

The Catholic Parish Christ the King & St Joachim

'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God.'

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Dear Friends,

These are the words of Peter to Jesus' question; "But who do you say that I am?"

Our Lord goes on the say that this wasn't revealed to him on his own or by others opinion but revealed to him by, "my Father who is in heaven".

There is an inescapable sense for both Peter and Paul, the two greatest apostle of the Church, that God has called them. He not only called them but also equipped them for their task ahead.

The power and grace of God at work in them is revealed clearly in their transformation. Peter, who before Pentecost, seemed to only open his mouth to change feet and when confronted at Jesus' trial denied knowing him. Paul on the other hand, zealous for the law of God, breathed threats on the Church and worked for its destruction. He had to hear those terrible words, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

Both were called and transformed in the Spirit of God to become the greatest pillars of the Church; the rock upon which the Church would be build and in Paul its greatest missionary mastermind.

It's a bit of a stereotype but the See of Peter and those who hold his office are to defend the faith and eternal truths revealed by Christ through the Spirit to the Church. Paul symbolises the evangelical zeal and vocation of all the baptised in proclaiming the gospel of Christ in each generation.

There is a obvious connection between what we believe and what we proclaim. Unless we know what the Church teaches and what we are called to believe we will not know what actual gospel we are meant to proclaim. There is something very wrong if the 'Congregation of the Faith' and the 'Congregation on Evangelism', at the Vatican, were somehow completing and hindering each other.

Our somewhat faltering attempts at evangelisation may well be because we are not always very clear about what we or the Church itself believes.

Our mission would continue to be hampered by our lack of knowledge and conversion to the faith. Against a very vocal secularism we might find ourselves befuddled and at a loss for words. Yet our Gospel speaks of eternal truths that are relevant to every human being across every generation. It is a faith that proclaims "Christ, yesterday, today and forever. That he is our Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end. That in him alone do we find our ultimate meaning and hope even when trials and tribulations come.

Who do you say he is? Is a fundamental question, the answer of which will shape how we live our lives and proclaim our faith.

Every blessing Fr Neil

CELEBRATIONS OF PUBLIC MASSES WILL BE PERMISSIBLE FROM THE WEEKEND OF 4/5TH JULY.

Mass will be celebrated publicly and those present, and are in a state of grace, will be able to receive our Lord in the blessed sacrament.

There are strict regulations around how we celebrate and receive while keeping people as safe as possible.

1) those shielding must remain at home in lockdown.

2) Social distancing of 2 metre will be maintained.

3) There will be seating for just over 40 people at CTK and 30 at St Joachim's.

Once we have reached the permissible number we will have to shut the church doors and not allow anyone else in.

4) You will be able to receive our Lord in one kind only.

5) There will be no singing of hymns.

6) There needs to be a communion rail of sorts to help keep distance between the faithful and the minister of communion.

7) At the end of mass all will be encourage to leave promptly.

8) The church will need to be cleaned after every mass - volunteers please.

9) There will be no offertory procession or collection. The collection will be put into a basket at the back of the church.

10) Extra masses at the weekend will be

provided. The dispensation from the Sunday mass obligation is still in place. Can I suggest that those who can make midweek mass be mindful of those who work or have children at school who might only be able to make a weekend mass.

11) we will try to arrange some seating for couples and families. If you see a group of chairs together please don't sit on any of them if you are on your own.

This situation isn't perfect and we have to do the best we can with the limiting restrictions in place. Below are the mass times that we are planning to put on.

Mondays	10am
Tuesdays	7.30am (Latin)
Wednesdays	10am (St Joachim's)
Thursdays	7pm
Fridays	12noon after mass adoration till 5pm
Saturdays CTK	adoration 9-11am
Saturdays CTK.	5pm
Sundays, CTK	9.30am & 11.30am
Sundays, St Jo's	9.30am & 11.30am

Toilets: there will limited access to a single toilet in each church as the toilet will have to be cleaned after each use. The kitchens will not be open or refreshments given until notified otherwise.

Garden Visits

Under new regulations you can know have a visitor come and sit in the garden or park with you while staying 2 Metres apart. If you'd like a garden visit from one of the priests, then please let us know. Fr Neil

Live streaming of Mass in the Parish

Will continue but in a reduced form. The new times for streamed mass will be;
Monday 10am (Ordinate FB page)
Wednesday 10am (parish FB Page)
Friday. 10am (Parish FB Page)
Saturday. 4pm (Parish FB Page)

Gift Aid Envelopes at CTK: David Cockett will be handing them out to the individuals that use them rather than leaving them at the back of the church.

Zoom parish prayer meeting:

We will continue to have our Fridays evening prayer meeting at 7.00pm.

Meeting ID: 343 302 3105
Password: 340767

it is possible now to join by phone:
Dial from landline:
0203 481 5240 United Kingdom

We pray for : Chris Gimmons, Don Wilkins, Mary Bateman, Thelma Kemp, Stuart McCarthy, Sheila Douds, Helena Sagnelia, Peter and Pauline Sollis, Frankie Farrell, Daisy Kelly, Sue & Mick O'Driscoll, Eddie Burke, Rene Cook, Gill Cooke, Jan Blake, Sandra McMeekin, David Dwyer, Eileen Kehoe, Diana Smith, Pat Raper, Colleen Stock, Sr Mary Keiley, Charles El Mawas, Jane Hollands, Kirina Blaty, Moira Morrison, & Rose Swift.

For the deceased -who have died recently: Terry North, and for all our deceased relatives & friends.

There are two computer base units available which will have Windows 10 installed on them and one will also have a printer. You will need a screen to connect it to. Please let me know if you are interested. Fr Neil

Sunday 28 June 2020

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Readings at Mass

Collect

O God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul give us the noble and holy joy of this day, grant, we pray, that your Church may in all things follow the teaching of those through whom she received the beginnings of right religion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First reading Acts 12:1-11

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly. On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped

Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 33(34):2-9

From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its
boast. The humble shall hear and be
glad. **R**

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **R**

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called, the Lord heard
him and rescued him from all his
distress. **R**

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to
rescue them. Taste and see that the
Lord is good. He is happy who seeks
refuge in him. **R**

Second reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18

My life is already being poured away as
a libation, and the time has come for
me to be gone. I have fought the good
fight to the end; I have run the race to
the finish; I have kept the faith; all there
is to come now is the crown of
righteousness reserved for me, which
the Lord, the righteous judge, will give
to me on that Day; and not only to me
but to all those who have longed for his
Appearing.
The Lord stood by me and gave me
power, so that through me the whole

message might be proclaimed for all the
pagans to hear; and so I was *rescued
from the lion's mouth*. The Lord will
rescue me from all evil attempts on me,
and bring me safely to his heavenly
kingdom. To him be glory for ever and
ever. Amen.

Gospel Matthew 16:13-19

When Jesus came to the region of
Caesarea Philippi he put this question
to his disciples, 'Who do people say the
Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some
say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah,
and others Jeremiah or one of the
prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do
you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke
up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the
Son of the living God.' Jesus replied,
'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy
man! Because it was not flesh and
blood that revealed this to you but my
Father in heaven. So I now say to you:
You are Peter and on this rock I will
build my Church. And the gates of the
underworld can never hold out against
it. I will give you the keys of the
kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind
on earth shall be considered bound in
heaven; whatever you loose on earth
shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

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