



# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY & ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



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## THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### King of the Universe

Many saints and Church leaders have seen a connection between Christ's words in the Gospel for the Solemnity of Christ the King and His promise to be present in the Eucharist. For instance, Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta used to say of her work with the destitute: "In Holy Communion we have Christ under the appearance of bread. In our work we find Him under the appearance of flesh and blood. It is the same Christ. 'I was hungry, I was naked, I was sick, I was homeless.'"

St. John Chrysostom, the great patriarch of Eastern Catholicism, said the same thing in the fourth century: "Do you wish to honour the body of Christ? Do not ignore Him when He is naked. Do not pay Him homage in the temple clad in silk only then to neglect Him outside where He suffers cold and nakedness. He who said: 'This is my body' is the same One who said: 'You saw me hungry and you gave me no food', and 'Whatever you did to the least of my brothers you did also to me' . . . What good is it if the Eucharistic table is overloaded with golden chalices, when He is dying of hunger? Start by satisfying His hunger, and then with what is left you may adorn the altar as well."

### BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

**Session 1:** Tuesday, 8th February at 7.30pm

**Session 2:** Tuesday, 13th February 7.30pm If you are interested in joining the baptism course please contact Richard and Marie Miller through the parish office on 01462-893127

### CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME



Confirmation candidates and their parents are invited to the first preparation meeting on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December after the 10.30 am Mass. If you are in year 9, please consider if you wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Parish. Application forms will be available at the back of the church. Subsequent meetings will take place in the New Year on a Saturday evening before mass, for candidates only. Please contact Joanna at: [Joannabowen@me.com](mailto:Joannabowen@me.com)

### ADVENT SERVICES

#### E. H. Crouch Memorial Service

Will be held here at the Holy Trinity Church, there will be a Christmas memorial service for the deceased members of families and friends who have passed away this year. Service is at 7pm Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. All are welcome.

#### Rotary Advent Carol Service

7pm Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

We will be joined by the Salvation Army band, and various primary schools and musicians around the town

### Reconciliation Saturday - 16<sup>th</sup> December - at 10.30am-12.30pm

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available for 2 hours - 10.30am - 12.30pm. Fr. Denis and a visiting priest will be available to hear confessions.

### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass 23<sup>rd</sup> December 6.30pm

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December Morning mass 9.30am

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

#### CHRISTMAS EVE Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December

4.30pm Vigil Mass of Christmas, Family Mass

8.40pm Carols and Readings

9 pm The Mass of the Nativity of the Lord

#### CHRISTMAS DAY Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December

Mass 9.30am Mass

Blessing of the Children's toys during mass

#### St Stephen's Day 26<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday Mass 10am Mass

### SUNDAY HOLY FAMILY MASSES

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December vigil Mass 6.30pm

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 8.30 and 10.30 am Mass

Blessing of the Children's toys at 10.30 mass

#### NEW YEAR'S DAY Mary The Holy Mother of God

Monday 1st January Mass 10am

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**RC HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN:** John O'Neil. Please call the Chaplaincy office at the Lister Hospital Contact Tel: Mobile: 07876 526935 Lister 01438 285518,  
**FOR ALL GENERAL PARISH ENQUIRIES CONTACT:** Parish Office: Tel: 01462 893127

**CHURCH HALL HIRE:** Please contact parish office 01462 893127

**BAPTISM**

**PREPARATION:** For further information please contact the parish office on 01462-893127 .

**RCIA COURSE:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults programme consists of regular weekly meetings; if you would like to find out more please speak directly to Fr. Denis. **ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL** is our Catholic Parish Primary School.

Parish families are welcome to visit and have a tour of the school. Contact the School Office or the Head teacher, Mr Tom Timson 01462 892478 The school website is <http://www.stjohns4.her.ts.sch.uk/index.html>

**NEWSLETTER**

Please submit items for inclusion, preferably by Tuesday evening, by either emailing the parish email address ([baldock@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:baldock@rcdow.org.uk)) or handing them to Fr. Denis. Thank you

**VATICAN NEWS**

Remember that you can keep up with all the latest news from The Vatican at the Official Vatican Network [www.news.va/en](http://www.news.va/en).

Your **SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES** have responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people, and adults at risk. Please Contact: Patricia Cusack & Colette Murphy [Baldocksg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:Baldocksg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk) [Baldocksg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:Baldocksg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)

**CAKE SALE**

A massive thank you to all parishioners who helped make last week's cake sale a fantastic success. We made a whopping £395 which is great news & all proceeds goes back in to parish funds. So thank you all again ♥

**SALE OF WOOD WORKING ITEMS**

The weekend, December 2 & 3mmcm after each of the Masses Bob Emmett will be having a sale of his woodworking items. the money gained from these sales is sent out to the Columban Sisters running hospitals, clinics and hospices across SE Asia & South America. Also supported is Sightsavers, a charity performing eye operations. There is a wide variety of items and you may find something for yourself or a Christmas gift for a friend.

**CHRISTMAS REPOSITORY.**

There will be a good supply of Christmas cards, Advent Calendars, candles and other items on sale here in the church from the weekend 18th/19th November. You will be able to pay cash or by card for any item.

**Feast of Saint Andrew the Apostle,**

Like his brother Simon Peter, Andrew shared a special intimacy with Christ; his name always ranks high on the lists of the Apostles. From the first, Andrew is an evangelist: he sees Christ, and runs to tell his brother. **Andrew is the patron of Greece, Scotland, and Russia.**

**CRAFT & CHAT.** Our next meeting is this coming Friday, December 1st in the Holy Family room, 9.30 to 11am. We welcome any adult crafters who enjoy knitting, sewing, embroidery etc. £2 per session.

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:**



We pray for the sick and housebound in the parish especially; Celia Sheehan, and for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently, and those whose anniversary occurs at this time: Kathleen Fitzgerald; Mary Connolly; George Paterson; Michael Kelly; Anton Adamski; Edith Gore; James Davey; Annette Cordery; John Monaghan; Kenneth Pound; Giuseppe Gelmini; Doris Smale.

Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Charles John Comish
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am 10.30am	Laura Valentine Intention Gargaro Thanksgiving
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	
Thu 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	St Andrew, Apostle of Scotland
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	No mass	Friday and abstinence and fast

Please note that mass intentions as set out above may not always be read out, but the intention is offered.

Holy Hour: Saturday 5.15 - 6.15 pm

Confessions: Saturday 5.45 - 6.15 pm

Or by appointment with Fr. Denis.

Family Mass: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 10.30 am

Fr. Denis is still celebrating the Vigil Mass online at 6.30 pm every Saturday night & Sunday Mass at 10.30am. All are accessible through the Parish Facebook page: **Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Canterbury**. For more information, please go to the Parish website. The Wednesday word is available via: <http://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>

**HELP THE ENVIRONMENT:**

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**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE**

The marriage preparation course will take place on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** starting at 1.30 pm and on the **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** at 3.30pm. This course will be online. For further information please contact Reman McDonagh on [reman.mcdonagh@hotmail.com](mailto:reman.mcdonagh@hotmail.com)

**TEA AND COFFEE (& BISCUITS) AVAILABLE**



**AFTER 10.30 MASS EVERY SUNDAY**