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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2022

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 20 NOVEMBER 2022 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (C) Parish Mass Book page 167

8.00am Kate Ward RIP (*Frank McCluskey*)
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00am For the People of the Parish
6.00pm Holy Souls

Monday 21st The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass: *David Enfield (Manche Family)*

Tuesday 22nd NO MASS TODAY

Wed 23rd Feria

9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass: *Martin Farrell – Wellbeing*

Thurs 24th St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions

9.00 am Rosary
9.30am Mass: *Holy Souls*

Friday 25th Feria

9.00 am Rosary
9.30am Mass: *Frank Lenihan RIP (B & M Clune)*

Sat 26th Feria

9.00 am Rosary
9.30am Foundation Mass: *Monica Theresa Munnery*
12.00 noon BAPTISM – *Isabella Oliveira*

Sunday 27 NOVEMBER FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

8.00am Patrick Brownrigg RIP (*Brownrigg Family*)
10.00am For the People of the Parish
6.00pm Beverley Uy RIP (*Aurea*)

Last Week's Offertory

£ 619.63 (of which £ 364.90 is Gift Aided)

Archbishop's Appeal

£ 365.45 (of which £ 200.85 is Gift Aided)

Today there will be a retiring collection for the Catholic Youth Services

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*Tea and coffee are served every Sunday in the hall after 10am Mass. All welcome.*

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The Parish Office is normally open on Mon, Wed and Fri from 10am until 12noon. All Parish Hall bookings should be made during these times.

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***If you would like Mass to be offered please write clearly and complete a brown Mass Intention Envelope. For Anniversary Masses, with a particular date, please give at least eight weeks' notice to avoid disappointment.***

**Kingston Hospital** If you are admitted to Kingston Hospital, it is your responsibility to inform the ward staff if you would like to see the Catholic Chaplain. If you are calling on behalf of a patient in the Hospital please call the Hospital Main Switchboard on 020 8546 7711 who will contact the Chaplain.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sundays 9.15am-9.45am, Saturdays 10.15am-10.45am, after every weekday Mass and by appointment by ringing or e-mailing Fr Peter – contact details at top of this page.

Readers 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 8am: Valentino F

10am: Alex D

6pm: Paul J

Readers 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 8am: Mark M

10am: Pauline H

6pm: Kristin W

Counters 20<sup>th</sup> Nov Karen and Una

Cleaners w/c 21<sup>st</sup> Nov

Jozwicki Group

Counters 27<sup>th</sup> Nov Vera and Valentino

Cleaners w/c 28<sup>th</sup> Nov

Sarah Tuffey

## REFLECTION – CHRIST THE SERVANT KING SHEPHERDS US IN TRUTH AND LOVE

Who is Christ for us? Surely he is the God who humbled himself to become one of us, to die for our sins, who calls us "friends" and shares our sufferings and joys, who heals us with his intense love and his divine truth, who weeps for us as he wept for his friend Lazarus, who shares meals with us and our families, who gives us his very body and blood to sustain us and enable each one of us individually to enjoy a deeply personal relationship with him in the Holy Eucharist. Why on earth then does Christ need to be given the title King of the Universe? He is God after all, far greater than any king on earth. As St Paul reminds us, "He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation" (Colossians 1:12-20). And that's the whole point. He is truly the King of the Universe, the source of all power on earth, who nonetheless humbles himself to serve us in order to shepherd us into his Kingdom. In Christ, love and truth come together as in no other king and in no other kingdom. He himself tells Pontius Pilate (John 18:37): "Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice." When we encounter Jesus in the Gospels and through the Holy Spirit, we see that he stands for truth – the objective truth of our existence – and that he stands for love, love of the Father and love of one another. Uniquely, truth and love cannot be separated in Christ's kingship. Nor can they be separated in our Christian lives. When we understand this and put it into practice, we find ourselves in the Kingdom of God. When we face our sins and shortcomings in truth, like the thief on the cross, we too can say to Jesus as he shares our suffering in love, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom," confident that we will be with him in paradise (Luke 23:35-43).

Thought for the week

Where there is truth in our Christian lives there will be love, and when we love, truth will triumph

## FERVENT DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Fr Peter writes - The time is approaching when we need to think carefully about how we organise ourselves to promote the Word of God across our parish as fervent disciples of Christ. Everyone has a part to play, whether it is praying, helping at Mass in many different ways, accompanying the sick and dying, organising events, fund-raising, looking after the parish buildings as good stewards, socialising and generally having fun being together and seeing our lovely parish flourish. A huge amount is already being done. It is not simply a question of fund-raising, because everything we do is about spreading the Gospel of Christ. But clearly restoring the heating in the church and hall has depleted our reserves, and there are more necessary projects in the pipeline. We need to discuss establishing some parish teams and to run them in such a way that the burden does not fall too much on any one individual. I shall be watching carefully to make sure that does not happen. I will therefore write to you about what needs to be done and how we might work together in teams as loving and fervent disciples of our dear Lord Jesus Christ. We will have another meeting.

## CHURCH AND HALL HEATING

We hope you find the church heating acceptable and comfortable. We thank God. The work to replace the boilers and convector units in the Hall is progressing well and heating should be restored in the next few days.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Application forms for Confirmation are still available in the church porch and on the parish website. The programme is suitable for young people between the ages of 14 and 18. Those interested please approach me. The course will start in January with the Confirmation ceremony in October 2023.

## ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL – THANK YOU!

Thank you all so much for your generosity in responding to the Archbishop's appeal for donations towards several vital projects for evangelisation, vocations, encouragement of young people, care of the clergy and charity work in our Archdiocese. You donated £365.45 of which £200.85 is gift aided. That's great.

## DAY OF HEALING

THE ALL NATIONS CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC GROUP (ANCCG) would like to invite you and your parishioners for 'Day of Healing' on Saturday 26 November taking place at Our Lady of Annunciation, Addiscombe, Croydon from 10am to 4pm. The theme for the day is '**Heal me O Lord**'. The programme will start with the Eucharistic Celebration, followed by word of God, Holy wounds novena, rosary, healing prayer, adoration, confession and praise and Worship.

## SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE (SCYS)

Please bear with us as we ask you again, hot on the heels of the Archbishop's Appeal, to support a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection today for this worthy organization in our Archdiocese. This is an **annual collection** and is aimed at nurturing young people 'post confirmation' who aspire to develop and own their faith more. SCYS is committed to the spiritual and holistic growth of each young person and is designed to encourage growth in faith, knowledge, leadership skills and personal development.

Please see [www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/southwark-catholic-youth-service/about-scys/](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/southwark-catholic-youth-service/about-scys/)

## CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Christmas Carol Concert on Saturday 10 December at 3 pm at the Methodist Church, Chessington by Hook Singers. Admission Free + refreshments and raffle. Retiring Collection in aid of the **Fircroft Trust**. Contact Ruth MacKinlay 07743 234508 or Cecilia 07388 423090

## WORLD YOUTH DAY, LISBON – DON'T DELAY YOUR BOOKING - 31 JULY TO 7 AUGUST 2023

The Archdiocese of Southwark is taking a group of young people (aged 18-35) to World Youth Day (WYD) in Lisbon from 31 July to 7 August 2023. Bookings are now open; the price is £1,295, which includes flights, 3 star accommodation (shared room), transfers, WYD registration fee & meal vouchers. If you are between 18-35, you are welcome to book by clicking on this link: <https://bit.ly/WYDSouthwark> - For further information, please email [youth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcaos.org.uk)

**PLEASE PRAY for the Sick especially** *Cindy Albright, Patrick Beglane, Tyler Curniffe, Delia Gallagher, Marie Gilbert & Family, Martin Jackson, Steve Jackson, Paul Jarvis, David Jordan, Solomon Justin, Georgia Kelly, Paul Kwan, Teresa McDonald, Sally McKenna, Jimmy Murphy, Pauline Murphy, Ryan O'Loughlin, Mark Peace, Jean Penycate, Kathy Richardson, Debbie Ruberg-Smith, Chloe Sheead, Mary Sheehan, Anne Srivastava, Coby Thomas and Amy Woodgate Residential Home residents.*

## OUR LADY IMMACULATE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY FOR ADMISSION IN 2023

You are invited to visit the school as prospective parents for admission in September 2023. The school offers tours of the school and an opportunity to meet the Head on Friday 25 November at 9.15am. Parents of boys: please note that the school feeds into Richard Challoner Catholic Secondary School. To book a place, please go to: [www.oli.kingston.sch.uk/admissions](http://www.oli.kingston.sch.uk/admissions). Also note school email: [admin@oli.rbksch.org](mailto:admin@oli.rbksch.org)

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our Lady Immaculate School's Christmas Bazaar is taking place from 12noon to 3pm on Saturday 26th November on the school grounds. There will be lots of fun for all the family - carol singing, mulled wine, delicious food, tombolas, games and the ever popular Wheel of Fortune! Entry is £1 for adults and children are free. Everyone is welcome.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- 25 November** – Our Lady Immaculate School Open Day, 9.15 am.
- 26 November** – Day of Healing, Addiscombe, Croydon from 10 am to 4 pm.
- 26 November** – Christmas Bazaar, Our Lady Immaculate school, 12 noon to 3 pm.
- 27 November** – First Sunday of Advent.
- 10 December** – Christmas Carols at Methodist Church, 3 pm in aid of the Fircroft Trust for mental health – see above.

## RECOMMENDED BOOKS

### Keeping our faith alive & helping our children

*The Ignatius Catholic Study Bible: The New Testament, with Introduction, Commentary and Notes by Scott Hahn and Curtis Mitch. Ignatius Press, San Francisco, 2010.*

This uses the most faithful translation of the Bible: the Revised Standard Version (Second Catholic Edition). Hahn and Mitch are renowned Catholic Scripture experts.