

Christ the King Newsletter

Focus of the Week

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.



Living Our Way into Easter Joy

I'm often struck by friends who note how much harder it can be to "feel" Easter than to experience Lent.

Somehow the reflection on sin and suffering comes

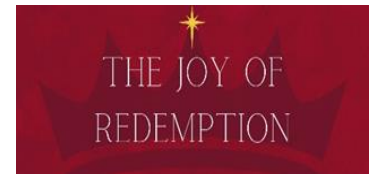
more easily to many than experiencing joy and redemption. However, in this we are not alone: the disciples, too, have difficulty at first absorbing the fullness of Resurrection joy.

Remarkably, Jesus is uninterested in talking about the past. Instead, he is focused on offering healing, peace, and love in the present, with an eye to the future. Jesus' response to all of this confusion is not to dwell on the past or to go into the reasons why his friends betrayed him or what could have been done differently. Instead, Jesus offers peace, reconciliation, and mission.

To the disciples in the upper room, he offers peace and then asks them to pass on that peace in forgiving others' sins (John 20:21–23). He breathes on them, an intimate way to share the Spirit. To Thomas, he offers the closeness of touch and a chance to believe again and then recommends having faith in the absence of sight (John 20:27–29). In my favorite scene, Jesus eats breakfast on the beach with seven of the disciples and then asks Peter three times whether he loves him. Jesus gives him a chance to speak for love, in place of the three denials he had spoken earlier. "Do you love me?" and "Lord, you know that I love you" are like a choral refrain. And Jesus follows each refrain with mission: feed my lambs, tend my flock, and follow me.

In all three cases, Jesus offers peace and reconciliation in an intimate and personal way and then asks the disciples to pass on the very gifts that they have been given: forgiveness, belief, and selfless love. He does it all slowly and in an easy and unhurried way, for example, walking with the disciples on the way to Emmaus before revealing himself, or eating breakfast on the beach before talking to Peter.

These are good guides for us, too, for entering into the fullness of Easter. We can reflect on the love of God, who does not ask why but instead forgives, heals, invites, and loves. And then we can practice forgiveness, faith, and selfless love in our actions and pass those on. We can give ourselves time to see God in the Resurrection and give ourselves the same gifts of patience and simplicity that Jesus offers his friends. In this way, we live our way into Easter joy.



Marina Berzins McCoy (www.ignatianspirituality.com)

Notices of the Week

EVENING MASS

The next Sunday evening mass will be on **7 April 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.



ROCK

Thank you to all those involved for the amazing production of ROCK on Sunday 24 April. **The amount raised for the parish to date is £1,176.75.**



ADORATION

There will be no Adoration until Monday 8 April at 6pm.



NET FOR GOD PRAYER GROUP

There will be no prayer group on Tuesday 2 April. The next meeting will be on 9 April.



ZOOM PRAYER GROUP

We continue to be blessed by amazing speakers on Saturdays at 2.30 pm. Rev. Emmy Wilson on 30 March, Anne Coles on 6 April, Charles Whitehead on 13 April. Join us - peterkrau@aol.com



PRAYER CENTRE

The Prayer Centre is now closed for the Easter holiday **and will re-open on Thursday 11 April.**



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.



FUNERAL

The funeral mass for **MICHAEL WALSH** will be at 11.00am on **Monday 8 April**.

Please pray for his soul.



CANA WEEK - SUMMER 2024

28 July – 3 August

Sclerder Abbey, Looe, Cornwall

Chemin-neuf.org.uk

An Opportunity To Strengthen Your Love For Each Other. A unique six-day guided journey.

An opportunity for a couple to deepen their relationship.

You will arrive at the abbey and live a simple life; within a safe environment, your children are also looked after with structured activities. You can stay within the abbey or you can pitch up with your tent and wake up to the Cornish coastline.



THANK YOU

The **Knights of St Columba** have kindly made a donation which has enabled us to buy a new projector for livestreaming, which is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.



NEW ENFIELD LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

This may be of interest to some of our parishioners.

www.enfield.gov.uk/services/planning/new-enfield-local-plan

SUNDAY READINGS – YEAR B

EASTER

SUNDAY

Acts 10:34. 37-43

Ps. 117

Col 3:1-4

Jn 20:1-9



SECOND SUNDAY

OF EASTER

Acts 4:32-35

Ps.117

1 Jn 5:1-6

Jn 20:19-31

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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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