

Christ the King Newsletter

Focus of the Week

COCKFOSTERS SUNDAY EVENING MASS

The next Sunday evening mass will be on **4 February at 5.30pm**. The Mass includes music in a relaxed atmosphere, and is followed by the Cockfosters Parish Pub. Sunday evening masses are held on the first Sunday of each month.



RETREAT - SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

SHORT RETREAT AT STORRINGTON

Sunday, 3 March 12 noon - Friday, 8 March 1.00 pm

Storrington Priory, RH20 4LN

Five day guided retreat in silence, to come to know Christ more intimately through His Word in order to love Him, to recognise His call and to serve Him better in our life.

Includes teachings, daily meetings and guidance from a personal companion.

www.chemin-neuf.org.uk/retreats/ignatian-guided-retreats/



Racial Justice Sunday; 28 January 2024

The theme of Racial Justice Sunday in England and Wales in 2024 is 'Seeing one another in the life of the Church'.

There are different ways that the theme could be approached. I would like to suggest one particular way.



In the history of the Church, there have been those who looked at the society in which they lived, and responded to what they saw. They looked, made a decision based on what they saw, and acted. Alert and sensitive as they were to the commandments of Christ, when they saw justice being denied to someone because of their racial origin or colour, they were prompted to act. Their actions of opposing racism, promoting equality and justice, became their life's work. Following this path, sometimes they encountered hostility, rejection, and attempts to overturn what they were doing.

However, they persevered and became instruments of change, agents of progress, and some are acknowledged as saints of the Church. There are many, many saints in the Church. Each is different. Each chose to follow a particular aspect of the person of Jesus.

Some saw Jesus as a teacher and devoted their lives to teaching. Some followed Jesus as one who loved the sick, and opened hospices and hospitals. Others saw Jesus as the friend of the poor and gave witness to that. Among the saints are those who remembered the words of Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for what is right. They shall be satisfied." And then they spent their lives working that everyone would be treated justly, with fairness and without discrimination.

For Racial Justice Sunday this year, can I suggest that you explore the lives of those great men and women – those who devoted their lives to the pursuit of racial justice, those who emulated God's passion for justice, which we read about in the scriptures.

They will inspire us, teach us, and make us sensitive to the importance of racial justice and why we work for it.

May we too, like them, see one another in the life of the Church.

- Bishop Paul McAleenan, Lead Bishop for Racial Justice

To learn more about some of the saints whose lives inspire us to seek racial justice, follow this link; Saints of Colour - Catholic Bishops' Conference (cbcew.org.uk)

Notices of the Week

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR



Tuesdays 8 – 9pm

30 January – 12 March 2024

As believers we are called to membership in a faith community, and to a life of service using the gifts, fruits and charisms offered through the Holy Spirit.

Partnership between the parishes of Christ the King Cockfosters and Mary Immaculate and Saint Gregory the Great, High Barnet.

7 sessions including speakers, scripture, music and small groups

Opportunity to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, whenever we want from week 5.

ROCK



This year's theme is "Being Good Neighbours" 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

SUNDAY READINGS – YEAR B

FOURTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Deut. 18:15-20.

Ps. 94

1 Cor. 7:32-35.

Mk. 1:21-28.



FIFTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Job. 7:1-4. 6-7.

Ps. 146

1 Cor. 9:16-19. 22-23.

Mk. 1:29-39.

FUNERALS

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

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

Please pray for their souls.



VALENTINE'S WEEKEND



Saturday 10 February – Sunday 11 February

Storrington Priory, RH20 4LH

Spend some quality time together over Valentine's weekend. Cana Valentine's Weekend offers couples a chance to strengthen and enrich their marriage or long-term relationship.

Regardless of denomination or strength of your faith, this is a time when you can experience the God who wants to strengthen, renew, and deepen your love for each other. RSVP to reserve your spot! Limited spaces available. canaukinfo@gmail.com



ZOOM PRAYER GROUP

We continue to have great speakers **every Saturday at 2.30pm**. We would welcome more newcomers from the parish to join us. Speaker on 27 January Pastor Cassy Ally from Bethel California. Link peterkrau@aol.com



NORTH ENFIELD FOODBANK

Thank you to all those who have supported the foodbank over the years and in anticipation of the future support of a very worthy cause.

Financial donations should be made either by cheque in favour of the North Enfield Foodbank or directly to the foodbank's bank account (account number 00095347, sort Code 40-52-40) is preferred to ensure funds are available in a timely manner. Although the parish office can facilitate cash donations, to adhere to the Diocese cash-handling policy, these will be processed through the banking system incurring a delay to the funds being available.



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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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