

# CHRIST the KING

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Dear parishioners of Christ the King,

It is a great joy and a great honour for me to join your parish. We do not know each other because I arrived last week and I am still self-isolated in the parish house. For this reason, let me introduce myself quickly. I am a 36 years old French member of the Chemin Neuf Community. Before starting religious life at the age of 24, I studied telecommunication engineering in Paris. For the last three years, I have had the great privilege to study theology at the Gregorian University of Rome, Italy. I was ordained a priest two weeks ago in the town of Ars near Lyon. Therefore, this mission here as assistant priest will be my first assignment and I count on you to make it wonderful!



Starting with a two week quarantine is obviously not a usual way of beginning to minister as a priest. It saved me some time to think though. I would like to share two convictions I have in this beginning of the year. The first one is that, although our country seems to lockdown itself once again and that our future is unsure, our God is still at work! This is not the naive statement of one who cannot face the reality. It rather is the very act of faith that God is asking us to make: in this very situation, where is God? What is he doing for us, for me, for my family and my neighbour? Jesus is not asleep; he is still calling us to change our state of mind and believe that the Kingdom of God is for tax collectors and prostitutes (cf. Mt 21:31).

My second conviction is that the Church, more than ever, should be a support for those who need it. As Christians, each one of us can ask himself, what should I do today to be a support for my neighbour? The Apostle asks us to "have among yourselves the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus." (Phil 2:5) Since God is our great supporter, let us be a support for one another.

Once again this year, our parish will run an Alpha Course. This weekly course will be delivered online via Zoom and it will also be possible for those who wish to attend the session in-person at the parish. Why not turn this apparent constraint into an opportunity? An opportunity for each one of us to be a support for our neighbour: what person, around me, could take advantage of this fantastic initiative? Why not invite this person to attend the Alpha Course online or in-person? Thanks to the internet, we even can expand the boundaries of our parish and invite widely! The Course will start on Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> of October at 8 pm (rooms open at 7:45 pm) and is to end on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December. If there has to be a second lockdown, let us make it a missionary one!

Fr. Jean-Sébastien Laurent, ccn

## ALPHA COURSE

Alpha is a series of 10 interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith.

The programme will be delivered online and in-person, on Thursdays, **from October 8 until December 3**. Sessions start at 8 pm (rooms open at 7:45 pm) and last about one hour.

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Alpha

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Talks + small groups
- Online + in-person  
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### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We congratulate the twenty children who received the Eucharist for the first time the last two weeks. Please continue to pray for them and their families; that they remain strong in their faith, bringing light and joy to our world.



### COCKFOSTERS PRAYER ZOOM

Last Saturday Rev. John Ryeland, head of Christian Healing Mission, inspired us again and prayed so powerfully over the prayer requests. We are not meeting next Saturday, but on the following one - 2.30 pm Sat 3rd October - our speaker will be Charles Whitehead, for many years head of International Catholic Charismatic Renewal at the Vatican, with regular meetings with the Pope and so many stories! Newcomers most welcome, just contact us at peterkrau@aol.com

### PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

Anyone with a request for personal prayer for any physical, spiritual or emotional needs please phone 020 8883 2665 or email contact@iamwithyou.co.uk

### BT CLUB

The BT Club will be celebrating its 3rd Anniversary in October and as we are unable to meet up as a group we shall mark the occasion by celebrating mass on **Thursday 8th October at 11am**. It is hoped that members, volunteers and supporters of the club will be able to attend the mass but if this is not possible you are invited to watch the live streaming or say the following prayer as we all think of each other and give thanks for the people we have met and the friendships we have made over the past three years.



*Dear Lord, Thank you for the people you put in my life. I am grateful for each one. Please bless them, protect them and meet their needs. In Jesus' name I ask these things. Amen.*

Take care and Keep safe. Maria BT Club Co-Ordinator

### PARISH LIVE STREAMING OF MASS & ADORATION

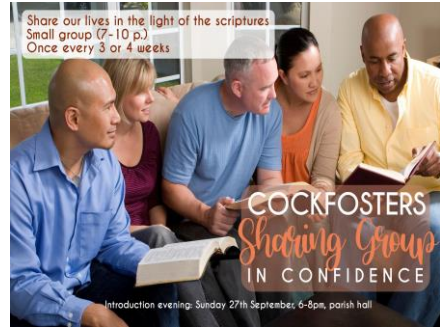
To stay united we will live stream Mass and Adoration

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### COCKFOSTERS SHARING GROUPS

The main point of these small groups is to grow in Faith through personal sharing of scripture and of our lives. This is for everyone: - singles, couples, divorced, elderly, young... - to be part of a small group (7-10 people) meeting once every 3 or 4 weeks in the parish (for the moment), where we can share in confidence about our lives in the light of the scriptures. Our parish wants to provide safe places for everyone who wants them, where we can be ourselves with our fellow Christian brothers and sisters.



The introduction evening will be on zoom on **Sunday the 27th September, 6-8pm**. Please send an email to [cockfosters@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:cockfosters@rcdow.org.uk) to receive the link.

### AN INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN OF THE PARISH

To stay united we will live stream to celebrate the Season of Creation and to show God's love for us, the Our Common Home Team would like to invite all the children in the Parish to draw or write about the beauty of the EARTH with its peoples and its creatures, its stars and its planets, its seas and its plants. Your pictures will be displayed on the Parish Facebook page and the Website and should be sent to the parish by Monday 28th September.

### NORTH ENFIELD FOODBANK

The demands on the foodbank from needy individuals and families is ever increasing. Please continue to be generous with your donations of non-perishable food. **Urgently required:** Tinned fish, tinned meat and long life milk. Cash donations can be left in the parish office. **THANK YOU**

Sunday 27 September	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY year A Masses: 9.00am & 11.00am Readings: Ezekiel 18:25-28. Ps. 24:4-9. Phil. 2:1-11. Mt. 21:28-32.	Thursday 1 October	St Therese of the child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor Mass: 11.00am Readings: Job 19:21-27. Ps. 26:7-9. 13-14. Lk. 10:1-12.
Monday 28 September	Feria Mass: 11.00am Readings: Job. 1:6-22. Ps. 16:1-3. 6-7. Lk. 9:46-50.	Friday 2 October	Holy Guardian Angels Mass: 11.00am Readings: Job 38:1. 12-12; 40:3-5. Ps. 138:1-3. 7-10. 13-14. Lk. 10:13-16.
Tuesday 29 September	Ss MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, Archangels NO MASS Readings: Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14. Ps. 137:1-5. Jn. 1:47-51.	Saturday 3 October	Our Lady on Saturday Masses: 11.00am & 5.30pm Readings: Job 42:1-3. 5-6. 12-17. Ps. 118:66. 71. 75. 91. 125. 130. Lk. 10:17-24.
Wednesday 30 September	St Jerome, Priest & Doctor Mass: 11.00am Readings: Job 9:1-13. 14-16. Ps. 87:10-15. Lk. 9:57-62.	Sunday 4 October	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY year A Masses: 9.00am & 11.00am Readings: Isaiah 5:1-5. Ps. 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. Phil. 4:6-9. Mt. 21:33-43.