

The Catholic Parish Christ the King & St Joachim

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**“Avoid getting into debt
except the debt of
mutual love.”**

Dear Friends,

Our Lord, gives the Apostles the authority to bind or loose that which will have eternal consequence. Paul reflecting on the role of an apostle states: “This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.” (1Cor 4: 1-2) As stewards of the mysteries of God there is the obligation to seek the will of God in all matters so that they do not act on their own whim but in accordance with the will of God, revealed through the Holy Spirit. The saint’s were especially able to unite their own will to that of the Lord Jesus and with Paul were able to say: “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me..” (Galatians 2:20)

Another obligation of a steward is to be a guardian of the mysteries that they have been entrusted with. This may well mean defending the mysteries from those who might seek to corrupt, distort or exploit it for their own ends. “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17) The Pope and bishops, as the apostles successors, have a particular role to play in teaching, clarifying and defending the revealed mysteries of God. They will be held to greater account than others in their ability to be proven trustworthy servants in echoing and defending the faith they have received.

To echo the faith is to be a faithful steward who passes on to others that which he has received. The mission of evangelisation is as urgent today as it was at the time of the apostles. Proclaiming and teaching the faith by word and deed is a part of the obligation of a steward who has been given such mysteries. It may require the steward to be rejected, misunderstood, ridiculed and even martyred, yet it is fundamental to the office and not a optional extra.

The authority of the apostles to be stewards that proclaim, defend, correct and bind or loose is to have access to extraordinary power. This extraordinary power can only ever be exercised in a wholesome manner if the stewards of these mysteries remember that they are a servants. As servants they are to imitate Christ in his self-giving sacrificial love. Without the grace of divine charity the steward is no longer a shepherd but becomes a wolf in sheep’s clothing and a power hungry selfish dictator.

Humility, truth and above all love are the only means by which we can exercise an office which has authority over others. Our proclamation, teaching, correcting and defending of the faith is essential but must be motivated by love. Without love we will become unbearable monstrous dictators, reflecting the darkness of hell rather than the light of heaven. Let us, as St Paul says: “Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbour has fulfilled the law.” (Romans 13: 8) Not only will we fulfil the law but unite our heart’s to the sacred heart of Jesus.

We are all in one manner or another stewards of the mysteries of God and therefore have a responsibility to be faithful to the gospel. Let the love of God enfold us, move us and enthuse us in walking the way of Christ.

Every blessing Fr Neil

CLASSICAL PIANO LESSONS @CTK

Tuition for those just beginning on their musical journey, or the improvers looking to hone their skills, rusty fingers welcome too!

Music study brings joy, teaches discipline, creative thinking, the value of hard work in achieving a goal.

“It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.” Psalm 92:1-3

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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)
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	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.

Trinity Players - The Movie!

Instead of the pantomime, this year we propose to create a movie in the form of a quest. Can you sing, play an instrument, dance, juggle, rap, tell jokes, do gymnastics, operate a camera / microphone? We need your talent to create this show, which we plan to record outdoors on Sunday afternoons during the autumn term. Planning will be co-ordinated via Zoom, but if you don’t do Zoom we can still include you! Contact Julia and Chris by email at archaeologyplus@btconnect.com or phone [01323 507712](tel:01323507712).

Mass Intentions:

5th Sept 5pm - Mary Nolan RIP
6th Sept 9.30 - Breda Walsh RIP
6th Sept 11.30 - Angela de la Motte
7th Sept 10 - Peter Williams RIP
8th Sept 7.30am - Glenn
9th Sept 10 - Glenn
10th Sept 7.00pm - Holy Souls
11th Sept 12 noon - Alan Nolan
12th Sept 5pm - Glenn
13th Sept 9.30 - Glenn
13th Sept 11.30 - Anne Robertson

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.

Prayer is to the spirit what breathing is to the body - The Friday Zoom

Parish Prayer meeting will resume on the 4th September at 7pm. Then the prayer will continue every first and last Friday of the month.

Meeting ID 343 302 3105

Password 340767

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: Anne Robertson, Sheila Douds and for all our deceased relatives & friends.

Readings at Mass

Collect

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance.

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.

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R**

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us: for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: *You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet*, and so on, are summed up in this single command: *You must love your neighbour as yourself*. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The word of the Lord

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayer after Communion

Grant that your faithful, O Lord,

whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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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