/caregivers coming each Thursday to play and be with other adults. Our success means we need more volunteers, so if anyone is available 9-11:00 Thursdays to help set up, serve tea & coffee or chat with the participants, please call Caterina at the parish. **We are especially looking for help on the 21 December** when we will be having a Christmas party with special snacks and activities.



## CHRISTMAS OPEN DAY

INVITATIONS to the Open Day are available in the entrance hall. Please take one if you or someone you know is going to be alone on Christmas day. Please complete a form and return to the parish office as soon as possible.



## SUNDAY READINGS – YEAR B

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is. 61:102. 10-11.  
Ps. Lk.1  
1 Thess. 5:15:16-24.  
Jn. 1:6-8, 19-28



### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2 Sam 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16.  
Ps. 88  
Rm. 16:25-27  
Lk. 1:26-38

## 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.

## 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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