

# Christ the King Newsletter

## Focus of the Week

### ASCENSION OF THE LORD MASSES

Thursday 9 May

To celebrate this Holy Day of Obligation masses will be at **11am and 7pm**.



The 11am mass will be live-streamed.

### CHANGE TO MASS TIMES ON SUNDAY 12 MAY

**Mass times : 10am and 12 noon**

On Sunday 12 May we will be celebrating **20 children receiving First Holy Communion**.

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



Both of the First Holy Communion masses will be live-streamed.

## Go and bear fruits of love

**"This is my command: Love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this: that someone lays down his life for his friends" John 15:12-13**

This scripture reflects the heart of Christ's mission and sets a profound example for us to follow daily.

We are branches connected to the vine. Branches that are healthy, that draw their nourishment from the trunk of the vine, bear abundant fruit. Being in Jesus causes his love to express itself in our thoughts, words, and actions. Jesus says that the best way to express this love, to express our thanks to him in our life, is by serving each other. In fact, showing love to one another is the completion of the love Jesus has given to us.



In the context of our lives, sacrificial love can take many forms. This love isn't solely about grand gestures; frequently, it manifests in small, consistent acts of kindness and selflessness. Demonstrating patience toward our family, even when we are exhausted, exemplifies it. Providing support to friends in their times of need, even if it requires sacrificing our time or comfort, embodies this love. Extending forgiveness to those who have wronged us, even when it's challenging to let go of hurt, signifies it. Each act of love becomes an act of worship, an opportunity to reflect God's love to the world. Love has the power to transform relationships and environments, it breaks down barriers, builds trust and fosters a sense of community and belonging. In this we show that we remain in Jesus' love. Remain in God's love by loving like he loves.

From the "Story of a Soul" of St. Therese of Lisieux, we can take inspiration and encouragement for the vocation we are all call to live:

"Love proves itself by deeds, so how am I to show my love? Great deeds are forbidden me. The only way I can prove my love is by scattering flowers and these flowers are every little sacrifice, every glance and word, and the doing of the least actions for love."

"Considering the mystical body of the Church, I desired to see myself in them all. Charity gave me the key to my vocation. I understood that the Church had a Heart and that this Heart was burning with love. I understood that Love comprised all vocations, that Love was everything, that it embraced all times and places...in a word, that it was eternal! Then in the excess of my delirious joy, I cried out: O Jesus, my Love...my vocation, at last I have found it...My vocation is Love!"

## Notices of the Week

### PENTECOST

We will be having an evening of praise and worship to welcome the Spirit of Pentecost. The theme will be **The Holy Spirit In My Daily Life**. **Saturday 18 May at 8pm** followed by refreshments in the large hall.

To celebrate Pentecost there will also be a Bring and Share Lunch on **Sunday 19 May after 11am mass following the usual tea and coffee**. Please see Caterina for more details.



### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Due to the bank holiday the group will not meet on Monday 6 May. They will meet again on **13 May after 11am Mass** upstairs in the CCS.



### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEETING

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 8 May** in the small hall at **2pm**. All are welcome.



### CAFOD'S SUDAN CRISIS APPEAL

Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal](https://cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal). Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.



### NORTH ENFIELD FOODBANK

The year 2023 was another tremendous year for Cockfosters parishioners' financial donations and donations of non-perishable food. As in previous years the manager of the foodbank, Kerry Coe, has provided individual certificates confirming the donations. Financial donations amounted to £3,819.00 and the non-perishable food 738.34 kilos. The certificates are displayed on the noticeboard inside the church. A sincere thanks to all who continue to be so very generous together with a hope that this year will be marked with continued generosity.



### FUNERALS

The funeral mass for **LUIGI PEROTTI** will be at **11am** on **Wednesday 8 May**.

The funeral mass for **JOAN COLLINS** will be at **11am** on **Friday 10 May**.

The funeral mass for **ANN MACKAY** will be at **11am** on **Thursday 16 May**.

Please pray for their souls.



### GROWING TOWARDS WHOLENESS

**25 May 10am – 3pm**

**CCS – Jonathan Males**

In this retreat we will use the metaphor of life as growth to reflect on the past, appreciate the present, and look forward to the future with courage. The intention is to help you reconnect with God's ever-present love at all the times of your life.

To register please email [cockfosterscs@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:cockfosterscs@rcdow.org.uk) (or phone the parish office). Suggested donation: £30/ Concessions £20/ Lunch is provided.



### ART EXHIBITION

**Saturday 11 May 2 – 3pm**

Please come along to the **small hall** and view the art work painted by two of our parishioners. You may wish to buy a painting. Some of the proceeds will be donated to the church. Refreshments will be available.



### VITA ET PAX PREPARATORY SCHOOL

A Nursery & Prep school like no other...Join Us for the **Open Day** on **Saturday 11 May 2024**.

Explore Vita et Pax's nurturing environment and discover a world of possibilities.



### SUNDAY READINGS – YEAR B

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OF EASTER**

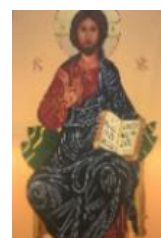
Acts 10:25-26

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Ps. 97

1 Jn. 4:7-10

Jn 15:9-17



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Acts 1:1-11

Ps. 46

Eph 4:1-13

Mk 15:15-20

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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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