

CHRIST the KING

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Fratelli tutti! This is the title of the brand-new encyclical of Pope Francis, released last Sunday. In English, this address of Saint Francis chosen by the Pope as a title could read “all brothers and sisters”, or “we are family”. As we can tell, it deals with “fraternity and social friendship”, and intends to respond to the dreadful tendency to closure that, according to the Pope, is more and more common in our modern society.



This text, which is less than 100 pages, is worth reading. Since it is a bit more demanding than a Netflix sitcom, let me give you a few hints on the content so that you can focus on a chapter or two! You should start with the quick introduction. After a diagnostic of globalisation and social relationships today in chapter 1, chapter 2 offers a meditation of the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10). Chapter 3 and 4 are my favourites! They explain the necessity and interdependence of both “social friendship” and “universal fraternity”. The first one is how one relates to one’s local environment and chooses openness in everyday life; the second is the natural movement of love that enlarges our hearts to embrace human friendship with all human being. Pope Francis explains why they should both grow in a virtuous circle, and how they might both shrink in a vicious circle. Chapters 5 to 7 develop the political and social consequences of this principle. Finally, chapter 8 concludes with the role religions should play in building local and global fraternity.

It’s been almost a month since I arrived in the UK. I sometimes feel like a complete stranger, especially when I have to drive to some place and get confused with the directions! Much more often, thanks to the welcoming and openness to the people I meet, I feel at home and in family here. I love that Pope Francis concludes the encyclical mentioning Brother Charles de Foucauld (1858-1916). This wonderful saint lived the greatest part of his life as an eremite in the desert of Algeria, trying to become a “universal brother”. This happens when everywhere is home to you, when any one is your brother or sister. We might think that this is not realistic or not pragmatic enough. Indeed, the Pope says that this universal brotherhood is “a dream” that God should inspire to each one of us (§287). One might achieve this goal, he adds, “only identifying with the least”, the poor, the outcast, the stranger.

Fr Jean-Sébastien Laurent, ccn

ALPHA

COCKFOSTERS CHRIST THE KING

- Christian faith basics Talks + small groups
- Online + in-person Thursdays, 8 pm October 8 - December 3
- Register: cockfosters@rcdow.org.uk 07 956 395323

Unplug. Connect. Try Alpha.

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 8TH October until 3rd December**. Sessions start at 8 pm (rooms open at 7:45 pm) and last about one hour.

Registration:

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NET FOR GOD

Net For God Prayer Group

On Tuesdays 8-9pm
Online only
[@ChristTheKingParishCockfosters](https://www.instagram.com/ChristTheKingParishCockfosters)

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BAPTISMS

Charlotte will be baptised on Saturday 17th October at 11am Mass and Sebastian at 2pm. We are delighted to welcome them into the family of God.

CONFIRMATION

Twenty of our young parishioners will be confirmed on the 15th & 16th October by Fr Christophe. Please pray for these young people and their families.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Holly and Lois will receive the Eucharist for the first time at 5.30pm on Saturday 17th October.



ADORATION

Please be aware that Adoration will be at 6.00pm – 6.30pm on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th October due to the Confirmation Mass.



COCKFOSTERS PRAYER ZOOM

Last Saturday Charles Whitehead gave us a marvellous talk on how the Church rediscovered the Holy Spirit and next Saturday 10 October at 2.30 pm we welcome the return of Lin Button, head of the Lin Button Healing Prayer School who is bound to inspire us as usual! Newcomers to our meeting are always most welcome - just email us at peterkrau@aol.com

PRAYER REQUESTS

We know that many parishioners have physical, spiritual and emotional needs and may want to give prayer requests for themselves or for family or friends. Please feel free to phone for prayer 020 8883 2665 or email contact@iamwithyou.co.uk

BT CLUB

Dear BT Clubbers,
Thank you very much for returning your feedback questionnaires. I am still awaiting a handful so if you could complete and return the questionnaire using the stamped address envelope provided ASAP that would be great. When I have them all I will collate the information and discuss with the BT Club volunteers how we can best continue "Being Together". Take Care and Keep Safe. Thank You Maria BT Club Co Ordinator

NEW PARISH COVID-19 QR CODE

We are implementing a new method to track parishioners entering the church to help fight the spread of Covid-19. Those of you that have downloaded the "NHS Covid-19 app" will be able to scan in when entering the church using a QR code. The current system for signing in will run in parallel, so do not worry if you do not have the app.



FAMILY FAST DAY

This week our parish is marking CAFOD's Family Fast Day to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected and donate by **using an envelope or the contactless device**, available on exit after each mass this weekend. You can also donate online at cafod.org.uk/give or by texting CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10. (Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message)



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

PARISH LIVE STREAMING OF MASS & ADORATION

To stay united we will live stream Mass and Adoration
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Sunday 11 October	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY year A Masses: 9.00am & 11.00am Readings: Isaiah 25:6-10. Ps. 22. Phil. 4:12-14. 19-20. Mt. 22:1-14.	Thursday 15 October	St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor Mass: 11.00am Readings: Eph. 1:1-10. Ps. 97:1-6. Lk. 11:47-54.
Monday 12 October	Feria Mass: 11.00am Readings: Gal. 4:22-24. 26-27. 31 – 5:1. Ps. 112:1-7. Lk. 11:29-32.	Friday 16 October	Feria Mass: 11.00am Readings: Eph. 1:11-14. Ps. 32:1-2. 4-5. 12-13. Lk. 12:1-7.
Tuesday 13 October	ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, Patron NO MASS Readings: Rom. 8:26-30. Ps. 130. Mt. 5:1-12.	Saturday 17 October	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr Masses: 11.00am & 5.30pm Readings: Eph. 1:15-23. Ps. 8:2-7. Lk. 12:8-12.
Wednesday 14 October	Feria Mass: 11.00am Readings: Gal. 5:18-25. Ps. 1:1-4. 6. Lk. 11:42-46.	Sunday 18 October	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY year A Masses: 9.00am & 11.00am Readings: Isaiah 45:1. 4-6. Ps. 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. 1 Thess. 1:1-5. Mt. 22:15-21.