

The Catholic Parish Christ the King & St Joachim

19th Sunday in Ordinary
Time; 8/9th August 2020

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Dear Friends,

The bishops, following the government's legislation, have confirmed the mandatory use of face covering in places of worship. The church will not be able provide masks for everyone so each person will be responsible for providing their own. An implication of this legislation will be that chairs will be moved closer together, 1 Metre apart, for most of the church.

However, there will be those who cannot wear a face covering, the reasons may not be obvious. Those who fall into this category do not have to explain why, that is their business not anyone else's. They are not to be the target of other people's anxiety or be accused of being selfish. Some seating will be left at a 2 metre distance for those who cannot wear anything over their faces.

This is a difficult time for everyone and as a church it is incumbent on all of us to treat each other with love and respect.

There will be alterations to mass times over the next month as both clergy are taking some time off.

There will be no online mass for:
Friday 14th,
Sunday 16th,
Wednesday 19th or
Friday 21st.
We will then review our online activities.

The 9.30am public mass at CTK will cease for the next 4 weeks from Sunday 16th. This may be reinstated if numbers prove difficult to manage. At the moment with seating being moved closer together, for those wearing face masks, we should have enough capacity at the 11.30am Sunday mass for those wishing to attend.

Can I remind people that those who wish to receive in the hand must come up first?

Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Our Lord having come across the water to the disciples as they battled the head

wind takes hold of Peter's hand as he starts to sink. This is a timely passage from the Gospel at this moment in the time of the Church. Are we, like Peter, able to see in the Lord the means to overcome the storms that we face?

The answer is yes, but only if we keep our eyes on the Lord himself rather than obsess over the details of the storms otherwise we risk being overwhelmed. We see in this passage the need for faith that our Lord Jesus is great than anything in heaven or earth that may threaten us.

Entering more deeply into the silence of prayer, where we commune with God, enables us to keep our eyes fixed on him. There will be many distraction thrown in our way that seek to destabilise us and draw us away from the path of life. However, our Lord has overcome the world and gives a peace that the world cannot.

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

The summer pack for school years 7-9 here: 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. There is no offertory but a retiring collection. 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 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.

Mass Intentions:

8th August Sat 5pm - Patrick Croucher RIP
9.30 St Jo's -
9.30 CTK -
Sun CTK 11.30 - Lebanese disaster
Monday 10am - Patrick Croucher RIP
15th Aug Sat 5pm - Valeria

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 theses out to the individuals that use them rather than leaving them at the back of the church.

The Friday Zoom parish prayer meeting is taking a summer break and will be back at the beginning of September.

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.

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Readings at Mass

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
whom, taught by the Holy Spirit,
we dare to call our Father,
bring, we pray, to perfection in our
hearts
the spirit of adoption as your sons and
daughters,
that we may merit to enter into the
inheritance
which you have promised.
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 1 Kings 19:9,11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 84(85):9-14

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth

and justice look down from
heaven.

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

Second reading Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he
came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and
the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the
prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection
of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

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