

The Catholic Parish Christ the King & St Joachim

26th Sunday in Ordinary
Time; 26/27th
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**“In your minds you
must be the same as
Christ Jesus”**

Dear friends,

What an amazing passage from Paul in his epistle to the Philippians. Paul is reflecting upon what Christ underwent through for the sake of our salvation!

It's difficult to imagine how the glory of God was put aside as a act of love for lost humanity. Love that is divine has the capacity to bring into being life, to drive transformation and conversion, to even triumph over death, as demonstrated by our Lord Jesus himself.

The process of 'imitating Christ' in our discipleship requires of us to empty ourselves in an act of humility. Yet that can only truly be achieved if our motivation is love otherwise it becomes an onerous task which we can end up resenting.

The act of surrendering ourselves so that we might be embraced by the love of Christ, uncovers our original dignity. We reveal more clearly the imprint of the image of God after whom we are made.

The way to heavenly glory is made more visible as the love of God is revealed through us. This love reaches out to the lost and broken showing them to way to healing, forgiveness and union with Christ, which is our salvation.

Blessings, 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

First session is free
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We celebrate Michaelmas on Tuesday and our Holy Guardian Angels on Friday: it is a week of angels. Angels are messengers of God. Some have particular tasks in defending and protecting the faithful. The Angels remind us that we live in more than just the material world but are active in the spiritual world as well, that there are principalities and powers that we have to contend with.

The common phrase, 'be an angel' is used when asking someone to do a task or deliver a message for us. It is indicative of our task to be 'angel like' in delivering the message of God's work of salvation in proclaiming the Good News in both word and deed alike.

October is dedicated to the BVM and everyone is encouraged to say an extra Rosaries throughout this month.

The Repository has rosaries for sale and it's not soon to think about Xmas cards.

Health and safety updates

There will be a table at CTK with alcohol gel on it. Please for those receiving in the hand please gel your hands just before receiving our Lord.

The government are changing regulations again. However, at the time of publishing these new regulations have no effect on what we as a church are currently doing. Just to repeat we are not a social gathering but a worshipping community.

Church Newspapers

There are newspapers at the back of each church. They are already paid for. Please do take one home with you and make a donation to the cost if you cannot afford the full price.

Retiring collection

Please remember your offering as you leave the church. Those who give my

standing order or planned giving, than you. It is always a good thing to review our giving to the church. Our giving now enables the church community to be present in years to come. Thank you.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Everything is different this year and we will not be able to put forward our plans for the next year until after the half term break. Please bear with us as we seek the best way forward and complete the disrupted programme for this year's FHC candidates. For those wishing to embark on the journey of faith through FHC and Confirmation should make attendance at mass a priority which reveals a true desire to follow the Lord.

Private tuition for Primary aged children in Maths and English provided by an experienced catholic teacher. DBS provided. Please contact [07481180958](tel:07481180958) to talk about the support that you would like for your child.

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 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.

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.

Mass Intentions:

26th Sept 5pm - Joan Garby
27th Sept 9.30 - G.K. Poulouse RIP
27th Sept 11.30 - Thanksgiving & Praise
28th Sept 10.00 - Anne Robertson
29th Sept 7.30am - Glenn
30th Sept 10.00 - Glenn
1st Oct 7.00pm - Graham & Sharon
wedding Anniversary
2nd Oct 12 noon - Glenn
3rd Oct 5pm - Glenn
4th Oct 9.30 - people of the parish
4th Oct 11.30 - Eileen Doyle RIP

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
you can join by phone by ring:
203 051 2874

We pray for: John Walters, 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, and for all our deceased relatives & friends.

The Mass

Entrance Antiphon

Dn 3: 31, 29, 30, 43, 42

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I
have failed to do,**

And, striking their breast, they say:

**through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;**

**therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-
Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God**

V. Lord, have mercy.
R. **Lord, have mercy.**

V. Christ, have mercy.
R. **Christ, have mercy.**

V. Lord, have mercy.
R. **Lord, have mercy.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good
will.**

**We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great
glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten
Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of
the Father,
have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen**

Readings at Mass

Collect

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy,

bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24(25):4-9

Remember your mercy, Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

Remember your mercy, Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor.

Remember your mercy, Lord.

Second reading

Philippians 2:1-11

Be united in your love

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings in the heavens,
on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of
Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
If anyone loves me he will keep my
word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

**Tax collectors and prostitutes are
entering the kingdom of God before
you**

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they

said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, O merciful God,
that this our offering may find
acceptance with you
and that through it the wellspring of all
blessing
may be laid open before us.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 118: 49-50

Remember your word to your servant,
O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought
low.

Prayer after Communion

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord,
restore us in mind and body,
that we may be coheirs in glory with
Christ,
to whose suffering we are united
whenever we proclaim his Death.
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.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray,
the offerings of your people,
that what they profess with devotion
and faith
may be theirs through these heavenly
mysteries.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 118: 4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be
carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your
statutes.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously raise up, O Lord,
those you renew with this Sacrament,
that we may come to possess your
redemption
both in mystery and in the manner of
our life.
Through Christ our Lord.

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