

Parish of Christ the King



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MASS INTENTIONS 8th to 16th August 2020

Sat 8th St Dominic, Priest - Memorial Rose Donaghy (RIP) 12 noon Lithuanian First Holy Communion

Sun 9th NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Pro Populo Europe (Int.) 8.30am & 1pm Latin Masses

Mon 10th St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr - Feast Christian/Jewish Relations (Int.)

Tue 11th St Clare, Virgin - Memorial Rajendra Hutton (Int.)

Wed 12th St Jane Frances de Chantal – Memorial Josiah & Ellie, Congratulations (Int.)

Thu 13th SS Pontianus, Pope & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs - Memorial Ethan (Int.)

Fri 14th St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest & Martyr - Memorial Persecuted Christians (Int.)

Sat 15th Assumption of the BVM - Solemnity Cadets of Our Lady (Int.) 6pm & 7.30pm Latin Masses

Sun 16th TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (In England & Wales: Assumption) Francis Ngwa Mboni (RIP) 8.30am & 1pm Latin Masses

To keep the church open for Mass and Private Prayer we need your help, for cleaning and to act as stewards. Call Katherine on 07985 214854 for further information.

Dear Parishioners The disciples were out in their boat fighting bad weather at sea. Our Lord Jesus appeared to them, walking over the waves, but they did not recognise Him.



Indeed they thought He was a ghost and they were terrified. He called them to have courage and not to fear.

Peter summoned up his courage and started to walk to Jesus over the water but, feeling the force of the wind, his original fear returned and he began to sink. Jesus had called Peter to 'Come', just as He calls us to come to Him with all our fears, troubles and sins. Let us learn from Peter's mistake. Cast away our fears during this pandemic and learn to trust completely in Jesus's love and care, placing ourselves entirely under His control.

God bless – Father Patrick

ENGLISH MASS 10:30am SUNDAY 6th SEPT

If you have not registered your interest to attend this Mass and would like to, please drop us an email ctkchurchbed@yahoo.co.uk or phone the parish number 01234-267714 by the 12th August.

We are trying to gauge how many people want to attend English Masses at the church again at this time.

Some parishioners have voiced concerns that they don't like the idea of a booking system, others that social distancing may not be maintained. We have Guidance for the Celebration of Mass from the Bishop which we will be adhering to.

If we maintain the suggested 2m social distancing outlined in the Bishop's guidance we can only use 16 pews therefore the number who can attend Mass at any one time is limited.

There are many variables to consider such as. 2 single people not from the same social bubble take up 1 pew.

A family of up to 6 or up to 6 people from the same social bubble take up 1 pew

1 person and a couple not from the same bubble take up 1 pew. (With 2 couples not from the same bubble you cannot maintain 2m between the two couples in a pew.)

We need to leave the pew end seats empty to maintain a 2m distance with the aisles.

DONATE TO YOUR PARISH ON 'GIVING TUESDAY'

If you wish to make your weekly offering to Christ the King Parish you can now do this by phone every Tuesday between 10am and 4pm. Just dial 01604 712065 and have your debit or credit card ready. If engaged you can either ring back a little later or leave your contact details on the answer machine and the diocesan staff will get back to you.

PARISH ZOOM ROSARY GROUP

The parish has an online Zoom Rosary on Sundays at 6.30pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4pm. If you would like to participate email Katherine at Katie.peddie@gmail.com

PARISH WHATSAPP 'COFFEE BREAK' GROUP

The parish also has a daily from 2pm - 2.30pm If you would like to participate email Katherine at Katie.peddie@gmail.com

VIRTUAL CHILDREN'S LITURGY LINK

Prayers and resources for children's liturgy catechists and for families who aren't able to attend church in person at the moment.

https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/ CHILDREN'S LITURGY

After discussion with Fr Patrick, these will be reintroduced gradually, taking into account that numbers attending the 10.30 Mass will be restricted for the foreseeable future, as well as the need for social distancing. Please be patient and look out for updates on this newsletter.

To recap about First Holy Communion, those children who were due to receive this Sacrament in May and June, will do so on the corresponding Sundays in 2021. This year, because of the exceptional circumstances, we will be running a new class for a maximum of 20 children.

They will need to be going into Year 3 or higher this year and will need to be members of the parish who are prepared to commit to weekly Mass attendance and weekly term-time classes here. It is not possible to give starting dates yet, but you can register initial interest by contacting Barbara Kay on mbky3@outlook.com.

THE LEGION OF MARY



Legion of Mary will remain active and will be assisting the parish priest as directed in the coming weeks. Please contact Chris on 07962 426572 if you wish to contact the Legion of Mary.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SICK IN THE PARISH AND ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL ESPECIALLY WITH THE CORONAVIRUS

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Dear Jesus, divine physician and healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. Oh dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. Amen



WEEKLY OFFERING

To make your weekly offering: You can make the offering via https://northamptondiocese.org/donate/ Ensure you put 'CTK Bedford' in the remarks so the diocese know to forward the offering to our parish.

CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE 21ST - 28TH AUGUST 2020

For all of us who love Lourdes our pilgrimage is a very personal and spiritual experience. This year, as we cannot run our pilgrimage in its usual form, the Catholic Association is collaborating with the Stonyhurst Association, to create an online 'Virtual Pilgrimage', in which we can be prayerfully united with each other, including it is hoped many of our 'assisted pilgrims', during the week when we would normally be at Lourdes. As the details take shape, further information will be posted at

https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/virtual-pilgrimage-2020

and at https://association.stonyhurst.acuk/the-lourdes-pilgrimage/virtual-lourdes-2020/

PRIVATE PRAYER AT THE CHURCH with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament SUNDAYS from 10am to 12 noon WEDNESDAYS from 10am to 12 noon FRIDAYS from 5pm to 7pm