

# The Catholic Parish Christ the King & St Joachim

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Dear Friends,

Now that more people are returning to the public mass, it seems an appropriate time to explain the reordering that has taken place at Christ the King.

There have been a number of significant changes in the reordering of the church. People will react to these in different ways. Some have genuinely express how much they like the changes and how it has improved the atmosphere in aiding prayer.

However, there are undoubtedly others who at a time of uncertainty find any change unhelpful and wonder why did things have to change. Priests past and present are often accused of just making changes that they want without much consultation.

I certainly had in mind some changes that I thought would enhance the worship of the people of God and had tentatively spoken about them at the finance meetings. I did not however, expect the changes to take shape as quickly as they did with little or no chance of informing the community.

As many of you know Holy Rood had been on the market ever since it was closed down as a place of worship. The diocese were handling the sale of the property. For one reason or another all offers kept falling through. Some items from Holy Rood had been moved out of the building but there was still a number of items left there waiting to be dealt with.

You might imagine my surprise when I got an email from the diocese telling me that the building was sold and I had 10 days to clear out the rest of the items from Holy Rood. Those items included two altars, altar rails, a font as well as a number of other smaller items.

Although I had thought about how we at Christ the King might house items from Holy Rood, I had imagined that I might have been given more time. 10 days hardly allowed for reflection or discuss with the community about how we might best honour the memory of Holy Rood and not let it be lost to memory.

Such holy items like altars and fonts are not to be just dumped at the nearest tip. I had 10 days, in fact it took a

fortnight, to organise builders and those who could move such things as stone altars and font. Here the diocese was helpful in finding a removal firm willing to move these very heavy items. This was all taking place just as we were entering into lockdown.

The task was, with very little time, to reorder in a manner that enabled CTK to give a home and fitting memory to Holy Rood in a way that made it fit in naturally with the building and worship space.

The repository area was reorganised so that we could create a Holy Rood chapel. The repository was rehoused, reorganised, which took hours and hours, with the addition of a display cabinet.

For the stone font we had to cut the floor and concrete up from the ground underneath to support its weight. The font design fits well at CTK and its nice to have such a solid and secure place for baptisms.

The second altar was again supported up from the ground beneath to make a high altar to house the tabernacle. Both altars have a hard wood sanctuary step around.

The Holy Rood crucifix needed cracks filled and repainting before placing it above the tabernacle on the east wall. It is both beautiful and fitting.

The altar rails leave enough open space not to close off the sanctuary but are enough to mark out the sanctuary area as a whole.

I am sorry if the reordering has come as a shock to some but these changes had to be organised with very little notice. My hands were tied as I couldn't allow the sacred things and memory of Holy Rood to just disappear.

There is still a number of unfinished things to do. The original, 8 foot by 7 foot, painting of the last supper is stored and waiting a new place to be put up. The painting seems to divide opinion sharply. A picture of the painting is on the website and I intend to write about what I believe the artist

was thinking by painting in the style and manner that he did.

The Christ the King figure that was behind the main altar will go back to its original position on the central post.

Finally the canopy, now inside the entrance, is to be placed over the high/main altar in the sanctuary.

Every blessing, Fr. Neil

## Children's online activities

With the school holidays now taking over from the school lockdown, things may be getting a little challenging in terms of things to keep the youngsters engaged and having fun. So perhaps it's time for sharing some ideas in the cause of parental solidarity .

There are three fantastic packs from Aseel who works in youth ministry in the Guildford Parish which have got loads of activity ideas along with many ways of bringing faith into the summer holidays.

The final site cpg is full of videos, activities and faith. A great resource an a great piece of work from Guildford , I hope you find this useful.

The summer pack for school years 3-6 here: [https://www.cpg.church/uploads/3/0/7/1/30716689/fearless\\_summer\\_activity\\_pack.pdf](https://www.cpg.church/uploads/3/0/7/1/30716689/fearless_summer_activity_pack.pdf)

The summer pack for school years 7-9 here: [https://www.cpg.church/uploads/3/0/7/1/30716689/fusion\\_summer\\_activity\\_pack.pdf](https://www.cpg.church/uploads/3/0/7/1/30716689/fusion_summer_activity_pack.pdf)

The family pack here: <https://www.cpg.church/family.html>

## CELEBRATIONS OF PUBLIC MASSES IS NOW PERMISSIBLE

There are strict regulations around how we celebrate and receive while keeping people as safe as possible. There is little or no singing, we are able to receive in one kind only, those who receive on the tongue please wait till others have come forward, masks are optional and there is no offertory but a retiring collection. 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.

Mon	10am
Tues	7.30am (Latin)
Wed	10am (St Joachim's)
Thur	6pm for adoration mass at 7pm
Fri	12noon after mass adoration till 5pm
Sat CTK	adoration 9-11am
Sat CTK	11am & 5pm
Sun, CTK	9.30am & 11.30am
Sun, St Jo's	9.30am

Sun St Agnes 4pm

Toilets: there will be 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.

**The Sunday 11.30 at CTK in near capacity. Can I encourage people to attend the 9.30am at CTK where there is still plenty of space.**

**Mass Intentions:**

1st Sat 5pm - Fr Chris Bergin  
9.30 St Jo's - People of the parish  
9.30 CTK - Sheila Douds RIP  
Sun CTK 11.30 - Thanksgiving & Praise  
Monday 10am - Patrick Croucher RIP  
Friday 12noon - John Nolan  
(B.Chandler)  
8th Aug Sat 5pm - Patrick Croucher RIP

**Live streaming of Mass in the Parish**

The times for streamed masses are;  
Monday 10am (Ordinariate FB page)  
Wednesday 10am (parish FB Page)  
Friday 10am (Parish FB Page)  
Sunday 9.30am (Parish FB Page)

**Gift Aid Envelopes at CTK:** David Cockett will be handing these 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:  
[0203 481 5240](#) United Kingdom

**We pray for:** John Connolly, Chris Gimmons, Don Wilkins, Mary Bateman, Thelma Kemp, Stuart McCarthy, Helena Sagnelia, 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.

**For the deceased** -who have died recently: Sheila Douds, Peter Sollis and Sidonia Camacho and for all our deceased relatives & friends.

## Sunday 2 August 2020

**Eighth Sunday after Trinity** ■

### Readings at Mass

**Collect**

Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,  
that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide,  
you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored.  
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 Isaiah 55:1-3**

Thus says the Lord:  
Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;  
though you have no money, come!  
Buy corn without money, and eat,  
and, at no cost, wine and milk.  
Why spend money on what is not bread,  
your wages on what fails to satisfy?  
Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat  
and rich food to enjoy.  
Pay attention, come to me;  
listen, and your soul will live.  
With you I will make an everlasting covenant  
out of the favours promised to David.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 144(145):8-9,15-18**

*You open wide your hand, O Lord; you grant our desires.*

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures.  
**R**

The eyes of all creatures look to you  
and you give them their food in due time.  
You open wide your hand,  
grant the desires of all who live.**R**

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts.  
**R**

**Second reading. Romans 8:35,37-39**

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Gospel Matthew 14:13-21**

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining; twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

**Prayer after Communion**

Accompany with constant protection, O Lord, those you renew with these heavenly gifts and, in your never-failing care for them, make them worthy of eternal redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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