

# CHRIST the KING

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21<sup>st</sup> March 2021

## FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT year B

In the coming week we will celebrate the feast of the Annunciation (March 25). The day brings to mind one of the most memorable homilies I ever heard. It was 40 years ago and I was a new Catholic who did not understand why the Annunciation was such a big deal. All that changed with a few words from Archbishop Joseph Raya, a retired Melkite Rite Bishop then living in Canada as a member of the Madonna House Community.

Bishop Raya took some liberties with the Gospel text and the date of the Annunciation – his homily came several days before March 25 (a fact, which only served to reinforce the urgency of his message). In his account, there was not just one angel - Gabriel, but a great host of angels chomping at the bit to go down to earth to announce the news they had been waiting for all eternity to deliver. They kept calling out, over and over again, like impatient children, “When will it be March 25?”, “Is it March 25 yet? “, “How long until March 25?”

No doubt there was more to the homily, but that is what I remember 40 years later. The message is unmistakable – this was the moment God and all of heaven had anticipated from the very beginning of human existence, the moment of the “yes” that allowed the Son of God to come into the world.

As you prepare to celebrate the Annunciation later this week, you might want to consider two things:

- the eagerness of Gabriel (and all the angels) who had long been waiting to announce this astonishing Good News.
- the readiness of Mary, servant of the Lord, who says “Let it be done unto me according to your word” and how her “yes” changes the course of not only her own life but of all history.

Deacon Ted Wood, ccn

### SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

### WITH TIME FOR CONFESSION

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

7.30 pm – 9.00 pm

**THE TRUTH WILL  
SET YOU FREE**

### Lenten Bible Studies

Mondays (8pm)

*The Scripture texts for each Sunday Mass  
Brief teaching, time for both personal study, and to  
share new discoveries and questions  
(Zoom)*

### Stations of the Cross

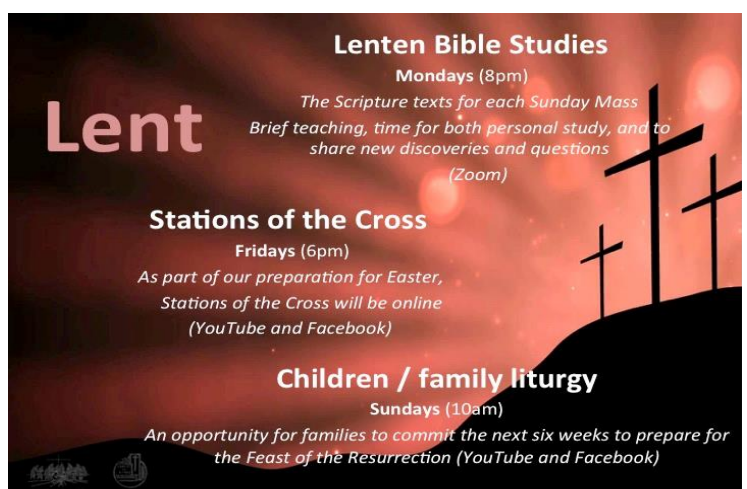
Fridays (6pm)

*As part of our preparation for Easter,  
Stations of the Cross will be online  
(YouTube and Facebook)*

### Children / family liturgy

Sundays (10am)

*An opportunity for families to commit the next six weeks to prepare for  
the Feast of the Resurrection (YouTube and Facebook)*



### EASTER PROGRAMME

The Easter programme is now available please collect a copy from the entrance hall or check the parish website.



### FUNERAL

**MARTHA MCGOWAN**  
Wednesday 31st March at 12.00 noon  
Please pray for her soul



### OPENING OF THE CHURCH TIMETABLE

#### Mass at 11am (except Tuesday)

Monday – Friday 10.30am – 2pm  
Saturday – 10.30am – 1pm **5.30pm Mass**  
Sunday – **9am Mass & 11am Mass**  
**Confession & Adoration 6 - 7pm**



- Please wear a face mask, this should cover your mouth and nose.
- For communion, there will be only one line. Then people will separate for the two communion stations at the front. Keeping a safe distance.
- In order to lessen the congestion at the exits, people should start to leave the church during the closing song after the priests have left.
- Please do not mingle inside or outside the church.
- Library will be locked for the time being.
- Please don't attend church if you or anyone in your household is ill.

### PRAYER GROUP ZOOM

We meet next at **2.30 pm on Saturday 20th March** when the speaker will be Gary Roberts from the Church Army in Belfast. Next Saturday we look forward again to welcoming Fiona Oommen and as we progress into Holy Week we will have the young actress, Charis King, acting The Resurrection on 10th April. Link from [peterkrau@aol.com](mailto:peterkrau@aol.com)

### THE BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE

Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this FREE OF CHARGE, worldwide-famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. Starts on **7th April 21 at 7pm** (eight Wednesday evening sessions). Information and registration : [www.comeandsee.org](http://www.comeandsee.org)

### WALKING FOR WATER

Parishioner Denise Sheen is attempting to walk 10000 steps every day this Lent in support of CAFOD's walk for water campaign. You are invited sponsor her online <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/denise-and-lou> or by using one of the CAFOD envelopes. Thank you.

#### Fairtrade this Easter

Our Parish is committed to supporting Fairtrade. Why not consider buying a Fairtrade Easter Egg this year? These and many other Fairtrade goods can be ordered from Tradecraft online here <https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/easter>

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021

Please continue to pray for the children who will receive their First Reconciliation in two weeks.



We would like to do an Easter egg hunt in some way. We would be happy to receive foil covered chocolate eggs for the children.



### BT CLUB BITE SIZE - Share a Saint

This week we shall be sharing St. Jude. Please visit the parish social media. Thank you



### PALMERS GREEN PARISH SECRETARY VACANCY


<https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/parish-secretary-palmers-green-parish>

### NORTH ENFIELD FOODBANK

The foodbank continues to face an increasing demand to help needy individuals and families. Please continue to be generous in donating non-perishable food. There is a box in the church entrance hall for this purpose. Cash donations can be left in the parish office.



**THANK YOU**

Sunday 21 March 2021	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT year B</b> Masses: 9.00am & 11.00am Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34. Ps. 50:3-4. 12-15. Heb. 5:7-9. Jn. 12:20-30.	Thursday 25 March	<b>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</b> Mass: 11.00am Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14. 8:10. Ps. 39:7-11. Heb. 10:4-10. Lk. 1:26-38.
Monday 22 March	Lent Feria Mass:11.00am Readings: Daniel 13:1-9. 15-17. 19-30. 33-62. Ps. 22. Jn. 8:1-11.	Friday 26 March	Lent Feria Mass: 11.00am Readings: Jeremiah 20:10-13. Ps. 17:2-7. Jn. 10:31-42.
Tuesday 23 March	Lent Feria <b>NO MASS</b> Readings: Numbers 21:4-9. Ps. 101:2-3. 16-21. Jn. 8:21-30. Service of Reconciliation : 7.30 – 9pm	Saturday 27 March	Lent Feria Masses: 11.00am & 5.30pm Readings: Ezekiel 37:21-28. Ps. Jer. 31:10-13. Jn. 11:45-56.
Wednesday 24 March	Lent Feria Mass:11.00am Readings: Daniel 3:14-20. 24-25. 28. Ps. Dan. 3:52-56. Jn. 8:31-42.	Sunday 28 March 	<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD year B</b> Masses: 9.00am & 11.00am Readings: Isaiah 50:4-7. Ps. 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. Phil. 2:6-11. Mk. 11:1-10.