

Christ the King Newsletter

Focus of the Week

CHANGE TO MASS TIMES ON SUNDAY 12 MAY

Mass times : 10.00am and 12 noon

On Sunday 12 May we will be celebrating First Holy Communion masses.

On this occasion the masses will be at 10am and 12 noon.



BINGO NIGHT

Saturday 27 April – 6.30pm

Tickets £15 Child £7.50 (under 12)

Food, soft drinks and 5 games of bingo included.

Additional game books available to buy on entrance.

Tickets will be on sale after weekend masses and also available from the parish office.

We would be grateful for any donated prizes which can be left in the parish office.



Good Shepherd Sunday

“Rejoice that the Lord has made you members of his flock and knows each of you by name! Follow him with joy and let him guide you in all your ways”.

Pope Benedict XVI



This Sunday, the 4th Sunday of Easter, is known as “Good Shepherd Sunday”. After three Sundays of the Resurrection appearances, we turn to John 10, Jesus’ great revelation, “I am the Good Shepherd”. Over three years, we hear most of the chapter (Year A: verses 1-10, Year B: v. 11-18, Year C: v. 27-30).

I discovered the power of this image more than 30 years ago when I read the book, *The Religious Potential of the Child*, by Sofia Cavalletti. She asks: how can we “explain” the concept of God to a young child who is incapable of abstract thinking? How can we answer the unspoken questions of the child, “who are you, God?”, “who am I?”, and “who am I in relationship with?” She says we can’t explain it at all, but we can (as Jesus did himself) propose concrete images that tell us about God: “I am the Light of the World”, “I am the Good Shepherd who knows my sheep by name, and they know my voice.” This introduces children to a relationship that speaks to their need to be loved and known. What better image of God could there be?

Reading this book brought me into a vocation as a catechist with the method developed by Cavalletti which takes its name from this image - the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

On the first floor of the parish we have a special room, the atrium, dedicated to the religious life of the 3-6 year-old child. There are special materials which invite the child to explore with their hands many stories from the Bible and liturgy. Here they can return to the Good Shepherd material not just one Sunday a year, but every time they come to the atrium.

Besides the materials based on John 10, we return to the Good Shepherd many times. For example: the presentations on Baptism (we are called by name to become one of the flock - the Good Shepherd’s own child), the Last Supper (the moment the Good Shepherd announces that he will lay his life down for the sheep), the Eucharist (the Good Shepherd feeds his sheep in a most particular way). It’s clear the Good Shepherd isn’t just for children but is an image that can nourish us all through our life.



Nancy Wood, ccn

Notices of the Week

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - 21 APRIL

Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd.

Donation envelopes are available in the entrance hall.

You can use the QR code to make your donation or visit rcdow.org.uk/donations



FUNERAL

The funeral mass for GIOVANNI CIOFFI will be at 11.00am on Wednesday 24 April.



The funeral mass for JOE REYNOLDS will be at 11.00am on Friday 26 April.

The funeral mass for LUIGI PEROTTI will be at 11.00am on Wednesday 8 May.

Please pray for their souls.

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.



OAKWOOD ART CIRCLE

We are a local community group of mixed levels and ability. You are welcome to join us at the Church Hall with your creative minds. Why not pop in for a chat or trial on any Friday between 9.30am - 12.30pm and share your talent with us.

Any form of craft; be it painting, colouring, drawing, pastels, sewing, knitting, paper mache etc.



Email us: oakwoodartcircle@gmail.com or check our website.

NB. There is no Art Circle on 26 April.

READERS ROTA

The rota for May/June is now available to collect from the entrance hall.



VISITING YVONNE GOMEZ

Many of you will know Yvonne. She's been a lively parishioner for over 50 years, helping with liturgy and many other activities. Yvonne would now benefit from visits from familiar faces in her car home. If you can fit in a visit, it would be much appreciated. Five Oaks Care Home, 377 Cockfosters Road, EN4 0JT. Further information or queries: David on 07717436173.

TRUSTEE VACANCY WITH MARRIAGE CARE

Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation providing Marriage preparation and relationship counselling services across England, Wales and Gibraltar.



We are looking for Trustees to strengthen our board and to help us continue to provide vital relationship support services to the Catholic community and beyond. For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

SUNDAY READINGS – YEAR B

FOURTH SUNDAY

OF EASTER

Acts 4:8-12

Ps. 117

1 Jn 3:1-2

Jn 10:11-18



FIFTH SUNDAY

OF EASTER

Acts 9:26-31

Ps. 21

1 Jn. 3:18-24

Jn 15:1-8

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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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