

Christ the King Newsletter

Focus of the Week

RORATE MASS FOR ADVENT

During the Fridays of Advent (Dec. 8, 15, and 22) 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.



ADVENT GIVING CALENDAR

In our parish we want to join a campaign run by Caritas Westminster during this special time, to support the food projects who are providing support for many in difficulty in our communities.

The Advent Giving Calendar suggests items to donate each day in December. It's a tool to help to collect extra donations for the busy Christmas and winter period.

Bring the collected items to the parish and a dedicated team from OCH will take them to the North Enfield Food Bank for you.



COP28 - UN CLIMATE CONFERENCE

30 November – 12 December - Dubai



What needs to happen?

"The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine; with me you are but aliens and tenants" (Lev 25:23)

Pope Francis is so determined to call for climate action at COP28 that he is attending the talks and delivering a speech on Saturday 2 December. We should listen to his heartfelt call. In the Apostolic Exhortation Laudate Deum (Praise God) the Pope appeals to climate change deniers everywhere and foot-dragging politicians to have a change of heart, saying they cannot gloss over human causes or deride science while the planet "may be nearing the breaking point". Failure in Dubai, Pope Francis says, " will be a great disappointment and jeopardise whatever good has been achieved so far. "To make COP28 an historic event that honours and ennobles us as human beings, the Pope expects obligatory and readily monitored energy transition targets: 1. Phasing out fossil fuels 2. No new fossil fuel extraction or exploration projects 3. Funds to help countries adapt to the changing climate 4. Commitment to the Loss and Damage fund.



Ecological problems are connected to other human and social problems and all of us ought to be involved in exerting a healthy pressure on governments and international bodies realising that the future of our children is at stake. Pope Francis acknowledges that "efforts by households to reduce pollution and waste, and to consume with prudence, are creating a new culture that is contributing to greater concern about the unfulfilled responsibilities of the political sectors and indignation at the lack of interest shown by the powerful." Maximum economic gain at minimum cost ignores the most vulnerable and technological developments can isolate us from the world around us but he reminds Catholics and those of other faiths that "authentic faith transforms life, transfigures our goals and sheds light on our relationship to others and with creation as a whole" and "When human beings claim to take God's place, they become their worst enemies".

- How can I get involved?
- Pray for our common home Bring Pope Francis' COP28 message to the streets of London and march on Saturday,
- 9 December, 11.45-14:00 (register at Cafod website) Share
- Pope's Francis message with your MP (see Cafod website)
- Join the Our Common Home Team



Helena Worley
Our Common Home Team

Notices of the Week

SUNDAY EVENING MASS

The next Sunday evening mass will be on
3 December at 5.30pm.

The mass will be presided over by Bishop John Sherrington
who will confirm 15 Confirmandi.



CAROL SERVICE

Sunday, 17 December – 4.30pm

Followed by mulled wine in the hall.

Come along and spend an hour singing carols with your church
community – the ideal preparation for Christmas!



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



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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is. 63:16-17, 64:1. 3- 8

Ps. 79

1 Cor 1:3-9

Mk 13:33-37



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is. 40:1-5. 9-11.

Ps. 84

2 Pt. 3:8-14

Mk. 1:1-8

FUNERAL

The funeral mass for **LUIGIA RABAIOTTI** will be
at 11.00am on **Monday 4 December.**

Please pray for her soul.



ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Due to the school carol service in the church on
Friday 8 December, there will be no Adoration
in the evening.



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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL VINNIE PACK

The SVP are distributing over 10,000 Vinnie Packs
containing cold weather essentials to the homeless
this winter. Please could you consider sponsoring

packs at a suggested donation of £4.20 per pack? Donations can
be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with
cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West sort
code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237. Thank you so much
for your support.



PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

The parish is organising a Pilgrimage to Medjugorje. The dates
are as follows :

Fly out from Gatwick Airport on 21 May 2024 at 12:50.

Fly out from Split Airport on 28 May 2024 at 17:10.

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 has en-suite, fridge,
air-con, hairdryer, flat screen TV, phone, etc. Priority will be given
to those who have not already attended a parish pilgrimage to
Medjugorje.

If you have any questions, **please do not hesitate to contact
Gail 07989 879 148 / gail.hewett@hotmail.com** or leave
details in the parish office.



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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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